

New Life Radio International



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

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A summer of ministry outreach in spite of war

When Jesus set forth the Great Commission, Israel was in a state of subjugation by the Romans, and the first disciples were under constant oppression by the ruling religious authorities. What Christ was offering them was a freedom defined by the spirit, and not by the government. In war or peace, Christians are called to proclaim the Gospel and live out their faith as God honoring people who by their lifestyle, influence the society around them. In essence, by obeying the commands of Christ, their witness would be effective, and the Apostles focused on defining the doctrines of the faith that provided the guidelines on how to live for God.

20 centuries later, and 4 ½ years into this conflict between Russia and Ukraine, New Life Radio finds itself in a similar position to influence the societies around them while witnessing to these nations for Christ. Their task is to follow up with what the Apostles taught by focusing on Biblical instruction and explaining the doctrines that lead men and women to salvation, transmitting the message using telecom channels that travel around the world—as long as there is electricity. *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God*, whether from a one on one conversation or a mass delivery of 24/7 transmissions across various media channels.

The Summer of 2026 has been a challenging one for our radio listening audience enduring this war. With Odessa near Crimea, the conflict has intensified even as hopes for peace loom larger, yet NLR's role as a comforter and proclaimer of truth continues on. We thank the Lord for providing us outstanding teaching and music resources in both Ukrainian and Russian. Still, it hasn't been easy for our small staff who could benefit from a larger team contributing to meet the demands of our broadcast schedules. One highlight: NLR is able to provide daily encouragement and live on air programs that take listener thoughts, questions, or greetings and mold that into an interactive gathering of fellow Christians coming together to learn, grow, and witness in faith to those around them. If a Christian radio station can accomplish anything, it should be this!

From the 25th floor of the Manhattan building in Odessa, NLR broadcasts the Gospel!



TUNE into New Life Radio at

www.NLRadio.net or

www.NoveZhitya.net

NLR's signal is available in thousands of Slavic communities. Listen in today!

On when the city lights go out...

NLR just received a new set of backup batteries to stay on the air for **48+** hours, thanks to one donor in Washington state!



A look back in history at NLR

August 1996 in Magadan, Russia

After nearly three years of effort to secure FM radio licenses and building new studios for a mission project called *New Life Radio*, the city of Magadan was waiting for the startup of this never before experienced radio that would represent the first non-state, religious FM radio station in the new Russian Federation. With a staff of five people ready and anxious for one final permission from a government office in Moscow, the expectation was that the radio would start that summer. At this point, only house churches existed in the city, but their pastors and congregants lent their support in doing interviews, recording music, and securing program resources that would fit well into this new type of radio for the country.

NLR was to be a beacon of hope for this spiritually dark community that was founded as a Soviet gulag camp in the 1930s that saw the imprisonment of millions. Perched on top of the city in a former army building from the Lenin library room, NLR would broadcast a 100 watt FM signal to a population of 130,000 residents.



Eventually, NLR would go on the air that fall, and within a few years, expand across the country by establishing nationwide Christian radio using direct to home satellite broadcasting from Moscow. By God's mercy, thirty years of non-stop service to the Lord is NLR's legacy and one that continues through the faithful prayer and generous support of our ministry partners!



NLR's summer radio crew takes a break for lunch (Dennis, Bogdan, Zhenya, with Titus Hanham)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Wisdom for our staff
- Protection of our station
- our effectiveness on air
- faithful Bible exposition
- more workers for NLR
- PEACE in Ukraine

of God's Word. It is encouraging for all of us, especially in times of trials that are inevitable here on earth. Great thanks to God for all!

Ruslan: Greetings to you friends and hello from beautiful Moldova! I am thankful for your work on New Life Radio. I listen to you often and get encouragement, continuing to grow in God's love and rejoice in His mercy and blessings everyday. God bless you!

Oleg Didyenko: Huge thanks to the Lord for you!

Vyasheslav: Wishing you God's joy and peace for you brothers and sisters and workers of blessed radio NEW LIFE. I wish you all God's provision and His grace and comfort and His help to all your families.

NLRI in Washington State in July

Many of our ministry partners come from this state, including our NLRI chair Brian Bettger.



A big thanks to Pat, Pete & Racelia, Gary & Linda, Ben & Amy and Kids, Bethany Covenant, Brian & Linda, and other friends who share our efforts to bring the Gospel to Russia & Ukraine!

THANKS to our partners across the USA for investing to keep NLR on the air during these perilous times of war!

Need a back copy of our newsletter? Go to **NLRI.net** and click the "NLR news update" box at the top page for editions to 2021.



In memoriam: Dr. Paul E. Larsen, whose vision and leadership spear-headed the development of New Life Radio, passed on June 26, 2026 at 92. Peace to his memory!

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NLR listeners respond (a sample)

Many of our listeners write when NLR's daily song request and greetings hour comes on at 4pm (Russian) and 12 noon (Ukrainian radio). Part of our function is to serve as a bridge of Christian fellowship between believers living across these warring nations, reminding them of our true citizenship in heaven. Where countries divide, Christian radio unites our audiences, so here is a small listing of what our listeners write in July:

Valla Pagu: *Thank you NLR for your labor and investment!!!*

Kostia Yashin (Ukraine): *Thank you for the good wishes and musical greeting for our family. God's blessings and God's help in your blessed work.*

Olga: *Greetings to you our beloved radio and to all radio listeners! Please play a song for our encouragement.*

Tatiana: *Hello to all with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ! Please play the song, "Sing my heart."*

Olenka Semchuk: *Brother, I am really grateful to you for the song! May God richly bless you and your program!*

Galina Tomashevskaya: *Greetings beloved radio and all radio staff! Please play the song, "You are my pearl." May the Lord protect you.*

Oleg Brigenets: *Thank you for morning inspiration! It's truly your unbelievable daily work, to fill our hearts with God's truth that leads our life in accordance with God's will correcting daily mistakes on the way to heaven. Thanks for your labors*

Vladimir B. *Greetings to all listeners and leaders on New Life Radio. Today I am turning 49 years old, and have a wife and four teenage children. I love our Lord Jesus Christ! A big thanks for your labors. Amen!*

Constantine Y: *Greetings to you church of the living God! Greetings to you our beloved brother Zhenya! Greetings to all of you from Kaunas, Lithuania. Peace to you beloved. I am grateful to be with you!*

Natalya Kalchuk: *Greetings to you my helpful radio! I want to congratulate my sister who lives in Smolensk--its her birthday!*

Mikola: *Hello brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Greetings to Zhenya (NLR's Ukrainian programmer). Thank you brother for good thoughts in your morning air shift on 1st Peter. I am thankful to the team that you keep your finger on the pulse*