

Christian Radio Ministry for Slavic Peoples

Christian Radio for Russia (CRFR) and the NPC Covenant Men organization are requesting your help to allow Christian radio broadcasts to resume to the Russian Far East and to Russian-speakers worldwide.

Christian radio broadcasts in the Russian language, originating at the New Life Radio Satellite Network (NLR) in Moscow, Russia, have been off the air at radio station KICY in Nome, Alaska since late December 2005. The disruption was due to financial problems related to a ministry based in St. Petersburg, Russia that had previously hosted the NLR internet audio stream.

KICY currently broadcasts into the Russian Far East for five hours every night, with four of those hours previously being fed by the Internet signal from NLR. The high tech solution to re-acquire the NLR signal is to obtain a restricted access high quality DSL connection from Moscow at a cost of \$250 per month or a total of \$3,000 per year. Covenant Men are planning a fundraiser to raise support for the ongoing cost of the DSL line that will officially commence at the Fall Men's Retreat at Camp of the Cascades on September 29 thru October 1, 2006.

This restricted audio streaming setup would allow the transmission of NLR's programming through a US-based Internet streaming company for distribution via FM rebroadcast, cable, or web to selected Slavic ministry sites throughout the world. The effectiveness of NLR among young Russian listeners is extremely encouraging, and there is a great need to expand its availability. One option being considered is to rebroadcast the signal in the greater Seattle area, (*targeting Russian and Ukrainian immigrants*) using a portion of the unused part of SPIRIT 105 FM (*using a system called FM digital subcarrier audio*). This type of FM station could be replicated in other US cities, all being served from the NLR computer server. This would allow a very cost effective method of reaching Slavic people for Christ.

AT the same time, it is critical to make NLR available worldwide to Russian-speakers using the INTERNET, via an *open access* streaming audio feed. CRFR is looking for missions-minded conference churches to partner together to finance this on a monthly basis. Should funding permit, NLR could use the NLR Moscow server's multiple stream capability to feed an open audio broadcast at a cost of 65 cents per receiving site per month (i.e.- 1000 simultaneous Internet users for \$450/month). With past experience of getting thousands of "hits" everyday, NLR expects the Internet service to get quickly overloaded, and will constantly seek to increase the bandwidth available to reach more people with Gospel radio. Individuals or churches could sponsor the increased Internet audience each month.

Other CRFR projects currently waiting for sponsors are to extend the NLR signal back to coverage of the entire Russian nation, by renting a satellite channel at a cost of \$2,000 per month, and replacement of aging NLR studio equipment in Moscow with around \$10,000 of new digital audio equipment.

If you're interested in giving a one-time or ongoing donation towards establishing a DSL connection with Moscow, please contact Jeff Wolf of NPC Covenant Men via email at: WolfJeffJ@Hotmail.com or by phone at (253) 874-3015. For more information about other CRFR missions projects, please contact Dan Johnson, President of CRFR, by email at: cfrf@juno.com. Also take a look at the CRFR website at: www.CRFR.org.