

## *Merry Christmas!*

Dear Friend,

I am writing to give you a year-end report, so that together we can rejoice in what God has accomplished through our ministry and look into the future.

### **THE RESULTS**

In **UKRAINE**, God is using FEBC as a tool to bring the light of Christ into the darkest corners of this suffering society. As the country's problems of corruption and the painful military conflict are exposed to the entire world to see, we are bringing healing and new standards of personal responsibility to the lives of Ukrainians. And people are responding. In Eastern Ukraine, surrounded by death and disparity, **16% of Ukrainians regularly listen to FEBC programs. Many are receiving salvation!**

In **RUSSIA**, despite numerous judgements against Christians, despite the pressure applied to mission's organizations, despite the new laws that are limiting freedom of speech online, we are reaching millions of listeners every month. By very conservative estimates, in 2019 we engaged more than **9 million** people in active listening.

The most encouraging sign for me are the hundreds of people who were brought into Christ-centered churches throughout Russia. We didn't only preach the Gospel to them; our counselors helped them find a local church in their area and introduced them to one of the leaders of that church.

### **THE MISSION AND VISION**

This is the fulfillment of our mission: We use media to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ.

Our vision is to reach 50% of Russians and Ukrainians with an initial presentation of the Good News, and to have a **substantive dialog with 10%** of them by the year 2030.

*Over, please.*

We realize that it will be a miracle for us, partnered with you, to reach this goal. But we serve the all-powerful and loving God, and we are living this miracle out even now. God is transforming thousands of lives.

Here's where we believe God is leading us in 2020:

### THE STEPS FOR 2020

1. We need to continue to use **new media tools** effectively, changing as quickly as the circumstances and technology in order to reach millions with the eternal Gospel. This means that we must have people and a budget to make the message one click away for potential listeners.

2. We need to focus more on addressing the **needs of special groups**:

- Women
- Muslims
- Ethnic groups such as Buryat and Chuvash peoples, as well as Russian-speaking surrounding countries like Belarus

We have a lot of positive results reaching Russian and Ukrainian Jews, families, orphans, parents of children with challenges, and other special groups. We pray that God lets us multiply this success.

3. We are almost ready to purchase the building for our **Media Evangelism Center in Kiev**, the capital of Ukraine. We found the perfect building – a great location, easy to get to, enough space to use both traditional radio studios and new media tools.

If we receive an additional \$35,000 in the next few weeks, we'll be able to purchase the building. This will enable us to reach millions throughout Eurasia, including Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Moldova, and other countries.

I want to thank you for standing with us in 2019, and hope you will continue to help us bring the Good News to millions in 2020.

May the Lord continue to bless you those close to you. Happy New Year and Merry Christmas!

In Christ,



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Have a Merry Christmas  
and a blessed  
New Year!  
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