

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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Still on the air from Odessa

In our last newsletter, we asked for prayer that the Lord would protect our operations from the bombs headed our way. God answered on August 14th at 2:12 am when a missile hit near the *New Life Radio* (NLR) facility with the resulting shockwave blowing out windows throughout our building.



Morning after the attack

Miraculously, all of the station's windows remained intact and NLR continued broadcasting. Yuri Ignatenko, our studio coordinator, was sleeping inside when the missile hit. It was a close call and the damage was minimal. Sadly, the missile attacks on Odessa and the region continued daily throughout August and September, with no end in sight, but we praise our Lord and Savior, who is in the business of saving!

NLR: an update from Austria



The potential for attacks on Odessa were addressed even before the war began as CRFRU made arrangements to transport station manager Ivan Zhurakovski and family with radio equipment to a site in Chisinau, Moldova. Three nights after the first attack on the city, Ivan loaded up a car and headed to the border. No one could have guessed the itinerary of the trip he would end up taking, nor the languages his three children would start learning as they set up a temporary abode in Iasi, Romania; Budapest, Hungary, and now Linz, Austria. But the evidence is clear that the Lord gave us early warnings and allowed us to plan for the unthinkable (war) and devise a strategy to ensure that our Gospel broadcasting would continue uninterrupted. The missile hit on August 14 confirmed it.

Today, listeners are unaware of how this all came together, as they tune into Ivan's afternoon Bible lessons followed by the *Listener Request Hour* that switches between Odessa and Linz based on who will cover the programming. All of this coming from a tiny control room within a three story home with Ivan's kids playing around the house as dad works.

Ivan writes from Linz:

Due to military operations, NLR faced many challenges. From Austria, I am coordinating the station with the help of Yuri. We have set up a full-fledged studio for live broadcasting, production recording and interviews. Lately, I am conducting a series of broadcasts on Paul's



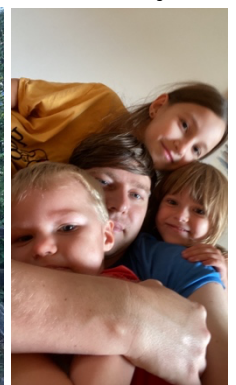
epistle to the Romans, studying the Scriptures verse by verse. The Gospel transforms people! In the course of studying and communicating with listeners, it turns out that many do not understand what the Gospel actually is, although they often heard about it in church.

An amazing meeting took place at the Austrian immigration service with a migrant from Ukraine named Elena. During the conversation, I learned that she listens to New Life Radio and is very grateful to God for this, since for a long time there was no opportunity to be in church because of the war and she also does not understand German. And for her, radio was like "a sip of living water in the desert," as she put it. It turned out that her relatives also listen to NLR. And today there are many listeners like Elena for whom we continue to share the Gospel.

We also fill the air with productions that reveal the depth of God's Word, the holiness of God and the sinfulness of man. The war in Ukraine exposed a lot of problems within the Christian community and showed that people do not know how to relate to the modern challenges of life. There is fear of not knowing what will happen next, fear of persecution, hatred, unforgiveness, being without a biblical stance on dealing with a corrupt government, or rejection of the Gospel. The task of our radio is to give people the truth, the Biblical answer, the Good News!

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express gratitude to everyone who supports us prayerfully, since this is truly a battle, a spiritual battle. Peace be with you friends!

A challenging year for the Zhurakovski family, but not without God's blessings!
Ivan, Natalie, Emma, Dasha & Elesey



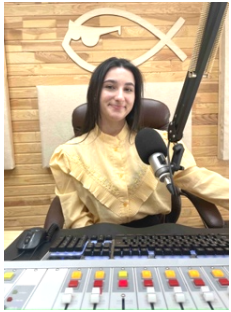
JOINING NLR this month:

Elevina Natuvusan

Our newest radio missionary, Elevina, is Odessa born with parents from Madagascar. A recent university graduate, and bilingual in Russian and Ukrainian, Elevina will start her live air shifts on *Radio Nove Zhittyia* while also preparing programs for the Russian service. Please keep Elevina in prayer as she develops her radio skills and ability to source and produce great Bible teaching programs.



Our Ukrainian on air hostess, Olga Barchenko writes:



Thanks to serving on the radio, I am truly transformed every day, since this constant time in the Word and delving into Scripture in preparing topics for broadcasts has a strong effect in my life as a Christian, helping me, first of all, to know the will of God myself and also to be used by The Lord for the knowledge of this will by other people, both listeners and my relatives and friends. I rejoice in serving the Lord, develop my love for Him, learn to discern truth from heresy, and work hard so my communication skills develop.

The Gospel that we bring via the radio, I believe--with the assistance of the Holy Spirit--truly transforms the hearts of our listeners, through apologetic productions, broadcasts, also discussions in chats and even through music. The Spirit opens their eyes to those issues in which they themselves may not know understanding, but are mistaken, showing them through all this the beauty of God and His greatness, since we strive to preach the truth without distortion, such as it is, and in such teaching is the power of God. I believe that because God uses us in this way, the listeners awaken to a love for their Savior.

Christian radio is first people with a message, then equipment, transmitted through a channel. It all comes together with New Life Radio as we proclaim the Gospel and God's Word 24/7!



Our listeners respond in September-- from Siberia to Seattle

Igor, writing from the Baikonur Space Launch Center in Kazakhstan:
By the way, in Baikonur, New Life Radio is being listened to. Thanks!

Andre: *Thanks to all who are working on the radio. When I have a chance, I listen specifically to this radio most of the time. Lots of new and helpful information I found out especially from you, thank you! God's blessings to all of you and those who listen to you. Once again, thanks!*

Peter: *Greetings from Ukraine all leaders on the radio and listeners. Thank you for your ministry. Praise Jesus Christ!*

Vladimir Tarbez: *Thank you to NLR workers for your labor. I am praying for Ukraine. Play me a song!*

Pyotr Chebonyenko (Ukraine): *Thank you for the sermon—"Love your neighbor"—by Kolomitsev. It's as rain in time of draught.*

Yuri Vladimirovich (Russia): *Thank you for your radio. Thank God for you!*

Yuri Kozel: *New Life Radio is most popular among Christians in Israel! Thanking the Lord and you! You are the best!*



Yuri & NLR listeners in Haifa at Bible study

Evgeny Ryazanov: *Good morning brothers. Excellent on air theme today!*

Daria Lazareva: *May God bless you and your labor and all workers of New Life!*

Tatiana Trifonova: *Huge thanks IVAN for your support and song and encouragement!*

Andre: *Praise God for this radio! Even at work I can be edified! I cannot watch, but I can listen almost always. God showed me this radio! Thanks!*

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