



# European Christian Radio

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24 Years Faithfully Broadcasting the Good News!

Summer 2017 Newsletter

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Lyudmila, Russia; New Family Radio listener*

## Dear ECRP Partners and Friends

The month of June marks our 24<sup>th</sup> year of the radio work in Estonia and Eastern Europe. Many of you who continue to help us with monthly and yearly gifts of support have been with us from the beginning. We can tell that this Christian radio work is making changes occur in many lives of people in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Eastern Germany, and of course, Estonia, by the many listener letters. These letters are received daily from those people often glued to their radios. Here is one that was received just recently:

## Letter from a Russian listener

*Greetings!*

*I am writing to you with thanks from the bottom of my heart. You help many, because while hearing this program, I was just amazed by what I heard. I was tuning my radio receiver because I felt heavy depression and suddenly I heard a voice say, “This broadcast is for you.” I thought “what’s the matter, how can this be for me?” I began to listen and took such a great interest that there in my soul I felt warmth and light due to this broadcast. I can’t describe it. I heard your wonderful voice and music. I am amazed that such good songs exist on earth! Your program exposes and helps to deal with my troubles. I can accept things now with much more peace. I am very comforted with your program, with your songs, sermons, and also with your good words of comfort. They helped me feel positive. Thank you for your existence. It is so good to hear you!! Good job, you’re giving food to our souls. Stay with us. Many are listening to you!*

*Lyudmila, Russia*



We receive many such letters of what Jesus Christ is doing in people’s lives and how the radio work is appreciated and making a difference every day. God is definitely using this ministry to encourage people, introducing them to Jesus, healing the sick, restoring families, and reshaping lives racked by bad decisions and habits. If you have been a supporter of this ministry, your gifts are the ones that are helping to spread the Gospel to an estimated 68 million potential listeners. These listeners are the generation that finally get to hear of God’s grace and His power for their lives. Prior to our radio network, there was no Christian radio in this part of the world. There were quite elaborate methods put in place to block any Christian broadcasts.

## Why is Christian Radio Important in Eastern Europe?

Now more than ever people everywhere need the Lord!

As we look around our nation and our world we know that we are in the end-times. God is patiently holding back His hand of judgement on our world. It is His desire that no one should perish but that everyone who believes and accepts His son, Jesus Christ, as their personal Lord and Savior shall be saved and have eternal life with Him in Heaven. This is the Good News that is shared everyday, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day on Family Radio from our AM and FM stations. There is a great and urgent need for sharing this Good



News in Eastern Europe while we have this unprecedented opportunity. Estonia as well as the other Baltic states are constantly under the threat of Russia’s aggression which could curtail or shut down these broadcasts at a moments notice.

In the news...

**The Baltic Times - June 1, 2017**

## **Russia continues to threaten ESTONIA and the Baltics States**

TALLINN - Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite said that Russia is a major problem for the Baltic states. "The biggest problem is Russia, which conducts military exercises close to our borders with more and more aggressive content. This forces us all to strengthen our military force," she said.

From Newsweek

## **NATO WAR GAMES FOCUS ON DEFENDING SUWALKI GAP FROM POTENTIAL RUSSIAN ATTACK**

BY **REUTERS** ON 6/19/17

U.S. and British troops have carried out the first large-scale NATO defensive drill on the border between Poland and Lithuania, rehearsing for a possible scenario in which Russia might try to sever the Baltic states from the rest of the Western alliance. The frontier is vulnerable because of the geography which runs for 65 miles through farmland, woods and low hills, in an area known as the Suwalki Gap. If seized by Russia, it would cut off Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and would potentially isolate them from the rest of the alliance. Russia denies any plans to invade the Baltics.

However, Russia's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimea peninsula in the Black Sea has changed NATO's calculations, seeing Russia increasingly as an adversary. Before then, no forces from other alliance members were stationed in the Baltic states; now four battlegroups totaling just over 4,500 troops have been deployed in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

### **People Need The Lord**

The reason our team got involved in this ministry was to fulfill the Great Commission... "go into all the world and preach the Gospel." Plain and simple, people need the Lord. I am reminded of that powerful song written by Steve Green that really says it all...

### **"People Need The Lord"**

*Everyday they pass me by,  
I can see it in their eyes.  
Empty people filled with care,  
Headed who knows where?*

*On they go through private pain,  
Living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides their silent cries,  
Only Jesus hears.*

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize, people need the Lord?*

*We are called to take His light  
To a world where wrong seems right.  
What could be too great a cost  
For sharing Life with one who's lost?*

*Through His love our hearts can feel  
All the grief they bear.  
They must hear the Words of Life  
Only we can share.*

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord  
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize that we must give our lives,  
For people need the Lord.*

### **Your Help Is Needed**

Radio broadcasting is extremely effective in this part of the world but it is not cheap. We need your continued financial support to keep this vital radio ministry consistently on the air. Our board and the The Family Radio board in Estonia have had to make some difficult operational decisions this year by cutting back some of the broadcasting power which means some of our listeners no longer can tune into their favorite programming. If you have not given to this ministry in a while, I would like to ask you to consider supporting this ministry on a monthly basis to keep the life-line of the Good News going out to the thousands of people who depend upon it. Your monthly support of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more is multiplied in God's hands. For those partners who have given to this ministry over its 24 years, I thank you and pray God's rich blessing upon you!

Thank you again for your support and continued encouragement as we work together in this part of the world to provide access to good Christian programming. Continue to pray that Putin and the Russian leaders will listen in Moscow and that God will change their hearts.

Sincerely,  
James M Carlson MD  
President ECRP