

Christian Radio for Russia & Ukraine

Sponsor of the New Life Radio Satellite Network—Odessa, Ukraine
Serving the Slavic world with Christian truth through Biblical programming

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Broadcasting the Word to nations during difficult times

With a renewed push by the Russian military to terrorize Odessa through weekly missile attacks, it is with gratitude to God that He has spared our broadcast operations and facility from harm. And yet, communities across Ukraine continue to be decimated through this destructive action of a nation seemingly lost and bound by the forces of evil. We know this struggle is just part of the wider, historic battle of powers and principalities in heavenly places, but its clear who has the ultimate VICTORY! And so New Life Radio continues its task to communicate Scriptural truth with joy and determination to nations at war.

In this edition, we focus on our missionary team who are behind the microphones for our Russian and Ukrainian language radio networks from dual studio locations in Odessa and Linz, Austria.



Station Manager, **Ivan Zhurakovski** with son **Elesey** in Linz, Austria



Dear friends, New Life Radio is proclaiming the Gospel as it was before. The war in Ukraine and the problems that appeared as a result of it once again confirms the need of society for Christ, for the Gospel, for the truth of Scripture and sound doctrine. Every day, new listeners connect to the broadcasts, yet many do not have an understanding of the Gospel. Justification by grace through faith in Christ is the core of our radio airplay, and we're also studying the Scriptures verse by verse!

In the nearest future we seek to work on the development of a national FM radio network for our new Ukrainian station while continuing to update our Russian-language network (NLR). Our newest radio staff are inspired by the ministry and I can see how they are giving their personal time to study and grow more in Christ. Martial law makes legal processes difficult for our operations, but thank God He strengthens us in His service. We heartily thank you friends for your prayers and support—as we are on the spiritual battlefield of these two nations at war—and this is a priority. (Note: CRFR hopes to bring Ivan back to Odessa soon. His Russian passport may give him troubles at the border, despite his Ukrainian residency.)

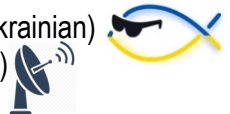
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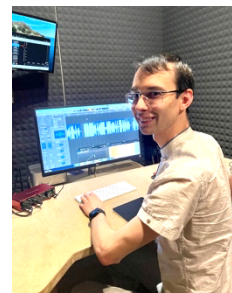
MORE STAFF testimonies:
Alexander—On Air host



I serve at New Life Radio for several reasons: first, I have long wanted to study and grow spiritually in Christ, but this development does not happen quickly and with great difficulty. At the radio station, daily joint study of the truth and Scriptures gives that spiritual growth that I wished for.

Secondly, I always wanted to actively share the Gospel with people and did it at my level, but here at NLR is a completely different level, which inspires people to bring the truths of the Bible to people with even more burning hearts!

Thirdly, working and serving in one mission organization is a dream! I study the Scriptures, fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ to carry the Gospel to the world, and receive rewards for this!



NLR studio coordinator:
Yuri Ignatenko

Work on the radio is not just the time from 9 to 5, as in a normal job; but the working time is never over and this is the life of the radio 24/7. If an emergency happens, I need to urgently oversee preaching scheduling or production issues, and I'm ready because God gave me the realization that this is for His Kingdom and His Glory!

Thanks to the abilities and talents that God gave me, I am editing sermons and everything that is broadcast on the radio in order to bring people the truth of the word of God with high quality and without irrelevant or unnecessary information.

What are my motives and why am I here? I have been serving at NLR for more than 3 years now. I believe that if I had selfish and sinful motives, I would not be here anymore.

I serve because I am just an instrument in God's hands. The Lord miraculously sent me here and I realize that I am doing everything for the glory of God. Although this work and service isn't done for material wealth, I know from Scripture that my reward is in heaven! In the meantime, on earth, God said to work not as for people, but as for the Lord and proclaim His Gospel and work for Him!



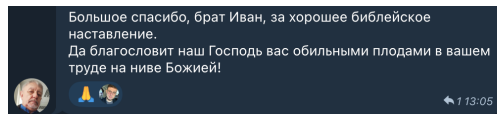
OLGA--On Air hostess

I serve on New Life Radio, because God called me to this work and I know 100% that now I am where I should be, because this is a completely clear answer of God to my prayers. Less than half a year ago, I set several goals in prayer, asking the Lord that if it pleases Him, He would send me another job, so that if He wishes it, it would be some completely different and new field of activity for me. Most importantly, in parallel with this, I asked that I have more time for my spiritual growth, so that this work would not be to the detriment of my spiritual life, as it was at that time. And quite unexpectedly and relatively quickly, I received an answer to all my prayers at the same time in the form of one wonderful phenomenon and place called NLR. By God's grace, I grow spiritually, staying in constant study of the Word, while having the opportunity to enjoy earthly blessings. For me, this is yet another proof of the reliability and relevance of the Word of God and the fact that I now serve on the radio gives me the realization of how much God has thought out every detail on a person's path and for everyone this path is completely unique. But I serve here so that He will reveal His greatness and omnipotence in my weaknesses and insignificance. (CRFR note: Olga works on both radio services as an excellent bilingual speaker).

Prayer request: NLR is in need of additional radio staff. Pray that God directs the right people to our studios, and for our efforts to expand the Ukrainian station (Nove Zhittya) in both programming and outreach.

Working at NLR is not easy, with many qualifications required and the ability to function in a creative, but non-stop production environment. Our staff has constant Biblical training as part of their work to be able to spot heresy and unsound doctrine coming to us in the form of submitted radio programs, and from those who seek access to our broadcast network. Pray that God gives them discernment and clarity for this aspect of their work. Along with our small group of trusted Bible teachers, we seek only to rightly divide the Word of God as our primary responsibility on the air.

NLR LISTENERS write:



Vasilli. *Thank you brother Ivan for good biblical instruction! May the Lord bless you with abundant fruit in your labor in the harvest of God.*

Evgeny Nezvechuk. *I would like to greet all New Life Radio listeners in Moldova. Thank you, our favorite radio, NLR, for the ministry that you carry out for so many years no matter what!*

Ksenia. *Dear NLR, Big thanks to you for broadcasting sermons. Today I saw myself in the sermon and was confronted.*

Roman Bay. *Hello. Please tell us what pushed you to create New Life Radio? Maybe some kind of event? And what were your first steps to popularity?*

Vasilli Poznyak. *Good morning friends. A blessed Lord's day to you. I would like to express a big thanks for the special to my heart blessings from your ministry that I received this morning. Wonderful program in the spirit of Christ through which God especially touched my heart and renewed my feelings of love toward the Lord in this difficult time of testing of my faith. Praise God for your ministry of words of the Gospel.*

Nargiza. *Dear Olga, thank you for your choice of songs that very much touched my heart. I love your musical taste. Many times I notice how when you are on the air, you play very special songs. Thank you!*

Anna Yakovleva (Moscow) *Greetings to you brothers and sisters in our Lord. Thank you for your labor. Recently I started to listen to your radio. Really wonderful that you are there. Such ministers of God. Thank you!*

Sergey. *Good day. Good themes on radio! Good sermon, but the second part I missed. Powerful and beautiful sermon. Thanks!*

Kirill. *Greetings from Germany to all listeners and to DJ's Ivan and Yuri, and to all coworkers of NLR. May God's grace produce more fruit through you. Thank you for your ministry!*

You have heard the staff that our CRFR partners equip to do the work of evangelism and discipleship to a scattered and troubled Slavic world, and you can sense how your investment works in the life of people who listen. Thanks for your partnership! Pray for New Life Radio and our mission in 2023.

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