

European Christian Radio

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30 Years Faithfully Broadcasting the Good News!

2023 Summer Newsletter



"... Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
-Matthew 17:20

Dear Friends and Partners,

This summer marks the 30th anniversary of European Christian Radio Project. A lot has happened in the past 30 years since God spoke the vision of a radio station to Dr. Carlson and his wife, Laurel. They were on a mission's trip with their family to hand out Bibles with Josh McDowell and his team, in what was the former Soviet Union just a year prior. The Soviet Union had just collapsed and Eastern Europe was free and open to receiving Bibles and hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. This would be a God size intervention that would not only change the course of the Carlson family, but countless other ministry partners over the next 30 years.

The original plan was for their family to go into Russia and hand out Bibles-but God had other plans. Their team was diverted to the Baltic State of Estonia to pass out Bibles. As the team was winding down their time in Estonia and having their last farewell prayer time, Pastor Rein gave a prophetic statement. Pastor Rein was one of the leading



pastors in Tallin and the head of St. Olaf's Baptist Church which was built in the 12th century. When asked what we as fellow believers from the U.S. could do to continue spreading the Gospel in Estonia, Pastor Rein said, "We need more workers and we need a Christian radio station. You can use our church's 405-foot steeple to broadcast the Gospel. After all, the Soviets have been using it for years to broadcast their propaganda messages!" He then turned to Dr. Carlson and said, "and you are just the one to do it!" Dr. Carlson said it would take a lot of money and radio knowledge to build a studio and produce

programming. Pastor replied, "I don't know anything about that, I just know this is what we need." And the rest is (30-year) history.

Pereraadio posted on their website on the 4th of July...

Happy Birthday USA! Estonian Christian Radio is forever thankful to the USA founders and missionaries for building radio stations and towers so Estonia can have a Christian media network. Much love on the 4th of July!



We, as the board of ECR, are so thankful for God's provisions and your faithfulness in partnership over the last 30 years. God continues to surprise us with His financial blessings that keeps His message of salvation and hope broadcasting throughout Estonia, Russia and other Eastern European countries.

Pereraadio is adapting to new broadcasting technology by methodically integrating their FM analog system with the new DAB+ digital system. DAB+ is gaining in popularity in Europe because it is generally more efficient and can offer more radio services for the same bandwidth. Like any new technology, there are always initial upsides and

downsides. DAB is a digitally transmitted sound. It doesn't use radio waves, it can be regarded as a broadcast channel, just like your digital TV. It lets you switch between radio stations instead of having to scan for the exact wavelength that matches your location. The downside is that the listener will need to purchase a specific DAB+ radio, some can receive FM analog as well. When our board member, Piret, visited her parents this summer, she purchased a DAB+ radio to verify its reception and clarity and reported that it was very clear!

Email Testimonies from Estonia

ALLIKI KRUBERG - I am an interior design architect by profession, I currently work as a sales manager. My mornings start with listening to the morning prayer on Family Radio. My favorites are the shows that introduce Israel. I also listen to people's personal stories with great interest. I get a lot of positive instructions for behavior and encouragement for every day. I really like the music that is played on Family Radio. It's so inspiring and I even sing along in the car. I feel that Pereraadio is guided by the Holy Spirit. It heals my soul and spirit daily. I really recommend this radio to anyone who is looking for God or wants to know more about Him.

ARGO KIPPUS - I am a taxi driver, I listen to Pereraadio quite often, because they offer many interesting Bible programs. There's good music and everything else in between. It is a big support for us, it is God's support in your life and mine. I actually listen to all Pereraadio programs with pleasure. I can't say that one program is better than another, I like the whole program. When I turn on the radio, I listen to it continuously. It lifts me up and makes my day better.

HANNES NÓLVAK - I work in the IT field and I'm a relatively active listener of Family Radio. I listen to it both in the car and at home. At home, we have a small radio in the kitchen, which most of the time plays Family Radio in the background. In my home church, I am involved in music work, and the lyrics of one of the songs that I have chosen to sing with the people from time to time, is based on Isaiah 52:7; "How sweet are the steps of the Messenger on the mountains, who preaches peace, brings good tidings" I would describe Family Radio with this verse. The work of Family Radio is similar to preaching from the mountains, where the good news is heard from far away, as in the old days to a large crowd. Today, instead of preaching from the mountain, we have other options, Family Radio plays an important role in this. I am very grateful for those workers who have contributed so that the Good News could spread. I wish God's wisdom and guidance to the entire Pereraadio team!

AIRI VASAR - I am a Christian since 2003 and member of the Baptist Church. I work as a language teacher, I teach English and Swedish. In my free time, I like to walk in nature and ride a bicycle. In the summer, I like to work in the garden, I enjoy the variety of colors created by the Creator in nature. I started listening to the family radio as soon as I became a believer. I have had the radio playing in my kitchen for 20 years now, I listen to it practically every day. I like both music and talk shows. The radio has been a great help to me in my religious growth and getting closer to God. I have also been a constant donor to Pereraadio. I wish God's abundant blessing to all the workers, because most of them make programs on a voluntary basis, and I admire their faithfulness.

Kavastu AM transmitter building and twin directional towers.

Jim Needham, ECR Board Member Retires

Jim's term as a member of the ECR board concluded in May of this year. The board wishes to recognize and thank Jim for his years of dedicated service to ECR. He was a valued construction team member on many trips to Estonia during the building of both the FM and AM radio stations. Jim will continue to support ECR in other ways but looks forward to giving more time and attention to his family and other projects he is involved with. Jim has provided exceptional leadership and wise counsel while serving on the ECR board. Thank you Jim!



Piret's Corner

In the Baltic States like Estonia, people look forward to breaking free from the cold dreary winter to the happy sunshine of Summer. Waking up to the sunlight glistening through the trees or streaming in the window instantly energizes you for the day ahead. Summer also allows many Estonians to take vacations and travel to see family members and dear friends. For me, summer time means visiting my homeland, Estonia, where the weather is a bit cooler than my home in California.

We always look forward to the traditional festivities like Midsummer and National Folk and Dance Festival that take place every 4 years. These special, traditional events bring tens of thousands beautifully and traditionally dressed participants. Close to a hundred thousand guests gather together to celebrate summer.



When visiting my parents in their Tallinn flat, I always start my mornings by turning on Pereraadio station's morning programs and listening to Christian music interspersed with prayer time to get an uplifting start to my day.

In addition to visiting my family and friends, it also allows me to meet with the many dedicated employees and volunteers at the various Pereraadio radio studio locations throughout Estonia, including the island of Saaremaa.

During my visit on June 19th, the Pereraadio family lost a dear volunteer named Aino Liimets, who went to be with our Lord Jesus. She had faithfully served the radio ministry for nearly 30 years. She was an amazing editor and translator. She and others would read her series of stories over the air. She spent countless hours at the Tartu studio replying to letters and emails from radio listeners stating their appreciation of the ministry and submitting personal prayer requests. She loved Jesus and her role in the radio ministry and will be missed by many people.

I bring back warm greetings and blessings and many heartfelt thank you's from Pereraadio staff, volunteers, and regular radio listeners. They appreciate your commitment and support of the radio ministry which enables listeners the opportunity to tune into Pereraadio to hear the gospel in Estonian and Russian!

With gratitude and blessings - Dr. P

Welcome New Board Member, Greg Jardine

The ECR board is pleased to announce our incoming board member, Greg Jardine, a retired broadcast engineer. Greg's lifelong career of 48 years began in 1972. He and his wife live in Canada. Greg engineered and built one of the first automated computer music systems. He is no stranger to ECR and its mission of broadcasting the Good News of Jesus Christ to Russia and Eastern European countries. He was personally involved in many of the building projects;



- 1997 Remodeled Endla Radio House in Tallinn.
- 1997 Remodeled-installed radio station at Olevista Church in Tallinn
- 1998 Installed radio station at End Radio House in Tallinn.
- 1999 Remodel of Tartu Seminary for AM radio studio.
- 2001 Installed the Harris 50Kw AM transmitter in Kavastu
- 2008 Replaced the 50Kw Harris AM transmitter with new 100Kw AM replacement transmitter in Kavastu.
- 2010 Installed 2nd 100Kw AM transmitter in Kavastu.

PRAYER REQUESTS

FAMILY RADIO NETWORK

Tartu Family Radio (TFR) requests prayer for God to bring the right person(s) to help with the development of new programming material for the FM radio ministry.



EASTERN EUROPE

Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to disrupt the lives of the Estonian people and the tens of thousands of Ukrainians and Russians who have fled to Estonia. Continue to pray that all who hear the broadcasts, refugees and Estonians alike, will discover God's love and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the miracle of peace and reconciliation in Eastern Europe and safety for families.

ECR SOCIAL MEDIA HELP NEEDED

ECR is in need of help with our Facebook and Social Media platforms. We are trusting God to provide the right individual(s) to help further develop our online presence to keep people informed. If you or someone you know is interested, email: dougwesson@gmail.com

ECR Board is sincerely thankful for your prayer and financial support

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