

# 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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## God, the refuge of His people and Conqueror of nations

*523 days of war and the Gospel is on the air from Odessa*

Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed..."

THESE ARE TIMELY and comforting words for our broadcast team at New Life Radio, especially when the bomb attacks come nearly every day and one wonders if the next missile has our name on it. It is at such times that we cling to the many confirmations within the Scriptures of how the sovereign Lord is in control and works everything according to His purpose. ASSURANCE and hope is what comes to the fore and so NLR follows the psalmist to "*sing praises to God, sing praises to our King, for God is the King of all the earth. Sing praises with understanding!*"

For those in our listening audience, scattered across two nations at war with seemingly no end in sight, our best efforts come by delivering the Word in spirit and truth, and singing our hearts out to the Savior who through grace, gives us new life in Him! This produces inner peace, even though peace among men is not to be found across the land. Such is the role for a Christian radio network like ours. We are still on the air and for this we thank the Lord!

*photo: Odessa cathedral attacked on 7/23*

### NLR broadcasts in Ukrainian UPDATE from Odessa

*Radio Nove Zhittya* is now 11 months on the air and we see good progress in developing the teaching and music resources for our 24 hour broadcast schedule!

Our newest staffer, Olga Barchinko, has taken a leading role in securing source material for the channel, filling in while we continue to look for a program director. Dramatic Bible readings at the start of every hour kicks off the schedule, filled with a combination of Ukrainian and English language hymns and songs that proclaim the faith, along with short apologetics and teaching programs.

The Ukrainian service has a similar format to NLR's Russian channel, though we are careful not to include Russian materials at this point in *Nove Zhittya*. The war has caused a level of hostility to all things Russian, while Ukrainian government actions against the language force us to walk carefully as we program two language services to a Ukraine that speaks both. There is much uncertainty as to how this will all play out when the war ends, but NLR will reach out to people in both nations with God's



Word and proclaim the Gospel as long as He desires! Please keep our Ukrainian radio in your prayers.

*Olga in Studio C*



## Broadcasting the Russian service between Ukraine and Austria



In this age of technology and global telecom systems, the concern isn't so much how to get the message out, but the content of it. Even in a war, the options to broadcast are so numerous that it seems easy that NLR can now broadcast each day from studios in different countries without a hitch!

In February 2022, NLR station manager Ivan Zhurakovski left Odessa at CRFR's request, in order to guarantee our ability to keep broadcasting should the main facility get knocked out of action. Today, he finds himself in Linz, Austria working out of a home provided by a Christian couple that has plenty of room for a radio studio and space for his three children to play!

Each day, Ivan and Yuri, our Odessa coordinator, schedule the programs to switch back and forth during particular hours, including our featured *Listener Request Hour* at 4 pm Moscow time. The listener can't tell the difference and we are blessed with radio and computer gear that makes the process seamless.

But content is king in our work and NLR has been diligent in featuring the very best Bible teaching programs that address the many central doctrines of the faith. Why? People typically don't know the Bible in depth, and miss the great truths expressed. All face uncertainty and death on a daily basis, so it is natural that we focus on the plan of God from Genesis to Revelation that reveals the certainty of eternal life in heaven --while having the assurance of living in hope and joy for those with faith in Christ.

NLR continuously airs programs going deep into Revelation and focusing on what will ultimately happen to this world as it is being prepared for Christ's millennial kingdom. Teaching Eschatology and leading

listeners across every chapter of Revelation reveals to many that it is truly a book that God promises to bless those who hear the words of the prophesy and keep those things which are written in it. It is often the experience in Slavic churches that this book is seldom taught, or commonly proclaimed to be too mysterious to understand. The scope of the Bible is eternal, but we are charged to teach the faith and train others to do the same, even as the Church—as forewarned by Christ—will be penetrated by our spiritual enemy who ultimately is defeated by truth.

One role of NLR's content is to train the listener to be able to identify heresy when they hear it (even from wolves in the pulpit), and that only comes from a familiarity with and mature understanding of the Scriptures. It takes study and discernment, so our daily programs canvass the Old and New Testaments with systematic and expository Bible studies to reveal the truth God has provided for us to understand.



Pastor Alexei

Featured Bible teachers on NLR like Alexei Kolomitsev from *Word of Grace Church* in Battle Ground WA, and Dan Duncan from *Believer's Chapel*-Dallas help ground our audience in the Word so they are prepared and equipped to live the life God has planned for them!



Pastor Dan

Radio is just a means to deliver the content that carries out the *Great Commission* and NLR makes its airwaves available to those teachers who can effectively explain the faith through systematic study. Our standards are high and teachers few. We are grateful to CRFR donors who tithe to make this happen, year after year, as we endeavor to take on this teaching challenge for as long as God determines. In the meantime, we know that God's Word never returns void, and we can share a sample of voices in July on how the Scriptures are making a difference in people's lives:

#### Vasili Poznyak

*Praise the Lord, friends for your much needed ministry on New Life Radio, especially for short but very exhaustive doctrinal materials—ie., the radio program, "What do you believe?" It's a masterpiece of biblical truth!*

#### Pastor Ruslan

*Peace to you NLR! I really like your air shifts. I hear many new songs when I am working, eating or doing anything else, always on your channel! May the Lord bless you. Often I hear Bible recordings, I really like such reading of the Scriptures!*

#### Sveta Luchik

*Big greetings to you! Thank you for sermons, analysis, explanations! it really helps to understand a lot!*

#### Sergey (a self-proclaimed atheist writing on NLR's chat page)

*I would be really pleased, if you let me know when the air shift is so I don't miss it. I have so many questions in my head, images, thoughts and ideas and I am shy to ask them, because Christianity for me is a pure waterspring and I don't want to mess it up with my silly or timeless*

*questions. Therefore I don't want people to be offended by my questions if they will appear improper. (note: a fellow listener writes back to him-- Sergey, don't be afraid. I was like you. Here I received help and understanding. I also was afraid to ask questions and slowly I started to write and receive answers on those questions.)*

**(NLR staff make every effort to reply to all questions sent to the station by email and social media forums).**

**TUNE IN and listen at [www.NLRadio.net](http://www.NLRadio.net) or [www.novezhitya.net](http://www.novezhitya.net) (Ukrainian)**



#### CRFR observations concerning Odessa

As of this writing, the war is having a big impact on our ability to increase our staff and move forward on our strategy to create new FM stations in Ukraine. There is so much uncertainty about the near future, and many people have left the city, while places we look for staff (ie., seminaries, Bible schools) are not functioning or don't have candidates to offer us. Martial law prevents relocation or makes some fearful to move to Odessa. As long as the war continues, NLR will operate on a minimal staff basis, though this does not negatively impact our programming. We seek prayer for the end of this conflict and for God in His timing to send us more called missionaries and new ministries to cooperate with. Pray for the safety of our Odessa radio team and for God to shield our station building from any incoming missiles.

**THANK YOU to all who continue to invest in NLR!**

CRFR's Oksana Johnson with Emil, our 92 year old CRFR partner



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