



# CHRISTIAN RADIO FOR RUSSIA

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

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## **NEW LIFE RADIO signs 5 year contract for ongoing transmission over the HOTBIRD satellite to 93 million homes across Russia, Europe, & Israel**

## **RUSSIAN Government initiates religious content controls over the Internet—while ordering Evangelical churches destroyed**

## **New Life Radio listeners worldwide write**

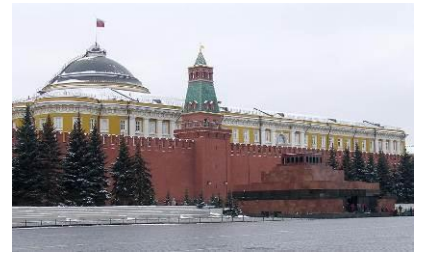
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**MOSCOW 9/20/12:** *Christian Radio for Russia* entered into a new five year agreement with the *RRsat Telecommunications Company* of Airport City, Israel, for continuing New Life Radio-Moscow's radio broadcasts over *Hotbird*, Europe's most popular direct to home broadcast satellite.

CRFR obtained a 50% discount price compared to what had been offered by other telecom firms, and will continue paying its 2006 price of \$2200 per month, through 2017. The partnership with *RRsat* will ensure NLR's long term ability to transmit into Russian and Ukrainian territory, regardless of political developments that could interfere with their Christian broadcasts.

We welcome new ministry partners to help us meet this telecom expense so we can get the Gospel into over 93 million homes, 24 hours a day! Outside of Russia, NLR's satellite audio on *Hotbird* is available in over 40 countries including ISRAEL with over 2 million Russian immigrants!

Contact CRFR today if you can participate with us for this most critical component of the New Life Radio satellite network.



THE ERA of content controls over the Internet in Russia has begun:

This past summer, a Russian law that puts in place a "black list" of Internet sites as determined by the government, is now being implemented, and justified by state prosecutors as a result of an amateur video produced in the US about Islam.

For years, the Russian government has had the technical means to control every Internet-connected computer in the nation, but until recently, has stopped short of openly censoring Internet content. The new law specifically identifies "religious extremism" as a factor in determining these black lists, and with the *Innocence of Muslims* video transmitted over YouTube, state authorities are protecting Islamic sensitivities at the expense of freedom of information and press by shutting down Internet access to this video and the site hosting it.

A prosecutor of the Omsk Region (where NLR has listeners), states that "free access to the said Internet resource (YouTube) can cause spreading of extremist ideas in the region, and crimes of extremist nature" and "in order to prevent spreading of the said video film, it is necessary to take measures, aimed at blocking users' access to the video material available at the said Internet resource."

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## September update from our listeners around the world

New Life Radio is great! Praise to the Lord! I listen to you all day long at work. And while doing my routine stuff at work, I can hear wonderful Bible Verses, great Christian music and funny DJs!

**Yuri from Moscow**

I listen to New Life Radio and I feel FREE!  
**Timur from Cherepovets**

Hello! I am very happy to hear New Life Radio, I thank God for you and your ministry! Please keep up the good work, I wish you to be encouraged, to have successful ministry. **Sayat Dusenov from Almaty, Kazakhstan.**

Thank God there is New Life Radio! I listen to you all the time. May the Lord bless you!  
**Vladimir from Karaganda**

I like New Life Radio very much! Great music and talk programs. May the Lord be with you!

**Sasha Sennikov from USA**

I got so many blessings from New Life Radio and from your shows! Thanks a lot!  
**Dima Yarygin**

Peace be with you, dear New Life Radio! Thank God for what you do. You were the only encouragement for me for few years already. We don't have religious freedom in our region, but I have NLR! May the Lord bless you!

**Ludmila from Pridnestrovye**

I'm from Russia and living in America. In the present time my wife and I are going to church in Philadelphia. New Life Radio of Moscow helps us grow in faith in Christ by listening this radio. This is a good source for others who don't know Jesus Christ as their savior. Thanks for this radio, GOD BLESS YOU!!! **Slava T.**

Thanks guys for the issues you raise on the air, for your deep insight. **Natalia from Ukraine**

The prosecutors stressed that not complying with these demands would lead to a fine from \$1,000 to 1,500 for individuals and from \$2,000 to 3,000 for officials. In essence, Russian law is preventing people from having access to media material that provides alternative information about a religious founder who proclaims his superiority over the claims of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Christian media in Russia faces an immediate threat as the Gospel proclamation of Christ being the sole mediator between God and man, can be legally construed as fomenting religious extremism, and a potentially criminal offense (from hurting the religious feelings of others). Evangelical Christians in Russia are not being afforded the same level of protection that Russian Orthodox and Islamic institutions have under these new and restrictive laws.



NEW LIFE RADIO transmits an exclusively Christian message over 6 Internet audio streams available in every city across the country. It is vitally important that believers pray for the protection of the few remaining Christian media outlets inside of Russia.

### Russian government's shocking nighttime demolition of a Pentecostal church in Moscow

In September, the Moscow city government ordered the raid and subsequent destruction of a local church. The pastor and several of the church's 550 members arrived at the site about 3:30 am to find the gates around the building and yard ripped off their hinges and about 45 drunken young men in civilian clothing standing in two equal groups, one beside the gates and the other beside the church. The men blocked the parishioners from entering, pushed them, shouted obscenities and threw stones at those who tried to take pictures. Police who arrived at Pastor Vasilli Romanyuk's request watched impassively. Soon construction machinery arrived and destroyed most of the church. With the task fulfilled, the unidentified men with their equipment left the property in ruins.



### Another Pentecostal church also demolished

Within 2 weeks from the Moscow church demolition, another evangelical church was destroyed in a brutal manner by the local authorities, this time in the Novgorod region. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the building demolition was carried out under the supervision of the local marshals. The building in the village of Kulotino was destroyed to the ground with only a few concrete slabs remaining.





## A close up look at the ministry of NEW LIFE RADIO

NLR started its ministry as Russia's first Christian FM radio station (1996) and in 2000, established nationwide broadcasting from Moscow via satellite.



New Life Radio broadcasts from the *Christian Center* building in Moscow



NLR transmits to the *Tricolor* satellite uplink station in Moscow and also to the *Hotbird* satellite uplink station near Tel Aviv, Israel

NLR's radio missionaries include

- Dima Vatoulya, Station director
- Inna Nazhelskaya, on air
- Andre Starodubstev, on air
- Artyom Novikov, webmaster
- Daniel Johnson, Network manager



### NLR target audience ages: 17-45

Radio Format: Contemporary Christian music 65%  
 Bible teaching 20%  
 Christian drama 10%  
 News 5%



### LISTENERS tune into New Life Radio

- via direct to home satellite radio over 2 satellites
- via Internet radio at [www.NLRadio.net](http://www.NLRadio.net)
- via FM affiliates and special ministry sites



**TECHNICAL audience potential:** 103 million homes across Russia and Europe receive satellite radio/TV signals from **Hotbird & Tricolor**

Internet radio: 60 million+ users in Russia, 15 million users-Ukraine; millions worldwide



NEWLIFE RADIO

NLR was developed to provide Christian radio to cities that had no local Christian radio station (99% of all cities in Russia)

OUTSIDE of RUSSIA, NLR's satellite audio is available in over 40 countries. NLR is a GLOBAL broadcaster through its Internet service available everywhere!

NEW LIFE RADIO is an incredibly efficient resource to share the Gospel, with a budget of \$20,000 per month.

*(This is the same as supporting FOUR American missionary couples to Russia each year, or 1 small congregation)*

### WHAT IS ON THE AIR?

NLR features the most trusted Bible teachers in the Slavic world and the USA to share the word of God with our listeners. Leaders of denominations in the Russian evangelical Church are featured daily, including heads of seminaries and leading pastors. While NLR is non-denominational in scope, it is able to effectively reach across a wide group of churches interested in proclaiming Christ to a lost nation.

**NLR also features a small group of US-based teachers, including Charles Stanley, Chuck Swindoll, John MacArthur, Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, & James Dobson.**

*NLR needs your help to sponsor airtime for these Bible teaching programs.*

*IN OCTOBER, we have a challenge grant of \$500 per month to sponsor one program if a new donor can match that amount. Contact CRFR if you are interested!*



# CRFR President's Report



Daniel Johnson

When Jesus commanded us in Matthew 28 to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, He knew each generation of believers would have their own particular method or opportunity to accomplish this task. For us in Moscow in December 2000--working in a small studio in a restricted government communication building 100 feet from the Kremlin (and just down the corridor from a KGB monitoring department)—the notion that we could simply flick a switch and begin Christian broadcasting to Russian communities across 9 time zones was simply miraculous. It was an impossible dream come true. From a building created by Stalin to oversee a nationwide radio propaganda network, emerged a studio with a committed group of young Russian Christians with a passion to reach their own people for Christ. That was twelve years and two satellites ago.

Today, our radio team has changed, and we use different satellites, but the goal and the message is the same: to provide Christian radio via satellite and Internet to a particular group of people who share a cultural and linguistic commonality, yet living in different parts of the world. And each of them needs to know our Savior loves them.

As the president of *Christian Radio for Russia*, I had the responsibility to oversee a satellite contract that we signed today, committing us to a five year responsibility to pay a telecom company in Israel \$132,000 for the privilege of proclaiming Christ 24/7 over Europe's most watched satellite. We got a great deal, but we don't have that money, at least not yet. That's where you might come in.

If you believe the Russians need access to the Gospel over the mass media systems they consume each and every day, then I invite you to join with us to commit to meeting our satellite expenses (\$2200 for *Hotbird*, and \$1700 for *Tricolor*) so that we can penetrate into millions of homes. As Russia further restricts the work of evangelical Christians (witness the destruction of churches), while repressing freedom of religion, press, and assembly/expression, the role of Christian radio is MORE IMPORTANT than EVER!

This is a faith venture, but we do it because we seek to honor Christ's Great Commission command to us in THIS generation. We look forward to a wonderful ministry this year through outstanding Christian radio that you make possible. God bless you, as you bless others with the gift of Christian radio!

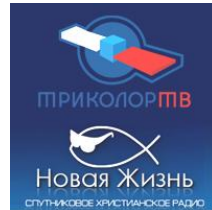
## 10 10 10 Campaign



Bringing a nation to Christ through Radio by calling 1000 to serve.

**GIVE \$10 a month,  
TO RAISE \$10,000 a month,  
TO REACH 10 MILLION HOMES!**

On January 1, 2012, NLR began broadcasting over Russia's largest satellite network, **TRICOLOR TV**, that claims 10 million households connected to it across the nation. 1 out of every 6 Russians tunes into this satellite network daily.



To minister to this vast audience that desperately needs the Gospel, **NEW LIFE RADIO** is seeking to raise a minimum \$10,000 each month from **new donors**. We are calling out to 1000 people to pledge \$10 each month, so we can minister to 10 million homes and nearly 30 million people who access this satellite network. So little, can do so much!

**RUSSIA NEEDS** Christian radio, and your support will allow us to proclaim Christ 24/7 while giving the church a new voice to guide the Russian people as they face the future. Help us replicate the miracle of Jesus feeding the multitude with the smallest of resources. The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Help us help the few at **NEW LIFE RADIO** to reach the Russian-speaking world for Christ.



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