



Russian Ministries

More Miracles Ahead!

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When I look back at my 30 years of ministry, I marvel at God's amazing favor towards the people I was called to serve. I've seen many families restored,

suicides averted, drug addicts freed, and, most importantly, souls saved as the result of FEBC ministry.

Together with many of you, our faithful supporters, we also witnessed—and influenced—tremendous historical changes: the disintegration of the Soviet Union and a massive influx of new believers into the Russian Church during the 1990s. Recently, we're watching with alarm growing persecution against Christian workers, even murders, especially those ministering in Muslim areas of Russia and some newly independent "stan" countries.

In an effort to reach more people with the love of Christ, FEBC Russian Ministries has increased its outreach Muslim populations, quadrupling the amount of programming for this growing population group. In Moscow alone there are more than a million cultural Muslims. The recent unrests in Moscow once again demonstrate this volatile situation. The good news is that many of them

are FEBC listeners; some accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We are reaching cultural Muslims not only in Russia, but beyond. One promising region is Kazakhstan, where we have a production studio, do webcasting, and target distribution of programs on electronic carriers.

Dariga, 35, recently called our studio to talk to Nurlan, our Kazakhstan director. "I listened to your webcasts, and became interested in what you were talking about," said Dariga. A long conversation followed, and Nurlan answered many questions about Isa, Jesus Christ.

"Those conversations are what I am in ministry for—we share Christ with people from all over Kazakhstan," says Nurlan.

We are praying that in addition to the ongoing ministry to the people of

Your financial gifts bring the Word to Russia, Ukraine, and Central Asia. Your prayers allow these life-changing miracles to occur.

Kazakhstan we would be able to start broadcasting on FM stations in Almaty and Astana, two major cities with a total population of more than two million people. Please support us by praying that the final broadcast license will soon be received. Also pray for those who are listening to shortwave and internet broadcasting today.

Pray that the Good News of Jesus Christ will change the hearts of many cultural Muslims in Russia and Central Asia. I believe that new miracles await us as we charge forward, preaching Christ to all—together.



These young Kazakh Christians are the future of Kazakhstan. As we give them voice, they will influence thousands.

Ukraine: Reaching People in Their Heart Language

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My wife and I talk to each other in Russian or English, but when I hear her praying, she often uses her heart language, which is Ukrainian. It is this same language that

God uses through FEBC when He reaches out to Ukrainians.

One listener wrote: “**FEBC serves as our local pastor at the prison.**

New people join us regularly as we sit around the radio every evening. Every time we pray, we thank God for FEBC. Thank you so much for your programs as well as the CDs you sent us.” We received this letter from Ivan Ormanzhi, an informal leader at the prison church in

“I am in Christ today because of FEBC. My family is restored, and I know what I am living for.”

- Alla from Lutsk, Ukraine

Sokiryany, Ukraine. His testimony underscores the fact that radio is not limited by manmade barriers. The use of airwaves allows us to talk to people wherever they are, and in their native language that speaks to their heart.

In Ukraine, we broadcast on AM, FM, and cable radio, reaching a potential listening audience of 45 million people. “Bringing Christ-centered Christianity to our countrymen is our main mission,” says **Grigory Burlaka**, FEBC’s director in Chernovtsy, Ukraine. “Ukrainians, especially in the western areas, consider themselves godly, often greeting one another by saying ‘Praise be to Jesus Christ.’

Yet when you look at the statistics of abortion, alcoholism, divorce, and suicide, it is easy to see that **Ukraine faces two options: either the revival of real faith in Christ, or a complete decline as a nation.**

Multi-pronged Approach

That’s why FEBC is trying to reach Ukrainians in various settings. First, we broadcast to people in desperate conditions, such as those in prisons, orphanages, and homes for the disabled and forgotten. Our programs, delivered in many different ways, are especially effective in Christian rehab centers.

“I found Jesus here in prison. It was FEBC that helped me not only to reexamine my life, but receive everlasting life from Christ.”

- Andrey, 26

Andrey Ivanov wrote to us from one of those centers: “I tried everything to stop using drugs: medical programs, all kinds of spiritual healers... My wife and children gave up on me. When I was admitted to a Christian rehab center, I found hope again, but I did not understand much at that point. And then I was introduced to FEBC programs. What a revelation it was. The new world of God’s love, His abundant life, was opened up before my eyes. It’s after listening to these programs that I decided to become a Christian.”

FEBC is also active in reaching all Ukrainians, not only those who are struggling. Our musical group is often invited to perform at popular concerts, presenting Christian music. “It offers us needed legitimacy in the eyes of many listeners who are nominal Orthodox or Catholic



Former criminals who found Christ in Ukrainian prisons depend on daily spiritual support from FEBC radio. Many give their lives to Christ as they listen to the messages.

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believers,” says Ludmila, one of FEBC’s singers and broadcasters. “They become much more receptive to the Gospel message when they hear it performed in these concerts. It gives me great satisfaction to talk to listeners after the concerts. Many tell us they listen to FEBC on the radio for many months, and their lives were changed.” In such conversations, Ludmila, Pastor Grigory, and other coworkers invite people to visit a local church, which they do.

It is our mission to help people recognize the reality of God and become connected to His family. Thank you for helping us to do just that.



Talking to individual listeners and helping them find a local Christ-centered church is one of the most effective ways to bring them to Jesus.

Healing the Land: Russian Listeners Respond

Many of our listeners share their life stories with us—their fears, pain, loneliness, and hopelessness. Because of your gifts, our broadcasters are able to minister to multitudes of people who feel trapped and lost all hope. Russia has more suicides than homicides, but many thankfully are averted by FEBC broadcasts. Though millions turn to alcohol and drugs, many of our Russian listeners have received freedom in Christ through FEBC.

Dear friends, I listen to your programs from a rehab center. I came here with one goal: to become free of drugs, but I am now discovering what Christianity has to offer. We are isolated here in the center, but FEBC radio provides a world of information about living a spiritual life. Thank you for your amazing programs! I am not only born again, I am growing spiritually, and as a person. Please pray that God will completely set me free from drugs. I want to serve Him.”
- Elena, 32, from St. Petersburg

FEBC has distributed hundreds of satellite receivers, many to drug rehab centers.

Today, this is one of the most effective ways to help people meet the Lord.

“Dear friends, please pray for my brother and aunt who are alcoholics. My heart is heavy when I think about them because I can’t help them. We would be grateful if you would renew a special program you aired for alcoholics. Many people in Russia need it.”
- Marina from Moscow

Several of our programs offer help to those who struggle with alcoholism. We also broadcast a special program that specifically addresses drinking issues from a Christian perspective, but to continue it we need additional funds.

“I’m not a Christian but I listen to your broadcasts regularly. You help me a lot in my life and I want to thank you for your programs. Please pray for my teenage daughter. She talks about suicide all the time. I’m afraid she may act on her fantasies.”

- Elena from Moscow

Thousands of Russian teens are living lives without purpose. Many leave their homes—there are more street kids now than there were after WWII.

But millions more are living in homes where they receive no guidance. Pray that many teens will be saved through FEBC broadcasts.

Presenting Christ Through Radio: Your Support is Essential

Reaching Ukrainians in their heart language

\$7,000 is needed to continue bringing the Gospel of Christ to the Ukrainian people on four different radio stations/networks, satellites and other electronic delivery methods in 2011.

An additional \$2,500 is needed to distribute special CDs to places like prisons and rehabilitation centers, where people are open to the Gospel.

\$1,200 is needed to distribute satellite receivers to prisons and rehab centers—these receivers provide 24/7 access to FEBC radio.

Please prayerfully consider supporting FEBC's Ukrainian outreach.



Helping Muslims encounter Isa, their Savior Jesus Christ

To reach 20 million Muslims living in Russia, FEBC needs an additional \$5,500. This will make it possible to produce special programs to explain the Gospel to those who grew up in a culturally Muslim tradition. Gathering testimonies, interviewing evangelists working in those areas, and broadcasting the programs require significant funds.

An additional \$9,000 is needed to continue FEBC's ministry to the people of Kazakhstan. This includes development of the FEBC-Kazakhstan website, production of additional radio programs, office/studio expenses, and continued work with the government to procure FM frequencies.



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Ethnic programming: The Russian Federation includes 32 ethnic republics and districts. FEBC RM develops programs for several of these groups in their own languages. FEBC RM also broadcasts the gospel to other C.I.S. countries, such as Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

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