



CHRISTIAN RADIO FOR RUSSIA

*Sponsor of the New Life Radio Satellite Network-
Moscow, Russia*

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**NEW LIFE RADIO working in Ukraine and Russia to
proclaim HOPE as nations prepare for war**

**Yamal satellite and national coverage: FUNDS STILL
NEEDED to guarantee Christian radio for the nation**

NLR FM radio affiliates in Dudinka and Astrakhan:

**Evangelical ministries in Russia shutting down for
lack of support: implications for the Church**

NLR has been working to remind Christians in each nation of their obligations as agents of peace, reconciliation, and love within these lands that historically have had animosities due to their political relations of the past.

While Russian troops infiltrate the Crimea region of Ukraine, NLR-Moscow is providing relevant news and information to our audience, along with Bible teaching, preaching, and special programs from leading pastors providing counsel over the airwaves, urging people to show the love of God and be agents of peace during the crisis.



A nation in Crisis: Ukraine

The tumultuous events in Ukraine & Russia are causing millions of people to fear for their lives, as they face an uncertain future, while longing for peace, stability, and hope.

In the midst of this crisis, at considerable risk to its operations, New Life Radio broadcasts 24/7, the good news that God is still on the throne, while serving admirably in its role as a Christian information bridge and peacemaker between its Ukrainian and Russian audiences. NLR is able to penetrate into every community in Ukraine via satellite and Internet radio, sharing Biblical insights on how to respond to every situation from a Christ-like perspective.

While based in Moscow, New Life Radio is not a Russian radio station, but a Christian station located inside the Russian Federation with a calling to proclaim the Gospel to the Slavic world, and ultimate allegiance to Christ—not to any prince or power. With equal commitment to building the Church in each nation, NLR broadcasts Christian music in both Russian and Ukrainian, and we feature programming from Ukrainian churches and artists.

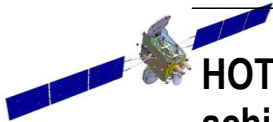
NEW LIFE RADIO is now in emergency broadcasting mode, working in a highly restrictive press environment. We ask for prayer for our station's protection and freedom to broadcast.

Sadly, there is little Judeo-Christian influence in both nations that can positively impact the governments and political relations of Russia and Ukraine. For this reason, it is critical for Christians in America to support the few remaining Christian media operations like NEW LIFE RADIO that serves as a vital Christian information link between these struggling countries, offering Christian hope in Jesus' name.



NLR broadcast team
(Andre, Inna, Dima, Andre)

A Christian voice of hope and a media link between the peoples of Russia & the UKRAINE.



HOTBIRD satellite funding achieved for 2014:

Christian Radio for Russia has received a generous grant from donors in Washington State that will subsidize New Life Radio's satellite channel access to the HOTBIRD satellite for 2014. We praise God for his provision to broadcast over this satellite with 121 million homes tuned to it across Europe, Eastern Europe, Western Russia, Ukraine, and Israel.

YAMAL satellite 2014 funding for national coverage of Russia not yet secured. Loss of last FM affiliate expected.



On February 1st, 2014, the Russian government forced NLR off its satellite channel on the Tricolor satellite. We are seeking to obtain a new satellite to cover the Eastern portion of Russia--Urals to the Far East Coast--that is not covered by Hotbird. Yamal will give us full coverage of Russia's landmass as well, and by accessing this from a satellite uplink located in Israel, NLR will be able to avoid Kremlin interference with our satellite outreach.



NEW LIFE RADIO FM affiliate in Dudinka, Russia: an update

Broadcasting in this small community just above the Arctic circle, NLR has been on the air 24/7 in a partnership with local Baptists who were able to secure an FM channel in order to retransmit our satellite service from Moscow. In the last month, Pastor Mikhail, who serves as license holder, has been unable to develop a contingency plan with sufficient funding to obtain an Internet line that could stream NLR's radio service, now lost from the shutdown of our signal over the TRICOLOR satellite. He has only 30 days (from satellite shutoff) to get a signal back on the transmitter, before he faces termination of his FM license by Russian state communication authorities. The only option is to get a new satellite signal to their remote site, and for this, the YAMAL satellite is the best means to accomplish it.

Possible new FM affiliate in Astrakhan, Russia:

CRFR has learned that Christians in this city are near to receiving an FM channel to retransmit NLR. Startup date projected June 1st.

CRFR challenge:
Raise \$2250
per month for channel costs
(\$27,000 annually)



*Christian
Center*

Evangelical ministries in Russia shutting down for lack of support: Implications for the Church and NLR

With the emergence of the new Russia in 1992, a wave of evangelical mission activity commenced across the nation, with much of it organized and conducted by Christians from western countries, including America. Waiting more than 70 years for the ending of communist control, the doors were finally opened to proclaim Christ to a people who knew little about the freedom that was possible through a personal relationship with Jesus.

Moscow was a starting point for much of the evangelical activity that began, given its central status and seat of government. New partnerships between Russian Christians and well-financed European and American churches, mission agencies, and individuals, resulted in the startup of hundreds if not thousands of mission projects. With vast financial resources available from the West, funding was poured into new ventures of Christian media, education (bible schools and seminaries), social ministries, personal evangelism, and many other initiatives.

The most notable evangelical beachhead in Moscow was the *Christian Center*, a new facility built by American funds to house a number of evangelical ministries based in the US that had major projects planned for implementation across Russia. This coincidentally is where NEW LIFE RADIO was able to set up their radio network studios for national broadcasting.

By the early to mid 1990s, many new mission works began, though the vast majority of it--financed from outside of the country--resulted in an unhealthy dependency on the West for maintaining these endeavors. The spread of unchecked evangelical activity began to worry the Kremlin and their allies within the leadership of the Russian Orthodox Church. Their concerns led to the passing of a federal law in 1997 that gave the state new powers to oversee and control spiritual activity in Russia (a violation of the Russian constitution), and started a general decline in the ability of Christians to freely pursue their own mission goals and activities. Suddenly, groups of Christians meeting for services in state owned buildings were denied. Previously, where doors were wide open for ministry in unique ways and in unusual places, these were starting to shut, and a new and more difficult era of evangelism was the result. It was clear, Russian partners would have to shoulder much more responsibility if these mission projects were to flourish.

From 2000 onward, while the evangelical Church has worked diligently in their calling to proclaim Christ, they have also been under siege by a Kremlin that oversees vast new restrictions on their work. Western missionaries were eventually faced with so many obstacles to remain in Russian territory, that the majority of them left. Cooperative ministries that required large sources of funds, suddenly saw a withdrawal of support as state imposed restrictions limited the scope of their effectiveness.

In 2014, we are witnessing the cessation of a number of ministries that had been doing effective work, especially in areas like Christian publishing, seminary education, Christian media (radio/video/TV), kids ministries, prison and orphanage outreach, etc. Russian partners have been unable to assume the financial responsibility to maintain these operations.

Sadly, even the *Christian Center* in Moscow and many of its partner ministries have been stymied in their work, to the point where much of the facility is now being sold to commercial companies. It is a question how long New Life Radio will be able to remain in this building.

While doors may close, God opens new ones, so we ask you to pray that the Lord creates new opportunities so the Gospel flows unimpeded and NLR has a facility to continue its broadcasts in.



WHAT NEW LIFE RADIO listeners are reporting:

A listener sample from February 2014

Thanks a lot NLR! Your work is precious. May the Lord lead you!
Denis, Russia

Dear New Life Radio friends! Thank you for such a delight of listening to you, thank you for sharing your hope with us. Please be blessed! **Serge, Russia**

I thank God for you New Life Radio. You are great radio! I listen to you with pleasure! **Yuri from Ukraine**

I would like to thank you NLR for high quality soft music, for great talk-shows, short spots, stories that help. You are a treasure!
Natalia, Russia

Hello NLR! Thank you for positive attitude on air that you bring to us! You do great! Keep it up! Be blessed and thanks for everything.
Nadezhda, Ukraine

Dear brothers at NLR! Thank you and be blessed! **Eugene, Ukraine**

Thank the Lord for you New Life Radio! I listen to you day and night. May the Lord bless you. Thanks! **Ekaterina, Russia**

Thank you for being such a blessing for me. I am listening to you every day. You are the best radio in the world! God bless you all.
Ineta, England.

I listen to you all the time! Thanks! **Dmitry, Kazakhstan**

Thank God for you and for your ministry! I am with you for just one week, and I'm into you! May the Lord help you move forward, and may He save people through New Life Radio! **Vyacheslav, Russia**

Hello New Life Radio! It's my first time that I turned you on, and I liked it! Great music, wonderful programs! Thanks a lot!
Oksana, Russia

Hello to wonderful NLR! All the radio staff are so positive! Thank the Lord for you and such a wonderful radio! **Svetlana, Russia**

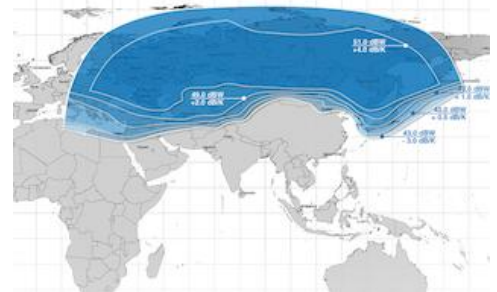
Hello to everyone who works at this great radio station, I'd like to thank you for always being nearby! May our Father bless you.
Dmitry, Ukraine

JESUS said to go out and proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth:



PRAY FOR NEW LIFE RADIO during these times of crisis, that God would use us to accomplish HIS WILL and be effective instruments of service for evangelism and discipleship.

SUPPORT our efforts to broadcast over the new YAMAL satellite to cover Russia, Ukraine, and the ends of the earth (signal reach in shaded area).



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