



# Christian Radio for Russia

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## 2016 Christmas update:

Broadcasting the story of the new born Savior - to the Slavic world and beyond!



Thanking our partners for another year of ministry



Alena, Andre, Denis, Nadia, Vladimir, Dima



AS WE CLOSE OUT THE YEAR, we take time in this issue to reflect on the many ways God has seen fit to bless this ministry-- dedicated to sharing the Gospel to a new generation of young people across Russia, the former Soviet republics, and to Russian speakers everywhere. Since 1996, the New Life Radio Network has been broadcasting over FM, satellite, and Internet radio, and we thank the Lord he has kept us on the air for yet another year! And we could not do it without YOU! **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Take a look at our social media site to investigate NLR radio programs and listener reactions at <https://vk.com/newliferadio>

(use Google chrome for translation)



## A review of notable events during 2016



**January:** NLR begins its 19<sup>th</sup> year of broadcasting inside of Russia.

**February:** Russia's restrictive mass media law goes into effect, forcing the station to establish a new organization, composed of leaders of 4 evangelical ministries in Russia. The old NLR organization led by Daniel Johnson is liquidated by Kremlin decree.

**March:** NLR covers the national celebration of the 140th anniversary of the Russian Synodal translation of the Bible, while featuring modern versions of scripture in its daily broadcast schedule.

**April:** Russian state media agency, *Roskomnadzor*, issues a mass media license to the new NLR entity to complete the network's legal compliance.

Sadly, *Roskomnadzor* shuts down the AM radio frequencies of two Christian radio stations owned by FEBC in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Only a few actual broadcast channels remain inside of Russia.

**May:** NLR completes installation of a remote radio broadcast automation system in Washington State for its satellite and internet network operations, as a contingency in case of state interference with its Moscow studio broadcasts.

Alena Moiseva joins the NLR radio staff, and the station develops a number of new programs with a variety of experts and pastors from across the evangelical community. One listener's report sums it up:

*"I can say NLR is constantly working well with very nice and contemporary Christian music, request shows, talk shows, especially Christian history programs! Thank Jesus for this New Life Radio! – Vitaly Moniker"*

2016 year in review continued...

**June:** Christian apologist RAVI Zacharias meets with NLR staff in Moscow for an interview. NLR covers a major national conference of pastors to strengthen evangelical efforts in the country.



Russian legislature passes bills on anti-terrorism that include major violations of civil rights and vast restrictions on public evangelism and religious freedom. The evangelical Church faces new threats, while NLR is still able to operate freely – due to negating federal laws on mass media.

**July:** President Putin signs the anti-religion bill into law. NLR & CRFR staff strategizes on how best to broadcast in this new restrictive environment.

**August** NLR provides coverage of a national Christian youth rally *PassWord7*, on the shores of the Black Sea. Laws against public evangelism begin to be enforced in Russia. NLR provides expertise to the Church on how to deal with the new law. CRFR President Daniel Johnson travels to Ukraine to follow up past efforts to develop FM radio affiliates: 99% of communities remain unserved by local Christian radio there.

**September:** Original NLR-Moscow staff member Katya Vatoulya rejoins the radio network.

**October:** *Roskomnadzor* issues a warning to shut down NLR's FM affiliate in Dudinka, Russia due to the lack of a satellite signal from NLR in this extreme far northern city just beyond the *Hotbird* satellite signal. CRFR plans fundraising campaign of \$20,000 a year to get a second satellite for full nationwide coverage and to save the Dudinka site.

**November** Significant equipment upgrades to NLR's global transmission network are made, courtesy of CRFR financial donors.

**December:** New Life Radio prepares to celebrate its 17<sup>th</sup> year of satellite broadcasting and 20 years of radio operations in their effort to a primary mass media voice for the evangelical Church in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and the Slavic world!

**New Life Radio** global network encompasses these media



- \* Direct to home satellite radio on the HOTBIRD satellite
- \* Two FM radio affiliates in Russia
- \* Internet radio at [www.NLRadio.net](http://www.NLRadio.net)

**NLR program format** (targeting youth ages 18-45)

- 70% Contemporary Christian music
- 25% Bible teaching, preaching, and Christian drama
- 5% news and analysis



NLR guest hostess Sasha



Christian band "Scary Tale"



Proposed signal area for NLR on the Yamal satellite to vastly increase our programming coverage: \$20,000/year



Vitali Zanin & Pastor Evgeny

CHRISTIAN RADIO for RUSSIA ministry partners help New Life Radio offer its airwaves for free to the leaders of domestic evangelical denominations and ministries, while providing a critical service for the Church in these nations with few options for hearing Christian content in the mass media.

HELP US KEEP GOSPEL RADIO available where it is so desperately needed, and for the chance to share the CHRISTMAS message in these troubled lands.

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