

The 15th of December 2010 was an interesting day for the people who work in the place called Media- and Mission house, here in Tallinn, where also Pereraadio is located. Ambassador of USA in Estonia Mr. Michael C. Polt visited Pereraadio together with Political Officer Johnathan A. Hilton and Protocol Assistant-Translator Laine Lembavere. They were accompanied by representants of Estonian Council of Churces.

The Ambassador showed up big amuzement when he was told that most of the program at Pereraadio is produced by volunteers – priests, chaplans, church members with different kind of interests and education, as well as people with different religious background. It became clear that programs are very various with different kind of focus. Some are focused on society from Christian valuesystem prespective, some on experiences with God in peoples lives, there are Bible-study programs and book-reading, also a lot of music and spiritual thoughts as well as morning programs. Also there are sermons from different congregations on air every week. The Ambassador left Pereraadio with many new facts and also with knowledge about Russian speaking program sent from Narva studio, which is heard even in very far places in Russia, also in Germany, Poland, Georgia and other countries.

Pereraadio is an ecumenic organization which is not supported by state or some specific congregation. Faithful listeners or congregations are the main supporters to help Christian message to be spread via radio.

Pereraadio was founded thanks to initiative from the Ambassadors homeland - missionaries from Modesto in USA. Initiative couple was Laurel and Jim Carlson. 1994 was the year they came together with several professional volunteers to establish Christian radio here in Estonia. Since then the program has been on air-

in the beginning with only few hours per day but today 24/7 program in Estonian language. Laurel has passed away in spring 2010, but her memory still lives in Pereraadio.

Meeting with the Ambassador of USA was very sincere and full of hope of meet again.

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