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Continuing the mission of the Great Commission

51 months of war and continued attacks on Odessa—yet without any interruption of our broadcasting—reminds us of how the Lord protects and defends those called to proclaim His truth to troubled nations in the midst of conflict and suffering. New Life Radio communicates “the Good News” that is desperately needed to be heard by people asking the big questions about life and death while their communities face a seemingly never ending series of attacks and destruction. What they need is HOPE, and that comes only from knowing the Creator of the Universe and putting their ultimate trust and hope in HIM!

LIFE at NLR...



Its been an eventful two months since we moved into our new studios and while NLR is in constant transition with staffing and dealing with daily troubles brought on by the war, our Biblical programming continues to feature outstanding teaching and music that evangelizes, disciples, and encourages those who listen.

The logistics of staying on the air have been an ongoing challenge for us as power, water, and heating often go out due to bombing of the city infrastructure. Part of completing our studios has been the work to set up a new electric generating system that feeds our battery backups (and stays quiet for our neighbor’s sakes), as well as finding alternative fiber optic-based Internet connections, due to recent instability of our existing telecom lines. NLR’s kitchen and staff rest area was just completed so today we have a fully furnished and operational broadcast center, thanks to all of our mission partners who faithfully keep us going!



New Life Radio STAFF spotlight:



In January, our non-profit president, Peter Zhurakovski was riding his bike to work when Ukrainian army press gangs pulled him off the street and forcibly took him to an army base. Despite having a medical condition that would normally preclude him from serving, he will remain in the army unless circumstances change. At the moment, Peter can stay our president, as our intended candidate to replace him, Anya Mandzuk was just diagnosed with cancer and currently undergoes chemotherapy treatments. Please pray for this brother & sister team who solely wish to serve the Lord by aiding New Life Radio.

NLRI is pleased to announce the addition of a new member to our radio team, Bogdan Mytyanski



Bogdan comes to us from the Donbass area. Still studying in seminary, Bogdan will serve on air as well as do productions in apologetics and theology, in both Russian and Ukrainian.

Please pray that the Lord sends us more workers for the harvest.

Keeping NLR on the air from Austria



Ivan Zhurakovski serves as NLR network manager while overseeing both Odessa and our remote studio in Linz, Austria. NLR switches back and forth daily that ensures uninterrupted broadcasts of the network.

REACHING out via satellite radio



From our inception as a Christian FM radio station in Magadan, Russia, we knew the limitations of local transmissions, so our goals evolved to reach a national audience. With the Internet still in its infancy, the only option was the untried (in Russia) use of direct to home satellite radio. In 2000, NLR moved to Moscow and eventually became the pioneer of this type of Christian radio.

Now 26 years later, as Russia has moved to close off their Internet space domestically, our *Hotbird* satellite signal takes on ever more importance to reach listeners across Russia and other nations without access to local Christian FM and other media. NLR on Internet remains available in Russia so far! NLR broadcasts also reach Slavic listeners in Israel during these tough times for that nation. Our Hebrew advertising below:

רדיו חיים חדשים. לשיר, להקשיב, לחיות



www.NLRadio.net  Hotbird 13 "CRFR-New Life"

Building up the NLR audience across nations



New Life Radio's program format takes listeners from Genesis 1 through Revelation 22. Expository teaching programs explore Creation, Old Testament prophets proclaiming Christ's coming, New Testament writings defining Christian doctrine as written by Christ's Apostles, and in depth study across the Old and New Testaments on Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology, Bible history and a host of themes throughout the Scriptures. Seeking to understand the whole plan of God as revealed by the WORD, NLR offers listeners access to inspired pastors and teachers who have been gifted with the skill to reveal what has been written in the Bible, explaining its meaning, while calling the listener to understand and live out the commands of Christ. Simply put, the Bible is our main on air content that interprets itself and possesses its own power to transform lives. With this understanding, we welcome our listeners to respond and share how the WORD has impacted them personally (a sample of letters in March):

Volodimir Mikolenko *Greetings Ivan. I am listening to you for a long time. Big thanks that you speak about Jesus Christ!*

Erika: *Thank you for the Bible study! Praise the Lord for your ministry and Gospel*
Andre: *Praise God for the sermon—it hit me right in the heart!*

Sergey Kurkin: *Greetings to everyone with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thank you Ivan for your deep study into the Book of Romans. Praise our Lord that He united us with Himself. We are praying for New life Radio! May the Lord bless each one who works there and who listens to this wonderful NLR radio.*

Marina Buynova: *Greetings to everyone with the love of our Lord. That's why I am listening to your radio station. I thank God for you.*

Oleg Fartushni: *Please pray for peace in Ukraine. I thank New Life Radio for your directions, instructions, and encouragement! Thanks for the labor that you perform! I thank you for everything!*

Vladimir: *I like the words and the music of the songs that are on the radio. Also I like the sermons and contemplation and instructions. You have good radio! I am listening to you since 2013. I learn a lot through you! May the Lord bless your team!*

Viola Sokol: *Hello to our beloved radio and to the listeners of New Life Radio. Thank you to all the radio staff for this ministry. Praise God that we can abide in God's Word even when our eyes and hands are doing other work. May our Holy Lord bless all the staff and your listeners.*

Kostia Yashin: *Greetings to the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for all of you. We are all confidently moving toward meeting with our Lord. I am grateful that I can be with you during the Greetings Hour on New Life Radio with friends. Peace to you all beloved! I want to send greetings to all the people I have met through our favorite radio!*

Julian Zigler: *God's blessings to your day Brothers. Praise Jesus Christ I got the opportunity to hear the Good News from God through broadcasts of New Life Radio. It happened in Straubin, Germany in a prison. On the 17th of December, 2025, with God's help, I was released ahead of schedule on a conditional basis. I*

am asking brothers to please pray for me, that I would, with love and the wisdom of Christ, go through all the difficulties of earthly life and to serve the Lord. Thank you in advance!

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Austria at
www.NLRadio.net

or from Odessa at
www.NoveZhitya.net



Ivan and his kids in Linz

NLRI President's Update

All of us at NLRI are praising the Lord for what He has done to equip this radio ministry while protecting it during this time of terrible war. We don't need a lot of things, but things we do need are often in short supply, like electricity and heat. 33 electric substations were bombed in Odessa and officials say electricity may be sporadic for some time. Coming out of a difficult winter, our team in Odessa looks forward to the spring and warmer weather, as well as a new generator system that will ensure our batteries and broadcasts stay on when city power goes out. These are items that our mission partners have provided for financially, giving me the means to head to Odessa in April to purchase what is needed, and sponsor new missionaries.

I am always amazed how God understands exactly what is required for us to do this work of proclaiming His Gospel over various media channels, and how He matches individuals to cover the many needs that come up. That is the history of NLR, and the summary of our mission life is a detailing of Christians adding to their treasure in heaven in various ways and circumstances. We have many things to pray about concerning our staff, our facility, our listeners, and our service to the larger Slavic Church that looks to NLR for sound Biblical instruction, especially in places where it is rarely found. Both Russia and Ukraine need to hear the Gospel, and we will transmit it wherever they live. This is what our partners make possible.

Thanks to you all! *Daniel Johnson*

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