FEBC EURASIA UPDATE

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FACTS & STATS

- FEBC-Ukraine has secured a broadcast-ing license for Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, for the next ten years. More than 5 million people are now being reached by our station, 89.4 FM.
- ♦ FEBC-Russia has developed a unique multi-channel network that reaches up to 14 million listeners every month. This helps FEBC be effective in an environment of severe restrictions for media outlets.
- ◆ FEBC-Kazakhstan's ministry to the young people is growing. While Islam is becoming more popular, many Kazakh young people are finding purpose for their lives in serving Jesus.
- FEBC-Moldova is now reaching millions of people in Romania and the former Soviet Union.

Helping Women of Eurasia Encounter Jesus

by Victor Akhterov

"I am a new person; I feel like I've just begun living," wrote **Anna**, 29, from Pokrovsk, Ukraine, where FEBC has a station. "After my husband left to fight in the war, and my daughter began having night terrors every night, I was lost. Your station helped me think in a different way about my life. I began praying and soon gave my life to Christ. I am the happiest I've ever been."

Our region faces severe distress due to the war in Ukraine, the authoritarian regime in Russia, fear of invasion and poverty in Moldova, along with increasing pressure from Muslim activists in Central Asia. These challenges often have a more pronounced effect on women. FEBC is there to help them find hope, joy, and new life in Jesus.

We receive many testimonies like Anna's because we are intentional about serving women.

We offer special programs to help women deal with their circumstances, whether it's controlling husbands in Kyrgyz villages or extreme poverty in rural Moldova

Relationship with Jesus Christ is always the cornerstone of every piece of advice we give. Women who respond to us receive special care from our staff and volunteers. Our evangelistic centers in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Central Asia are helping women, one by one, to accept Jesus.

Several hundred women have accepted Him as their Savior since the new year.

We also host different types of meetings to help listeners get to know us. We have groups for widows, for young ladies in large cities, for teen girls, and many others. They come to our studios, churches, and other venues, and we introduce them to Jesus. Pray that many more will start a new life with God.

Dr. Victor Akhterov is FEBC's Senior Coordinator for the region of Eurasia.



Aizhan is reaching thousands of opressed women in Central Asia.



Moldova: Youth in Crisis

A country on the brink

he world is in tumult, especially eastern Europe, and the young people of Moldova are experiencing the effects. They are in crisis—spiritually, relationally, and nationally.

Suicide rates are on the rise. Young people are lost, looking for answers in alcohol and sex.

FEBC-Moldova's videos are viewed 9,000,000+ times a month

Family trauma is the cause of many of these problems. It's not uncommon for parents to leave their children behind for months at a time, to be raised by others as they work in Europe. This often leads to serious abuse and neglect.

Alcoholism is also rampant, destroying lives and families. Wine is one of Moldova's primary

exports, and it is also one of it's most destructive influences.

A teenager named **Vadim** was living in one of these dysfunctional family situations. Like many teenagers in Moldova, he felt alone. Both his parents were heavy drinkers.

He'd been taking care of himself since he was a boy. But Vadim wanted something different for his life.

That's when he found FEBC-Moldova's programs.

"I felt something that I hadn't felt before," he said. "I started reading the Bible because of you. I had so many questions!"

Vadim started writing in to the program, asking about God and the Bible. When he found out that FEBC-Moldova was holding a meetup for their teenage viewers, Vadim knew he had to go.



Girls, 14-24, meeting to learn about Jesus and how to share their faith with others.



Vadim (left) at an FEBC teen meetup with Ilya from FEBC-Moldova.

These programs, conversations, and meetups changed everything for Vadim. He saw that he could find the true life he was looking for in Jesus.

Vadim put his faith in Christ and is planning to be baptized soon.

"I'm reading the Bible now more than ever. I can't get enough! Thank you for taking the time to get to know me and help me get to know God. May God bless you!"

In addition to the usual social problems young people are facing, the looming threat of Russian invasion brings the future of the entire country into question. It is not uncommon for Moldovans to hear explosions coming from across the border in Ukraine, and many keep a suitcase packed, ready to flee at any time.

Pray that many Moldovans will find peace in Jesus.

Ukraine: Harvest Time!

by Eduard Kurylenko

housands and thousands of listeners respond to our broadcasts and social media outreaches in Ukraine. The needs are staggering, the pain is real. And the hearts of people are open.



Angelina, left, found Jesus as she listened to Inna's programs since the beginning of the war. She is one of thousands of listeners who discovered faith in Christ.

In this pivotal moment, we're privileged to share the message of Christ with countless listeners, and it's your support that makes this work possible.

"I tune in to your programs, and I sense the presence of God, His voice reaching out to me," wrote **Andriy**, a father of two young daughters. "I've never felt drawn to religion before, yet here I am, reaching out to learn more about Jesus Christ. To be honest, I'm scared...and I feel utterly powerless." Andriy's story echoes that of countless others—parents fearing for their children's safety, men and women uncertain about their future amidst the threat of conflict,

yet yearning for something beyond mere physical security.

As people come to us with their questions and fears, they are open to hear the Good News.

One by one, lives are being transformed by the message of Jesus. Teens, young women, entire families, widows, orphans, and disabled soldiers receive salvation. It's reminiscent of the early days of the Church; God's power is drawing people unto Himself.

The world is growing "Ukraineweary." The desire to move on is understandable, but things like the rocket that just exploded near our office in Kyiv don't let us forget. As the walls shook, some of my co-ministers began crying... but they continued answering calls, while others continued broadcasting—the listeners heard the blast as well, of course. That same day, several listeners gave their lives to the Lord.



Eduard and Igor at the place where the rocket destroyed a building, close to FEBC's studio.

And that's a typical day in the studio.

In this critical hour, we stand as fragile vessels, entrusted with the most profound message: the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We implore you to support us in prayer. Together, we are comrades in the battle for the salvation of many.

Eduard Kurylenko is the director of FEBC-Ukraine.



FEBC-Ukraine's team at a recent retreat, helping one another prepare for the next several months of ministry.

STORY: NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

"I am so glad I called you to ask for help. At one point my husband, a gambling addict, wanted to take his own life. When I called, your counselor listened to me; that by itself was a surprise—no one has listened to me for years, it feels. An even better surprise was when this minister asked if he could pray for me. I said yes, and I felt that something awesome was about to happen... No one has ever prayed for me. That was the most beautiful experience of my life, listening to the words of faith, as someone was talking to God about my life, and my soul.

"The man strongly advised that if I wanted real change, I needed to be connected to Christians in my area. He gave me the phone number of a pastor who was ready to meet with us.

"Today, my husband is free from gambling, and our entire family are following Jesus. I just wanted to write to you and share my gratitude and joy."

- Elena from Western Ukraine

PROJECTS THAT CHANGE LIVES

Ukraine: Online Evangelists

We need more support for the online, phone, and in-person follow-up workers who personally share the Gospel with listeners in Ukraine. More than half of those who write to us are children and young teens. At this point we need additional \$36,000 to continue this powerful ministry through the Summer.



Helping Women Find New Hope

Our goal is to support women facing adversity, offering compassion and guidance. Ultimately, we aim to lead them to Jesus. Often this happens as we meet listeners face to face. This requires funds, mainly for travel, facilities, food, and radios that we give to the ladies we are helping. It takes \$70 to organize a transformative, personal encounter with 10 listeners.

Moldova Youth

The young people of Moldova are spiritually adrift. Around half of them are agnostic, and the other half are cultural Christians with no real understanding of the Gospel.

Short videos about relevant cultural topics invite them to reexamine their beliefs. And as they write in, Moldovan broadcasters and volunteers are able to respond to them personally, sharing Christ in a deeper way. Teen meetups provide another opportunity for them to get to know broadcasters and become comfortable with church. \$50 helps produce 10 short videos that share Christ in an accessible way.





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