FEBC EURASIA UPDATE

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FACTS & STATS

- ♦ 10% of listeners who respond to our broadcasts in Ukraine are children 12 and younger.
- ♦ Russian nationalists are indoctrinating children in schools and even preschools. They often mix in some religion into their ideology.
- ♦ FEBC is ministering directly to Ukrainian children who have lost their parents in the war.
- ◆ FEBC is beginning production of evan-gelistic materials for children growing up in Muslim environments.

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Help Us Bring the Light of Christ to the CHILDREN OF EURASIA

by Victor P. Akhterov

"I am afraid that my Mom will be killed, just like my father was," said Darina, 11, as she was texting with one of our experienced online evangelists in Ukraine.

Often such conversations begin when children reach a moment of crisis, and they are desperate for help.

"They really want to talk to someone, and that's great, because we are there to help them deal with what they are going through, and introduce them to Jesus," said Iryna, FEBC-Ukraine's head of the counseling ministry.

"This year alone we befriended hundreds of children, who in turn became the friends of Jesus," she shared. "This is the most satisfying part of the ministry, to see these boys and girls discover Jesus."

In Russia, in 2024, our videos for children were viewed <u>more than</u> 1,000,000 times. In simple terms, we are talking about the Gospel, and how children can entrust their lives to Jesus.

Zhenya, 12, from Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, wrote, "I never thought I could just talk to God like I talk to a friend. I now talk to Him every evening."

We are prepared to triple our impact during Christmas time. Thank you for your love for these children.

Victor P. Akhterov, PhD, is the senior coordinator of FEBC-Eurasia, which includes Ukraine, Russia, and six other countries.







Equipping Parents:

New Christians Leading their Children to Christ

When people become
Christians, their first
prayer is for their children
to discover faith in Christ.

"I want to make sure our three boys become followers of Jesus," said Anton, who gave his life to Jesus in September. "I can't imagine them living without Him, like I did."

We are equipping parents throughout Eurasia to support their children and embark on their own journeys of faith.

We encourage them to pray with their little ones and read the Bible together. <u>Many mothers, like</u> <u>Svitlana in Kyiv, are themselves</u> <u>praying for the first time:</u>

"Saying words addressed to God out loud, with my two boys sitting beside me, was one of the most amazing experiences I've had in years."



In **Muslim** countries, what often makes a difference for children is when parents introduce them to media materials that we produce. These children respond well to stories that are full of pictures that explain the Gospel.

In **Ukraine**, we produced more than 100 programs for parents to be able to <u>minister to their</u> <u>children during the war</u>, helping them find out who Jesus is in the midst of fear and suffering.

Jesus cared about children. We know you do too. <u>Thank you for caring</u>.



"I am so happy that Jesus is my Lord now... I want with all my heart for my kids to be with Him as well."

Masha, 12, called us after her suicide attempt.

She lives in the Ukrainian city of Myrnograd, now under heavy fire. FEBC is the only station that is left broadcasting there.

"I was so afraid, and I didn't want to be afraid anymore. I just wanted everything to end," she shared, crying.

In the conversation, Masha was able to share everything that bothers her.

She agreed to meet with Christians who live in her city and help children and teens follow Jesus.

She gladly received several key links to find out more about Jesus. And she gave her life to Christ.

"I want my life to be beautiful," she said.
It will be.

Close to Our Little Listeners:

The Pure Gospel is Needed as Never Before

ur work with children across various countries addresses their unique needs. Our guiding principle is to remain close to our listeners, especially the little ones.

In Ukraine, children desperately need help coping with the chaos of the war. How is Jesus reaching these children in the middle of a war-torn country? Through our broadcasters, who are reaching thousands of hurting hearts in need of healing.



"When I called you the second time and you remembered my name and my story, I felt so special," said Tanya, 11. "I now listen to your programs every day, and I pray after each episode, just like you suggested. It really makes me feel good."

Tanya worries about her father, who works in the dangerous Donbass region, while she and her mother have sought safety in Western Ukraine. Five million Ukrainian children are struggling with fear as the war continues. We aim to help them understand that Jesus is very close to them and that they are not alone.

In Russia, government school lessons promote the war. There are celebrations where young children wear military uniforms and form "Z" signs with their bodies in support of the conflict.

While FEBC is distinctly <u>non-political</u>, we understand the challenging environment in which we are ministering. <u>Now more than ever, Russian children need the pure, unadulterated Gospel, and we are committed to providing it through our programs.</u>

"I now understand what it means to follow Jesus," wrote Vova, 9, from the Russian Far East. "Your programs are so cool!"

"I asked my Mom to get me a children's Bible, and I am now reading it. Your programs inspire me to think about God and about Jesus," wrote Sofia, 10, from Moscow.

In Moldova, we focus on supporting children who are often neglected by their parents, many of whom work abroad for months, leaving their children in the care of grandparents or relatives. Abuse is rampant in such situations.



"The first time I heard that someone loves me was in your program," said Roman, 12, from Chisinau, the capital of Moldova. "I hope what you are saying is true and that God truly cares."

He does care, and He is at work through you, our friends, as we plan to reach three million children this Christmas.



STORY: NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

Milana, 24 listened to our programs and responded with joy:

"All we hear about is so gloomy and tragic; people are dying, the country is in peril, and all of this is true. How wonderful it was, though, to listen to your morning program and suddenly feel joy, and hope, and resilience.

"<u>I became your regular listener</u>, and soon I was convinced that this is not a shallow kind of optimism. This joy of yours comes from God, it seems.

"I am like everyone else--I never thought much about God. But now I do.

Every morning, as I listen to your voices, full of hope and faith, I rejoice with
you. And then I pray, as I can, to God. In the name of Jesus, like you said we should. I believe He hears

my prayers, because every time I pray, I feel that He is near me. I am so grateful for that..."



PROJECTS THAT CHANGE LIVES



COUNSELING FOR OUR YOUNG LISTENERS IN UKRAINE

As hundreds of children respond to our programs throughout Ukraine, we help them open their hearts to Jesus.

We need your help to train and equip these counselors. And to support them as they do this life-saving work.

We also need your help to produce of video materials for children that address specific problems such as fear, worry, and apathy. These materials will be used to reinforce the counseling sessions.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Children are not our future, they are our present, and they need Jesus like everyone else.

FEBC is continuously working on several audio and video projects to touch the hearts of the little ones with the love of Jesus.

With your help, we are hoping to talk with more than three million children in the region. We need quality materials to get their attention. We must have caring broadcasters to talk to them at their point of need. Thank you for your help, friends.







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