



# Christian Radio for Russia

Sponsor of the New Life Satellite Network—broadcasting from Odessa, Ukraine via satellite and Internet at [www.NLRadio.net](http://www.NLRadio.net)

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**NEW LIFE RADIO:** proclaiming Christ's advent and the plan of salvation to the Slavic world



IF YOU HAD THE CHANCE to tell the world what Christmas was about, how would you go about it, and what would you say? Well, this is the challenge that our missionaries at New Life Radio have this month in December (as well as throughout the year). And it is a privilege that God has given us in partnership with all of you who help make it possible!

Since late October, the NLR staff has been busy producing vast amounts of Christmas-themed programs and compiling new musical archives that make our December 1 through January 7 Christmas program period interesting and compelling. Why January 7? That's when most Russians celebrate Christmas according to the old Julian calendar. How is it compelling? By revealing the totality of God's plan for mankind and the miracle of God deciding to reveal Himself to mankind through His Son, born in a manger, destined for the Cross, and reconciling us to Him for eternity. That sure is a Big story for a small group to work on!

As our team approaches Christmas, we realize there is a much confusion or lack of knowledge about the nature, person, and work of Christ. This month, a basic theme in our broadcasts centers on the discussion of Christology. Who is this Jesus we worship at Christmas? Why did He come, how is He God in the flesh, what does He want from us, what is our responsibility to Him; how do we read and interpret His words from the Gospel accounts? This is the core of the Christian faith, and we are constantly petitioning the Lord to give us the wisdom and insight on how to properly proclaim these fundamental truths to a skeptical Slavic people.



Listening from America, we are happy to report that NLR is doing a fabulous job in this task, and to be honest, the station sounds the best it ever has! Lina, Ivan, Eva, Olga, Yuri & Dima, are truly being used by the Lord!

**TUNE IN THIS MONTH** to NLR on the Internet or Facebook and see how your spiritual investment into the proclamation of the Gospel is making a difference in the lives of listeners scattered across Russia, Ukraine, the former Soviet republics, and wherever Russian-speakers live.

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## NLR broadcast focus on ISRAEL.

Why does our radio network target Israel? Over 2 million Russian-speakers live in Israel, and those from the former USSR constantly seek TV and radio programs from their homeland. NLR is well positioned to reach them via Internet radio as Israelis are among the world's heaviest users of social media. And because we worship the King of the Jews, NLR provides special programs revealing the Messiah of Israel from both the Old Testament prophets and from the New Testament. Israel is the place where the Christmas story plays out, both then, and today! Daily we have Christian music in Hebrew and our audience across Israel writes to thank us for the programming! Pray for this special outreach of New Life Radio!

WHAT do listeners from Chicago to Siberia share at 4 pm Moscow time?  
**THE NLR Music Request Hour!**



NLR seeks to be a resource for a global Slavic Church and a tool to bring Christians scattered across the world together. Our *Music Request Hour* is a time for listeners in different continents to send greetings and to request their favorite Christian songs. We are happy to offer this as a way of bringing Christians closer and united in faith as they share songs of praise and worship to God!



### Give a Christmas gift to NLR's radio studios: *items needed*

- Apple iMac \$1,299
- Computer audio interface \$550
- Apple iPhone 10r (2 needed for our video productions on *YouTube*) \$499 ea.
- Sling Studio video streamer \$999
- Neumann TLM103 microphone \$1100
- a couch for NLR's staff room \$650

**THANKS for your consideration!**

## The HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY on NLR



20 centuries of Christianity is the program theme of this series, hosted by Lina Stepanenko and featuring Roman Kalishnikov, a seminary professor from the *Odessa Theological Seminary*.



The program is designed to take our radio audience with little knowledge of the development of the Church to a clearer understanding of how believers lived and experienced the Christian life across the generations. Lina is our resident *investigative reporter* on Christianity and doctrinal issues. Each week, she effectively draws upon the expert knowledge of Roman, who loves his subject and gives very insightful and clear lessons on the growth of the Church, Christian doctrine as defined and often challenged across time, and numerous themes of interest to anyone who seeks to understand how to live today as the first Christians lived and witnessed for Christ in their own day.

*Programming note:* NLR seeks to provide programs that offer historical, Scriptural, and deep theological discussion to provide the *meat* we seek to deliver to those who are ready for it. In the meantime, Roman's program gives many a starter course for understanding the history of our faith.

### A few NLR listener reports from December



*Hello to the NLR team! And huge thanks that you help us to live and to believe! I want to wish you all blessings and God's fullest grace, a good mood, and perseverance in the faith. You help us make a proper choice in the way and following God!* **Ivan Kirichenko--Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.**

*Thank you for the production. Apologetics is my favorite subject—really glad to hear brave and truthful teaching. May the Lord strengthen you and bless you. It is very edifying! Thanks for your reverence for God's Word and thanks to Oksana J for yesterday's program which was brave and without compromise. May the Gospel be in the FIRST place. Thank you for your quality work and for blessing listeners. I love the radio and your team!* **Viktor Kornuta--Western Ukraine**

*I am grateful for the NLR staff. Right now I am laying in bed with a fever and you are encouraging me for which I am hugely grateful (note: Ilya is handicapped and wheelchair-bound). Your faithful listener.* **Ilya Bogdanov--Yalta, Crimea**

*I want to say a great thank you to the DJs of this station. Thanks for your ministry and your love, your heart, which you open to the Lord and to us through radio. Your efforts are not wasted in vain. May God further lead you in this ministry and give you strength and inspiration!* **Yelena Samuseva**

*I really like your radio, such deep themes! Last night was a sermon about who Christ is. Fantastic!* **Pastor Slava--Minsk, Belarus**

*How wonderful that there is such a radio that we can praise our God together!* **Anyuta--Odessa**



**CRFR partners minister to radio listeners like these daily!**

**SHARING the Gospel across Russia** to those struggling with addictions and trials: NLR satellite programming sites located at Christian-operated rehabilitation centers



CRFR donors place satellite equipment in rehab centers like this one in Irkutsk, Russia

### YEAR END REVIEW OF CRFR

Daniel Johnson, President

Two years ago, if someone told me NLR would be broadcasting from Ukraine, I would not have believed it. And yet, we are 17 months into broadcasting from Odessa! I am amazed at how God works to establish and direct HIS mission called New Life Radio, with a new location and new team, but with the old directive to proclaim the Gospel in spirit and truth. And that NLR does! The station has worked out better than I could have hoped for, and it is truly a beacon of light for both the Slavic Christian world and those non-believers who accidentally tune into our station. NLR is now approaching its 25<sup>th</sup> year, and God has been a great provider! We thank Him for putting people in our path to make this ministry possible. While I have not been able to make mission presentations to churches due to COVID since March, we are trusting our small group of partners to stay with us. God is good and worthy of our praise and investment!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS to you!**

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