

## NEWS & TRENDS

- ◆ **New station in Kyrgyzstan! Please pray for our new listeners in the city of Osh!**
- ◆ **Targeting Ukrainian mega-cities for Jesus in 2020: Dnipro, Kharkiv, and Kyiv.**
- ◆ **Helping cultural Muslims in Russia connect with Christians in their city.**
- ◆ **Pray that we'll be able to build a new FM station in the city of Kremenchuk, Ukraine - God is opening doors!**
- ◆ **Russia is going through a fundamental change in its system of government; freedom for proclaiming the Good News is in danger.**
- ◆ **Number of online reactions/responses from listeners in the past 12 months: more than 6.5 million!**

## Close to the Listener:

### Meeting listeners within their subculture

by Victor P. Akhterov

Russia has more than one hundred different languages and even more cultural groups that we are trying to reach.

In my own heritage, for example, there are connections to the Chuvash people – they live in central Russia. There are also Tatars, who are culturally Muslim, Chechens who are devoutly Muslim, and Buryats, who follow shamanism and Buddhism.

In 2020 we are working with renewed focus on reaching some of these groups.

We are particularly focused on two groups: Buryat people and cultural Muslims that live throughout Russia – there are more than 20 million of them.

We have people working in Ulan-Ude, the capital city of the Buryat



Please pray for the Buryat people!

republic. We'll be recording a series of new programs interviewing Buryat Christians.

We'll be also recording programs for cultural Muslims in several undisclosed locations, because we have received threats from radicals before.

We ask for your prayer support for these initiatives.

**Dr. Victor P. Akhterov**  
is leading FEBC's ministry  
in Russia & Ukraine



**Victor P. Akhterov:** We are praying for the Muslims of Russia to be inspired to follow Jesus Christ. There are 20 million of them.

# New Station in Osh, Kyrgyzstan!

by **Ulanbek**

Since the beginning of our ministry in Kyrgyzstan in 2012, we've dreamed of developing a network of at least 6 FM stations throughout the country by 2020. On Christmas just a few weeks ago we obtained our 6th FM frequency for Osh, the capital city of Kyrgyzstan in the south. Praise God! We hope to have the Osh station up and running by late spring or summer 2020.

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With our network of 6 FM stations, we will be able to reach about 2/3 of the entire population of Kyrgyzstan with FM radio. Our broadcasts are also available on the internet and on social media for the smaller towns and villages scattered throughout the mountains.

The city of Osh is found in the very fruitful Fergana valley, with more than a million people in Kyrgyzstan

alone. There are even more Uzbek people in the neighboring Uzbekistan, who could also benefit from our FM station, especially from the Russian programs we have on our schedule.

The entire area is a hub of narcotics trafficked from Afghanistan.

Polygamy, abuse of women, occult activity, and other criminal behaviors seem to be the norm here. We know that the Gospel of our Savior Jesus can bring healing and salvation for many.

Our FM radio station can be a great source of healing and salvation. The broadcast center for Osh, where our transmitter and antenna will be located, will make it possible to reach more than a million potential listeners, living in about 80 towns and villages.

We get the most encouraging responses from our listeners. Here is just one listener story my co-worker told me. He was taking a taxi in Bishkek, and the taxi driver was listening to my live talk-show



“Thank you for sharing the forgiveness of God with me.”

called “Nazar” (View). My co-worker asked him what he was listening to and the driver, **Tashtan**, shared his story:

“This radio station has turned my entire life around. About 10 years ago my father passed away. My older brother and I got into a fight about the inheritance, and I was so angry at him that I hadn't spoken to him in years.

“Only a year ago I came across your radio station. There was a broadcast on forgiveness. I was convinced that I needed to forgive my brother in order to be at peace with God, so I overcame my pride and visited him. That was the beginning of a major change in my spiritual life...”



**Ulanbek** (left): “The people who live here are dying in sin. Drugs are everywhere. I am so grateful to God and you for the opportunity to tell them about the living 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 the full sponsorship of a specific FM station will be greatly appreciated.

# Rev. Sergey Nakul



## Broadcaster, FEBC-Ukraine

### Q: You grew up in the very atheistic Soviet Union. What sparked your interest in Christianity?

I had always felt the divine. I was never convinced by the Soviet propaganda in school. On Mondays we had “political information” classes, and I would often miss those lessons.

I would hide in the library reading atheistic literature. It was the only place I could find the gospel. I found myself captivated by Jesus and the Good News.

### Q: And now you are a pastor and a Bible teacher with two theological degrees. That gives you a pretty unique perspective in Ukraine. What do you see keeping Ukrainians from coming to know Jesus today?

Many people here are biblically illiterate. My dream is to educate people about the Bible so that they will know who God truly is.

In my program, after teaching on a Bible passage, I take a subject the

# Five Questions:

passage touched on and relate it to our Ukrainian listeners. Then we go into more depth.

### Q: Do you remember how you thought about God before becoming a Christian?

As a high school student, I was lucky to get into a special program with deep emphasis on art. I was always taken by traditional Ukrainian and Russian religious artwork. I remember seeing a picture of Jesus as a judge.

That was the image I had of him from an early age. I would comfort myself by telling myself that I would make up for the bad things I had done one day with good deeds, and they would balance my scales.

It was a relief when I read the Bible and learned that salvation wasn't earned by doing good deeds, but that God's salvation came by grace.

### Q: What excites you most about FEBC's ministry in Ukraine right now?

The number of people who are hearing the gospel for the first time because of our broadcasts. With 7 FM stations, we are reaching millions of potential non-Christian listeners.

And that doesn't take into account our vibrant online broadcasts. Hundreds of thousands of non-Christians are listening to the program. People's lives are being changed!

### Q: Could you share a recent encouraging response with our supporters?

**Svetlana** contacted us from western Ukraine. She was very depressed. Her sister had just died of cancer. We were discussing the resurrection of Jesus and our hope of resurrection on the program when she tuned in. She was comforted by our discussion and said that her faith was strengthened.

In fact, she was so appreciative that she nearly filled our station with flowers—she owns a flower shop.

If you'd like to read more of Sergey's story, his conversion, and the splash it made with his family, you can go to the following link:

[www.febceurasia.org](http://www.febceurasia.org)

## YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

If you'd like to support FEBC's Bible teaching ministry in Ukraine, please contribute to account #68065.



“These expressions of love from our listeners - including the flowers - are for you, our supporters!”

# NEW PROJECTS AND PRAYER NEEDS

## Reaching Ukrainian Mega-Cities

Our vision for 2020 is to reach 2 million Ukrainians with an introductory, light presentation of the Good News, and have a deeper conversation with 300,000 listeners.

One part of the strategy to achieve this faith-filled goal, is to focus on three Ukrainian cities: Dnipro, Kharkiv, and Kyiv (Kiev), the capital of Ukraine. **The combined population of these cities is more than 5 million people.**

We are planning to use online tools to talk to as many people as we can, and build long-term relationships with those who start listening.



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We are also strengthening our one-on-one counseling ministry that will help us to personally reach out to people online. We have several qualified candidates in Kyiv, who will be serving both our Ukrainian and Russian listeners. Please pray that we will have enough finances to bring them on board.

Two major media ministries have severely cut back their evangelistic efforts in Ukraine. This makes FEBC's work that much more needed – real lives are depending on it. We trust that God will help us become more effective in reaching millions in 2020.

## Belarus: New Opportunities

We are praying about a massive online evangelistic campaign in the country of Belarus. It is a country between Russia and Western Europe.

The political regime is more authoritarian than in Russia, and waves of persecution against the church can be severe. Still, there is a lot of freedom for preaching online, and there are several strong evangelical churches in several key cities: Brest, Gomel, and the capital, Minsk.

Please support us in prayer so that we can establish a local presence for follow up, and cover the country of Belarus with online Gospel broadcasts.



### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

If you'd like to support FEBC's ministry in Belarus, please contribute to account **#68088**.