

Jesus Loves People. *Millions of them.*

by Victor P. Akhterov

I will never forget a conversation I had with **Dr. Bob Bowman**, FEBC's co-founder and long-time president. We talked about our listeners, and I was amazed how much love and care he had for people around the globe.

He was able to care deeply about each individual who listened to us, but he also cared about them in the millions. It was from Bob Bowman that I first learned that numbers matter, because people matter.

Together, we proclaim the Good News in a personal way, to millions of people.

So far this year we have had a conversation about God with several million people in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Central Asia. Similar to Jesus' day, people respond in different ways.

Our new listeners in Moldova are receiving the Good News with grateful hearts.

Anna from the city of Tiraspol sent us this message: "Since I began listening to you, nothing has changed in my life - I still earn a small salary, and I still have problems in my family. **The only thing that I didn't have before, but cherish now, is hope.** I hope that God can and will change my life. He's already changing my heart."

God loves Anna; He is working on her heart. And He loves millions of other Moldovans as well.

Siberian fires are currently destroying millions of acres of forest. **Millions of people live in desperation; without help, without hope, and without God.**

In the midst of the suffering, we are broadcasting to Siberians through seven radio stations, helping them understand that God loves them as they are going through these difficult trials.

Oleg is one of our listeners in the Siberian city of Tomsk. "This summer, many are thinking about eternity; we are forced to think about the meaning of our lives and about God. I began taking your programs seriously. **What if He does exist? What if He really cares about me?**"



Some of our programmers broadcast from Siberian cities, covered by smoke. Please pray for them, and for many of our listeners throughout Siberia.

We know that He does. Jesus came to save the world. Each one of us matter to Him, wherever we live.

Dr. Victor Akhterov
is leading FEBC's ministry in
Russia and Ukraine



Victor P. Akhterov:

"Please pray that amidst political and social unrest in Moldova, many families will find salvation in Jesus."

Pre-tuned Radio Receivers for *Radio OK* Listeners in Kyrgyzstan

by Rudi Wiens

Praise God for the launch of FEBC's newest FM station in Kyrgyzstan!

Located in the city of Naryn, 87.5 FM was established on July 2, 2019 and is the 5th station of Radio OK's network.

Ten days later, from July 12-23, 2019, three FEBC staff members and myself embarked upon a road trip that took us through the beautiful mountains of Kyrgyzstan, over a number of high passes up to 12,000 feet and higher, for one purpose: to visit Radio OK's FM stations and the people living within reach of the radio signal.

The best part of the trip was giving radios to people, pre-tuned to FEBC's specific FM stations, eliminating all other stations. The radios are battery operated, which can be charged by a solar unit.

Throughout the trip, we heard over and over again that FEBC's family radio is the best, communi-

cating useful and godly broadcasts, with superior content compared to other radio stations. To hear this in a culturally Muslim country was a great encouragement to us. People are eager to seek God and everyone is in need of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

An engineer at one of the FM stations admitted he wasn't necessarily interested in Christianity yet. However, even he admitted that Radio OK offered the best talk-shows. From our conversation, I could tell that some of FEBC's talk-show hosts had already left an impression on him. They encouraged him to think about eternal matters. I could sense that he had gained a respect for spiritual things, which was a new concept to him.

At the brand new station in **Naryn**, we also met one of the first followers of Christ in that entire area. For Brother Zholdosh and members of his church it's the book of Acts kind of experience, in Kyrgyzstan.



Please pray for **Maksat** and thousands of new listeners in Kyrgyzstan

For me, it was like sitting in the Upper Room, breaking bread and talking about Jesus who saved people from darkness and sin.

Maksat, one of our listeners in the Talas area, shared the following story: "Since I got that pre-tuned radio receiver from FEBC, I always listen while working in the fields. I think I have learned more within the last several weeks than all my years in school. There is so much good information in your broadcasts. I am not so sure about Isa that (Jesus) you talk about. However, he must have been very special. We Muslims think that he was a great prophet. However, you talk about him as a savior from sins. Interesting..."



Ulanbek (right): "Please pray for all those who received pre-tuned radio receivers from us. Pray that many will accept Christ."

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

We need \$2,000 per month for each FM station in Kyrgyzstan.

Any amount towards **FEBC-Kyrgyzstan Acc. #683** or full sponsorship of a specific FM station will be greatly appreciated.

Dima & Natasha

Volunteer broadcasters, FEBC-Ukraine



Q: You adopted five children. Why?

Natasha: “We are in the process of adopting another girl, so, God willing, soon we’ll have six. After we became Christians, we knew that we needed to be involved in a ministry, and nothing seemed to fit. And then we began to hear about adoption from different sources: friends and FEBC radio, which is also our good friend, and we ended up tripling the size of our family; we have three boys of our own.

Q: You said that FEBC is your friend...

Dima: “Of course it is! FEBC’s broadcasters – and music – fill our home all day. When Natasha became a Christian, I was still a stubborn unbeliever. Not that I didn’t want to believe in God, but, you know...real Ukrainian men don’t go to church. So I had an agreement with Natasha – she will not try and drag me to church, but I will listen to FEBC radio. So, wonderful voices filled my life.

Q: What is the most difficult problem that you are facing with raising these adopted children?

Natasha: “Since we had three boys, it was easier for me to work with boys.

Six Questions:

With girls, I did not know what to do at first. And they have a difficult past, so in the beginning it was difficult to even understand what they were feeling. And again, FEBC broadcasts were helpful.”

Dima: “Yes, we need to deal with the baggage that each of them brought with them – naturally, a lot of negative experiences, bad habits, and a lack of trust.”

Q: Why the lack of trust?

Dima: “Some of our children were taken from their parents, then returned to that troubled family, then taken away again. They stop trusting adults after such experiences.”

Natasha: “We are rebuilding that trust one day at a time – keeping our promises, giving them personal space, bringing other adults into their lives, such as our trusted Christian friends. And, I don’t know if there is a way to prove love, except to love them.”

Q: You are FEBC’s frequent guests, and you share your experiences on the radio. Why do you come?

Dima: “People need to understand two things. The orphan problem is our

“I don’t know if there is a way to prove love, except to love them.”

problem, and we Ukrainians, especially Christians, must face it. And – it is not something out of the ordinary to adopt. If we can do it, anybody can.”

Q: How can we pray for you?

Natasha: “Please pray that all our children will become followers of Christ.”

Dima: “And that God gives us wisdom... and... well, I’ll just say it, pray that God will help us buy a used car; I want to take our kids everywhere.”

The full version of this interview, other articles with additional pictures and videos are found here:

www.febceurasia.org

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

If you’d like to support FEBC’s ministry to social orphans in Russia and Ukraine, please contribute to account #68011.



“God saved us and blessed beyond belief.”

SUMMER OF JOY FOR VULNERABLE KIDS:

FEBC CAMP MINISTRY FOR ORPHANS AND LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

The afternoon routine involves hair inspection for lice. "I felt so sorry for the two 12-year-olds who had to be sent home because of this problem," said **Elena**, one of the camp volunteers in the village of Niki-forovka, Donetsk region, ravaged by war.

Boys and girls from homes with drug-addicted or alcoholic parents are brought to our camps where they learn about the love of God and have an opportunity to

make new friends. Many of the children live in orphanages and don't see their parents for years. **"These children don't even remember what it's like to live in safety, without bullets flying over their town,"** added Elena.

Svetlana, another volunteer, said, "I met some of the kids that we served last summer, and they kept hugging me and telling me they still remember the Bible verses they learned last year." >>>

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With your help, this summer we were able to bring food, toys, books, radios, and the Gospel to more than 540 children. Pray for them.

What is most exciting is that many children began attending local churches in the cities and villages where they live, and some parents began attending as well.

Yulia, a 13-year-old girl, who accepted Christ at the camp and now brings her mom with her to church, said: "This is my prayer to God, that He saves my mom, and she becomes joyful, like all Christians, without drinking. She already began listening to FEBC, so I really, really hope that she changes."



Eduard Kurylenko, FEBC-Ukraine's leader:
"There is no greater joy than sharing God's love with children who never before heard of Him and whose fathers are not around."



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