



Christian Radio for Russia

Sponsor of the New Life Satellite Network—Odessa, Ukraine
Broadcasting worldwide at www.NLRadio.net

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NEW LIFE RADIO—A voice of peace and hope in the Gospel amidst nations in crisis



How does NLR serve the people of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Russian-speakers in these troubled times? We take a look at how this is done today.

FAITH comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. This is the methodology employed to carry out *the Great Commission* as Jesus commanded His disciples. How could the church take on the logistical difficulties of proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth? This is the question the founders of New Life Radio faced when they went to Russia in 1993. How to reach the largest nation in the world, spanning 11 time zones, as well as all the emerging post-Soviet republics?

With a commitment to proclaiming the Gospel and sound Christian doctrine as the “content” of our work, God took care of the logistical transmission of this content by miraculously allowing NLR to start from a single FM station, to a national, then international broadcast ministry. Over 29 years of effort has placed NLR in a position to now be a voice of hope and peace to these many republics that share a common language and have access to our broadcast signals via satellite and internet. If ever there was a time for NLR, it is NOW!



AS RUSSIA and UKRAINE engage in confrontation across political, military and media systems—that includes Christians in each land putting patriotism above unity in the Body of Christ—NLR has proven successful in bringing a diverse group of believers together who listen to our broadcasts, participate in the life of the station, and come together in prayer and support for the evangelization of peoples throughout these nations. It is a rare example of coming together as a community of believers and as long as NLR is able to maintain its satellite and Internet radio transmissions, we continue the effort to unite Christian leaders, congregations, and individuals from multiple countries as we teach Biblical concepts and sound doctrine from the Old and New Testaments. In every generation, knowing God’s Word is the key that informs people how to act and live a life pleasing to Christ, while reminding us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow HIM. This is the work of New Life Radio in 2022!



New Life programmers Mikhail and Ivan lead live discussion programs on a variety of themes impacting the Church across the Slavic world. Between two recent programs on the Book of Revelation, and heresies in the Church, NLR fielded questions from listeners in Moscow, Perm, Tomsk, Tumen, Voronezh, Orel, Krasnodar, Kiev, Lviv, Hyst, Odessa, Tashkent, Alma Ata, Aktau, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Haifa, Barcelona, Leon (France), Hamburg, Bremen, Cologne, Brest, Minsk, London, and even Jacksonville, Florida.

All of these listeners have their own patriotic backgrounds and prejudices, but what we witness is a growing desire to put the Kingdom of heaven first in their lives, and this is manifested more and more as listeners grow in their understanding of the Scriptures. This is why the NLR staff put such a high priority on broadcasting the finest and most trusted Bible teachers, while offering convincing apologetics programs and music that reveal the essence of the Christian life to the listener. This includes non-believers who often tune into the station looking for something “spiritual” in the Russian language as they scan their satellite receivers, i-Phones, or computers. **Its all at www.NLRadio.net**

Some faces of those who listen in:



REASONS WHY New Life Radio broadcasts via satellite (from Malaga to Murmansk, Jerusalem to Ekaterinburg)

In Good Times, NLR broadcasts a free to air radio signal over the *Hotbird* satellite, Europe's most popular broadcast satellite that covers 40 nations and claims over 120 million homes connected to it. That means anyone throughout Europe, Eastern Europe, Israel, Ukraine, western Russia, and other nations have the means to listen directly to NLR's digital radio signal using a low cost satellite receiver that they normally use to watch secular television. Because 99% of communities in Russia and Ukraine don't have a local Christian radio station, our satellite service makes up for this lack of programming. We get into places where there is no Internet, and for ministries like the 63+ Christian rehabilitation centers that need Christian radio but have no budget, NLR is a godsend! AND the news this month is that TWO Ukrainian prisons (in Lviv and Rivne) are requesting our services for men serving life sentences. Satellite makes this possible!

In Bad Times, when governments threaten to close off their Internet space to other nations, NLR via *Hotbird* is a guarantee that we can continue to provide programming into cities and remote regions regardless of hostile efforts by national authorities. Russia has instituted Internet firewall systems by law, so we can expect its implementation at any time, and with this current crisis, potentially sooner than we think. It is for tough times like these why we use a European satellite for broadcasting.

A sample of LISTENER comments from January 2022



"I am listening to your radio and receive spiritual support, edification, and teaching. I thank God for you and your labor. Blessings and inspiration to you!"
Vadim

"Shalom from me! You have become inseparable and NLR became my own radio. Thank God for you." **Anton Smelanski**

"Thank you for the broadcast! Concrete and right! Children need the Gospel!"
Andre Kornichuk (CRFR note: a response to NLR's Sergey Kovlak who was teaching on the air how to evangelize children).

"Greetings from Krasnodar! Good evening NEW LIFE RADIO team! A huge thank you that you help us to live and to believe!" **Ivan Kirichenko.**

"Good timing and good themes! Thank you friends! Its so good with YOU. I am at work, but God is speaking to me through your sermons and themes. Huge thanks, blessings to you, peace and health!" **Evgeny Ryzanov**

"Thank you dear ones. Your encouragement is really precious!" **Galina Starikova**

"Peace to you, body of Christ and to you NLR! A big thanks for your on air programs through which we grow spiritually. Yesterday I was listening about Christ, that he was a man like us, feeling pain and being tired, with feelings that all men have. May God reveal to you what you will share with all of us on New Life Radio." **Kolya German**



NLR Friday night Christian concerts in Studio A: This time featuring the *Grace Church singers* from Odessa. Christian musicians see NLR as a vital creative outlet!

TO OUR CRFR ministry partners

MIRACULOUS, is all we can say about how the LORD has provided for this radio ministry in 2021. With COVID restricting our ability to meet and present our mission to churches across America, we thought 2021 would be very tough for fundraising. But the opposite happened! Individual donors, from Washington State to Florida contributed so generously, some very sacrificially, that we ended the year in the black! THIS IS GOD's radio station, and He will bless us as we seek to do His will in our broadcasting.

We don't have space to name everyone who is making it possible for our radio missionaries in Odessa to carry out their work, BUT YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, and we thank the Lord for you! You will never know how much you are being used in God's service as a vital partner in our effort to proclaim Christ to the Slavic world!

SEEING IS BELIEVING...



CRFR has a new 2 minute video overview of the ministry of NLR, suitable for a Sunday church missions moment. Contact our office if you would like a copy.

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