

# 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

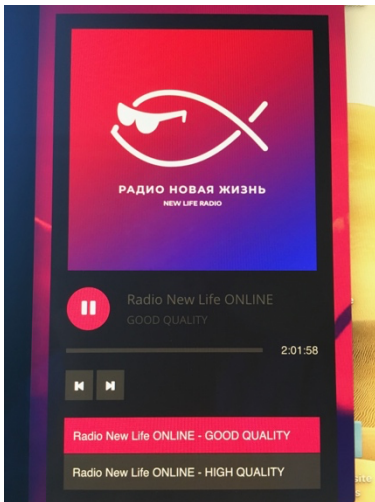
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## Spring and the hope of PEACE from the Prince of Peace

**Odessa, Ukraine:** New Life Radio continues its efforts to bring Christ-centered Gospel programming to nations at war. As the springtime comes to this city on the sea and the beauty of the earth turns a new season, we remember a loving God and creator who calls us to New Life in HIM!



NLR Internet radio stream



WORKING hard to program two radio networks: CRFRU's Oksana Johnson in Studio B with our radio programmers: Dima and Lena Safronova

## TWO YEARS OF WAR and preaching Christ to both sides



New Life Radio is focused on proclaiming Christ's Kingdom to adversarial nations that each claim divine protection. As Ukrainians experience terror, death, and destruction from an aggressive Russia bent on conquering them, Russian believers and pastors are prosecuted for preaching peace; the people suffer loss of freedoms, and general uncertainty as they exist in a dictatorship with no seeming end in sight. Our mission depends on freely available Internet and satellite channels to proclaim the Gospel and the Prince of Peace to those desperate for peace and God's assurance.

In the past few months, the Kremlin has taken increased steps to isolate that nation's Internet from the western world. The 2019 Russian *Sovereign Internet Law* laid the groundwork for this new era of isolation and media control. Russia is now instituting technical controls on Internet providers that will make it possible to bring the digital border of the state into line with the physical borders of Russia. Complete Internet shutoffs have taken place in cities where political protests have occurred, and it appears only a matter of time before a full isolation of Russia is achieved. Internet-based mission efforts and media can be stopped from penetrating into Russia, which is why NLR will continue providing satellite radio via the *Hotbird* satellite to overcome any restrictions. **CRFRU seeks donors for the \$1,800 monthly cost for this guarantee of NLR signal coverage.**

## PROGRAMMING updates on NLR



From the outset of our broadcasts, we have designed a radio format that focuses on expository Bible teaching that takes the listener from Genesis to Revelation. In February and March, NLR featured in depth study of each of these books revealing God's creation to the culmination of His plan for Jesus to redeem the world, bringing in the millennium Kingdom and ultimately the eternal Kingdom.

From "*In the Beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...*" to "*Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away...*" (Rev.21:1), our Bible teachers and staff had a wonderful opportunity on the air to focus on this beginning and ending, encouraging the listener to understand that by knowing the Word, the Christian can face any and all trials in life, realizing God has sovereign control and a special place for each believer in His Kingdom. Radio programs aid the listener with Biblical overviews and specific Scriptures that give an effective apologetic—first for their own understanding and then for a witness to those they are called to share the faith with. From evolution to the denial of Christ's divinity and the inerrancy of Holy Scripture, a Biblical worldview is essential to deal with skeptics and those who would attack these foundational books of the Bible.

NLR is a *Seminary of the Air* aiding Christ's body across Russia and Ukraine that is in need of instruction where there is a lack of it locally. Digging deep into God's truth is our work, and helping believers *put on the whole armor of God* (Ephesians 6) by studying the WORD gives them strength in the Lord and the ability to withstand in the evil day that certainly surrounds them today.

### CONTINUING PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray for the ongoing safety of our staff and security of our radio building in Odessa from bombing attacks by Russian forces.

LISTEN to us at [www.NLRadio.net](http://www.NLRadio.net) (NLR) or [www.NoveZhytya.net](http://www.NoveZhytya.net) (RNZ)



## A sample of NLR listeners writing in from around the Slavic world:

*A big thank you for your project of New Life Radio! Through you, God saved my life! My name is Dima, and I live in the USA. I was in a big depression and accidentally found your radio. I don't turn off your radio even at night. Thank you for clarity, exactness, and sober teaching!*



**Olga** in Studio B for the Request Hour on RNZ

**Natalya from Russia:** *Peace to you. Thank you for the broadcasts, and the song compositions are exactly for my spiritual condition. I can hardly hold myself to not sing out loud! Right now it's a very difficult period for me. I have to make a lot of effort to keep peace in my soul and faith in God. I am learning to trust God in everything, all my life--work, children and studies. The radio broadcast today makes me think, contemplate, and praise God for His longsuffering.*

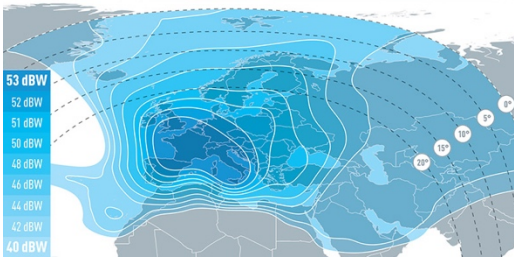
**Stepan:** *Greetings to my favorite radio! May God bless you in your labor!*

**Roman from Argentina:** *Good morning. Thank you for your radio! God's blessings! Greetings from Argentina!*

**Pastor Ruslan Schmidt in Linz, Austria.** *Listen to New Life Radio and you will be happy and blessed! Thank you to my favorite radio that you exist!*

**Victoria.** *Hallelujah! I am so happy to hear truth about the rapture of the Church! It is the true mystery that Christ reveals to us and no one else can do it.*

**Ruslan Andrevski:** *Huge thanks for your labor that you bring to all people of this earth! I really love listening to the book of Revelation with proper interpretation! May the Lord bless you and help you to carry out God's Word.*



**New Life Radio satellite radio coverage area**



**NLR satellite listeners at a rehab facility in Zhelesnogorsk, Russia**

From Zhelesnogorsk:

*Greetings to you from the "Center of Help to Alcohol and Drug addicted." We are listening to your radio and enjoying an abundance of the WORD and teaching!!!*

*Greetings dear ministers on New Life Radio. Thanks once again that you exist! I started to listen to you recently and I like it! Praise God that there is such an ability to take the WORD to the end of the earth! **VICTOR***

**Peter Chebonenko--Ukraine.** *Greetings NLR! You have a beautiful blessing in the center of which is Jesus. Thank you for your work!*

**Tatiana:** *You need to know that God hears your prayers and Christ is changing me! How wonderful that I can ask questions about the Bible and get an answer!*

**Victor:** *Moldova is with you! Thanks to all who work with and support this radio!*

## Introducing: NLR's director in Ukraine

Peter Zhurakovski



Doing ministry inside of Ukraine requires being in compliance with local laws. NLR was in need of a Ukrainian citizen to serve in the capacity of director for our non-profit in Odessa. CRFRU's Daniel and Oksana Johnson serve as official founders of the organization, but Peter provides the legal face to answer all questions and issues *Radio Nove Zhitya* may have with government and tax authorities.

A graduate of the same Christian university where NLR is located, Peter is a builder by profession and lives in Gai Rostodski, Ukraine with his wife Olga and two daughters.

## CRFR&U budget needs in 2024:

The growing importance of developing our Ukrainian language channel requires us to seek new partners to meet the estimated \$3500 monthly cost of *Radio Nove Zhitya*. This is separate from our regular Russian station funding. Starting RNZ was a faith venture that we trust the Lord to provide for. 30-35 people across America tithing \$100 each month can make this radio network a growing and vibrant witness to Ukraine. Please share this need and potential with your church and friends.

## SPECIAL REQUEST:

NLR's first car, purchased the day before the war started, needs new tires and a brake job. We are looking to raise \$800 for this.



**THANK YOU to all of our mission partners. We can't do it without YOU!**

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