

## FACTS & STATS

- ◆ Despite severe restrictions, the work in Russia is expanding to teach more people about the Bible.
- ◆ Young bloggers from Moldova, inspired and trained by FEBC, are now reaching several million Russian-speaking young people.
- ◆ FEBC is beginning new work in three closed Muslim countries that were a part of the former Soviet Union.
- ◆ In Ukraine, 8 out of 10 radio stations are operating, helping millions of people to discover who Jesus is. The station in Zaporizhzhia is particularly effective.
- ◆ FEBC workers prevented dozens of suicides among Ukrainian teens through special broadcasts and one-on-one counseling.

## Reaching Young People In QAZAQSTAN

Social networks are hugely popular in Qazaqstan (former spelling: Kazakhstan). This enables FEBC co-workers to share the Good News with hundreds of thousands of Qazaq people.

Aizhan, one of the leaders at FEBC in Almaty, shared, “God is truly blessing our outreach efforts, especially among the youth.” They produce captivating short videos that delve into the profound message of the Gospel, all in a language that resonates with young people.

Every month, we receive thousands of comments and personal messages, some negative and even threatening. However, many young people are genuinely interested in Christianity.

**Mereke**, a bright 18-year-old student, embodies the curiosity that many young Qazaqs feel. She wrote to us, saying that she’s a Muslim but wants to understand why we think that Jesus is God. Invited to one of our gatherings, she came with two other girls. Initially they were suspicious, but by the end of the meeting, skepticism gave way to camaraderie. “There is some kind of warmth and light that I felt... please invite us again,” she asked.

In such meetings, many young people become followers of Jesus.

Millions of Qazaq people were able to watch our videos, thousands were deeply touched, and many decided to follow Jesus.



**Pray for new young believers in Qazaqstan!**

# Sharing Joy

## Ukrainian Broadcasters Bring Healing to

**“W**hen I heard about the destruction of the church in Kupyansk, it saddened me deeply. Hours later, I received the devastating news that **Pastor Yuri**, a close friend in ministry, had been killed in the attack,” said **Evgeny**, a minister with FEBC.

*The walls shook violently as bombs fell on the neighbor’s house.*

Evgeny’s work takes him into dangerous territory, delivering radios, ministering to soldiers, and recording the stories of those enduring the horrors of war. Together with Pastor Yuri, they brought hope to places like Avdiivka, now reduced to rubble. They also distributed prayer



Evgeny with Pastor Yuri’s widow and daughters

booklets containing the Lord’s Prayer and FEBC QR codes, attracting thousands of new listeners.

Evgeny and fellow ministers traveled to Kupyansk to support Yuri’s family during his funeral—a somber event among many heartfelt farewells. They were invited to stay overnight, but during dinner prayers, a sudden rocket attack forced them into a windowless “safe” room as bombs fell closer.

Then the house shook violently, and Yuri’s daughter gripped Evgeny’s hand in terror. Minutes later, they learned that their neighbor’s house had been destroyed.

These are the grim realities of war.

Our broadcasters often find themselves in harm’s way. On numerous occasions, FEBC workers narrowly escaped death, as Evgeny did. We thank God for protecting us and we appreciate your prayers. Miracles happen daily.

**We witness even more miracles as we share the Gospel in these dire circumstances.** Over the past two and a half years of brutal conflict, our broadcasters and follow-up workers have touched millions of lives. Your prayers



FEBC-Ukraine’s **Inna** (left) came to the city of Vinnitsa when it was under fire.

The building where she was staying was next to a Radio & TV tower that was bombed. “The sky was on fire,” Inna reported.

It was during that visit that she met **Natasha**, her listener. Inna invited Natasha to a women’s brunch, where she shared Christ with her listeners.

Today Natasha is a strong Christian, and a Bible school student.

“My Mom listens to FEBC now,” said Natasha. “I am praying for her salvation.”

are answered as God restores families, brings hope to children and teenagers, and saves souls for eternity. People are desperate for hope, their hearts are open to the Good News.



# Under Fire

## *Broken Lives – While Risking Their Own*



**Eduard Kurylenko,**  
Director of FEBC-Ukraine,  
distributes radios to soldiers,  
visiting troops at the front lines.

“Our radio programs resonate with joy and faith. We’re known as a beacon of hope, spreading encouragement,” said **Eduard Kurylenko**, FEBC-Ukraine’s leader. “These aren’t superficial encouragements; we’re all living in the same reality, filled with fear and pain. We share Christ, our rock, and allow the Holy Spirit to minister to our listeners through us, serving as vessels behind the microphone.”

**Sergey**, a listener from Avdiivka, received a radio from Pastor Yuri as a gift. “This radio you gave me became my lifeline. Jesus became a part of my life. As we fled our city just before it was captured by Russian forces, I wasn’t just

screaming; I was screaming a prayer. I never prayed before meeting you, friends. I knew nothing about Jesus before discovering FEBC radio. Now, I have a true friend in Him,” he shared.

Of the thousands of people who are calling us, most know virtually nothing about Jesus. **Anna** called us and began asking questions about God, “I hear you talking about Jesus, but I don’t understand much,” she confessed. “I just feel that this is what I need...I am desperate for hope,” she said, after letting us know that her husband was drafted a day before.

We make sure that all those who call us are connected with a local fellowship of believers, so they don’t become war-time Christians. We help our listeners to become rooted in Christ and in church.

Shattered lives, restored souls—this is the reality in Ukraine.

Together, we’re fighting for lives that are saved for eternity. It’s our mandate from God to inspire Ukrainians to follow Jesus Christ.

Thank you for standing with us, supporting us with your prayers and generosity.

**Dr. Victor Akhterov**  
is FEBC’s Coordinator  
for the region of Eurasia

***Rev. Sergey Nakul**  
is now serving as  
a chaplain in the  
Ukrainian army, leading  
many soldiers to Christ.  
When he can, he still  
comes to FEBC’s Kyiv  
studio to broadcast the  
Good News. People give  
their lives to Christ as a  
result. Below is the fam-  
ily of **Olexi and Yulia**,  
who became believers  
recently, with their  
little boy **Tim**.*



# STORY: NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

FEBC-Ukraine's program director, **Igor**, is often invited to speak to groups of young people throughout Ukraine. In one of these cities, he met a young man, **Sasha**, who escaped the war in the east. He was so excited to share his testimony with Igor:

"I knew nothing about Jesus, Then I began listening to you and other broadcasters--your programs are so dynamic, and full of life! I became interested in what you have. Your radio station became my best friend."

After moving to the west, he met young people who were sharing the Gospel on the street. "This is exactly what I heard from you on the radio." said Sasha. I came up to them, we became friends, and I gave my life to Jesus. I am so happy I did!"



## PROJECTS THAT CHANGE LIVES



### Ethnic Ministry in Russia

We are focusing on several key ethnic groups living in Russia: Buryats, Tatars, and two others we don't advertise for safety reasons.

Combined, these distinctly non-Christian groups consist of eight million people. In many cases, it is extremely difficult for new converts to openly share their faith. Some face realistic death threats.

We are producing hundreds of programs for these groups, helping them understand who Jesus is. We need your support for program production and follow-up ministry to those who respond.

### Widows: Showing Love in Suffering

We have several programs that reach out to widows and orphans. We talk to widows over the air, providing hope, and helping them be restored. Many are responding--broken, exhausted, left behind.

In addition to helpful programming, we provide one-on-one counseling for widows. "I felt alive again, for the first time in a year," said **Anna**, who lost her husband. There are hundreds of women like her.

We also invite some of our listeners who lost their husbands to our studios and churches, to minister to them, pray for them, and inspire them to follow Christ. You can help us reach more suffering women in Ukraine.

