

# European Christian Radio

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29 Years Faithfully Broadcasting the Good News!

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## Dear Friends and Partners,

It is with joy that we share with you the latest news concerning Radio Eli, which is the AM Russian language-based arm of Pereraadio or simply referred to as Tartu Family Radio (TFR). At the start of 2022, there were doubts concerning the ability to continue with far reaching broadcasts in AM because of serious financial shortfalls and unexpected large increases to electrical rates.

But God has shown His favor through partnership commitments and support from Trans World Radio, AWR Voice of Hope and Light from the East coupled with faithful listener support! Radio Eli is currently able to broadcast the Good News of Jesus Christ 24/7 in Russian language. Varying levels of broadcasting power helps to maintain consistency and integrity of operations at sustainable levels. The broadcasting schedules are adjusted to maximize the reach of programming during prime-time and night-time hours. With operations maximized during “dark” hours, listener responses have confirmed that the Gospel and message of hope and encouragement continues to reach not only into Russia but down through Poland and Ukraine as well.

We learned from a missionary couple who recently returned from Ukraine, that Ukraine was considered the “Bible Belt” of the former Soviet Union. They also said that the visible presence of the church helps scores of lost souls seeking spiritual comfort and hope that the Word of God provides during this time of tragedy and suffering. There was also the reminder that it is equally important for believers to hear and be encouraged with God’s Word as they minister and lead those who are lost. We received word from Ukraine that a displaced family, living in the basement of their church with others during intense bombings, were able to listen to Radio Eli broadcasts. With so many channels of communications being interrupted and or totally cut-off, radio becomes the means by which so many seek the words and message of hope that is so needed in these difficult and tragic times.

Other messages sent from Ukraine again tell of the impact that Radio is having on individual lives –

*“Dear friends of Radio Eli. I am glad that you began to broadcast around the clock again, and the signal strength increased. May the Lord bless you and use you in His field so that your ministry will bear fruit in these last days”.*

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Isaiah 52:7*

The Good News of Jesus Christ is reaching into war torn and surrounding countries. Regardless of the doings of man, the Lord provides for His people.

“Every time that I listen to you, you are as soul food and inspiration for me”.

In addition to responses from Ukraine, word is being received from others in surrounding countries:

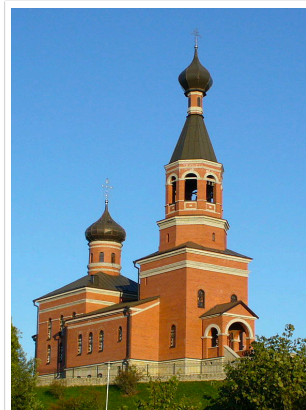
***From Belarus:*** “First time listening to your radio. I feel that I will stay here for a long time. Blessing on a new day!”

***From Moldova:*** “Peace for you! Often, I listen to your radio and always recommend it for friends my brothers in faith”.

And not to be forgotten is the suffering occurring in Russia itself. Economic sanctions are creating shortages of food and necessities and families are being torn apart as fathers and sons are forced to engage in the military war machine that is destroying Ukraine. But again, the Word of God is being heard and is giving hope and encouragement to listeners in St. Petersburg and Moscow as well as in rural and surrounding areas.

We continue to receive translated messages from the station team in Narva. Our gratitude and appreciation go out to Andrey and Maryana for the time they spend in translating messages that we can share with you.

***From Church Hope*** – Thank you for bringing calm, happiness and hope. Today’s world is very difficult and in today’s world we find so many problems and people must have hope – God is hope!



Lutheran Church in Maardu

On one of several trips to her hometown of Tallinn, ECR Board Member Piret Leonetti had opportunity to speak with the youth pastor at Lutheran Church in the city of Maardu. Being a fully Russian speaking community, Pastor Andrei Ignatov spoke of the need and desire of their youth and others to receive Christian radio in their community because of the growing youth movement in Russian

speaking churches. Although current programming by Family Radio reaches this area from nearby Tallinn, Christian programming is sent out only in the Estonian language. Our shared Vision for 2022 was to broadcast the Gospel into Maardu as well as Tallinn with Russian programs that are currently being broadcast throughout the Narva region. Planning started earlier this year to implement this vision, unfortunately those efforts are now on-hold due to lack of funding.

The ECR/Family Radio Visions also include expanding FM Estonian broadcasts into regions of the country that are not currently being reached. As shared in our last Newsletter, a letter was received from a woman pleading that Christian Radio be made available to her area of Estonia. This Vision also remains on-hold due to lack of funds. If you are led to help achieve these goals, your prayers and financial support would be a greatly appreciated blessing.



Renovations are underway on the Oleviste Church and its famous landmark steeple – the tallest steeple in Old Town from which the Word of God is sent out 24/7. This is where the ministry of Family Radio was founded by Dr. Jim and Laurel Carlson, almost 30 years ago in a small room in the church. As summer vacations come to an end, focus will return to new programming season and launching of programs like “Let’s Get to Know you” and resuming on-air call-ins and prayer requests.

In our next Newsletter we will bring more information on what is taking place not only with Family Radio’s Tallinn and Tartu studios but the newest studio addition in downtown Haapsalu.



Downtown Haapsalu

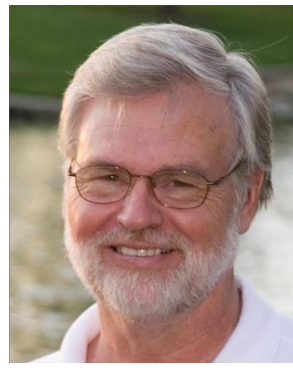
ECR appreciates the opportunity to share information and updates with our supporting churches for their annual Mission’s Emphasis. If your church’s Mission’s Team would like to receive information on ECR, Family Radio and Radio Eli and the impact it is making in the lives of boys and girls and men and women in Eastern Europe, please contact us.



We encourage you to regularly visit ECR’s Face Book Page and postings to keep abreast of listener responses and how you can pray for and support the vital ministry of Family Radio and Radio Eli.

As we all know, we live in times of economic uncertainty with rising costs that can make financial decisions difficult. But even in times such as these, it is with thanksgiving and praise to our Lord that the financial position of ECR is able to continue with impactful monthly support to Family Radio and helping to meet special and unplanned needs. We were able to provide for the purchase of two replacement transmitters earlier this year, but there are still more units that are in need of replacement and upgrading to ensure reliable and high-quality broadcasts.

We are humbled and encouraged to know God is still using this ministry for His purposes. Your continued faithfulness and generosity are truly a blessing! May the Lord continue to bless you.  
--- Dr. Jim Carlson



## Larry Davidse

March 17, 1947 - June 8, 2022

In loving Memory of our friend and ECR Board Member - Larry Davidse. It is with saddened hearts that we tell some and remind others of the passing of our dear brother in Christ. After a long and difficult illness, Larry was escorted home to be with his

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Larry lived as a dedicated and devoted, faith-led husband and father. He served the Lord faithfully by leading and nurturing youth in church programs, making numerous trips to Estonia with Dr. Jim and Laurel Carlson to initially build the radio ministry and returning later to assist and advise in the organizational aspects of both Family Radio and Radio Eli. Larry was a faithful and tireless contributor to ECR and truly a blessing who was beloved by all. Firm in his faith and convictions, Larry’s life truly mirrored the adage that it is not the length of a person’s life that matters, but instead, what is done with it to serve others. Taking from Philippians 1: 21-23, Larry’s final desire was to depart and to be with Christ. Without a doubt he was joyously greeted and heard those words...

“Well, done my good and faithful servant”.

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