

Year-end Results: More Saved Lives!

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“We are still married because we began listening to FEBC programs,” wrote Anna, a 34-year old Siberian woman. “And Jesus is a part of our family now.”

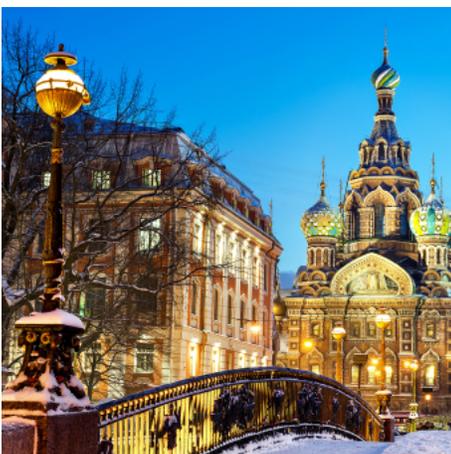
Stories of restored families, saved souls, transformed lives and averted suicides are pouring in.

For \$1 we are now reaching not 2, but several people for the entire year.

If you could help save a life of a lost teen in Siberia or Ukraine, would you do everything in your power to make sure you did that?

Well, this year, you did. You prayed and you gave. Thank you. And the Holy Spirit did His life-giving work.

As we celebrate Christmas, God’s practical, flesh-and-blood entrance



We were blessed to reach millions of Russian people in 2017, many more than we did previously. Soli Deo gloria!

into our world, I believe God is calling us to be even closer to our listeners and even more effective in sharing His love with them. Here are steps we are planning to take and praying about:

1. The evangelism center in Kiev is something we need to be effective. Radio is cost-effective and online radio broadcasts are even less expensive, but this only works if we have a strong base. Friends, we desperately need your help in this.

2. Russia is becoming more restrictive: hundreds of churches and mission organizations were raided by the government this year alone. We responded by spreading our message through multiple channels: various social networks, dozens of online groups, websites, radio stations and other ways, seeing tremendous results.

In 2017, more than 12 million people were impacted by our programs -- and these are conservative measurements. We are working on other ways of reaching our audience as we realize that the internet is becoming more controlled.

3. In 2018, we are planning to introduce a similar **online initiative**, using our unique know-how in Ukraine.

Ukrainian Internet is completely free from government control, but there



God is opening new doors in Ukraine. We ask Him to also give us a building in Kiev to operate from.

are other issues that make our ministry challenging: political instability and war. However, these same factors, help people open their hearts to Jesus.

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In December, our leadership team will be putting together new strategic plans for Russia and Ukraine. We will be praying and planning the steps to achieve our mission, which sounds as follows:

We communicate the Good News among the nations by media to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ.

This is our goal and I believe that by the end of the next year, we will again be able to praise God for bringing more people into His family, despite all opposition.

GOD USES THESE RADIO

- THANK YOU FOR

FINED FOR INVITING PEOPLE TO CHURCH

FEBC's regional leader in Tambov region, **Sergey Stepanov**, was recently fined by the Russian government. The reason was for inviting people to visit his church for Easter, using the Russian version of Facebook. Please pray for freedom to proclaim Christ in Russia.



STUDENTS NEED THE LORD

Being close to our intended audience sometimes means inviting them into our studios. This is what **Rev. Oleg Shevkun** of FEBC-Moscow does every week. Oleg invites students from local universities into FEBC's studios to read the Bible together. They are reading the Scriptures for the first time in their lives, discovering the richness of God's book along with many listeners just like them.

"The Bible is amazing! Everything there is just the opposite of what we see in everyday, mundane life. Here' love is active, sacrificial, powerful, and it's the love of God. I want to discover this love," texted Lubov, one of the listeners.

At this time, Oleg is planning to explore Christmas passages, as Russians celebrate Christmas in January. Pray that God's Word will have a powerful impact on the lives of these students. Just like it did on Oleg, when Christian radio played a great role in his conversion as a young person.



SERVING UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS

As Ukraine is going through the military conflict in the east, many soldiers listen to FEBC programs prepared for them. **Olesya Dmitrieva** is one of the hosts who work on such program.

"I never thought that I would be able to speak into the lives of soldiers, but God prepared me in amazing ways. In part it is my experience running with my family from occupied territory, and losing relatives to this war that help me bring hope to those who serve in military today," said Olesya.

Many soldiers respond to Olesya's programs, and some come to visit local churches.



HELPING FAMILIES

FEBC's family programs are needed and popular in Russia. **Tatyana Gorbacheva** is one of FEBC-Moscow's experienced counselors who helps listeners solve their problems and find Christ in the process.

"I was never a religious person, but I noticed that I listen to your programs all the time, I copy your programs and give them to my friends. I am only thinking about marriage, and because of you, I am thinking clearly about my life, and about my soul, too," wrote Natasha.

PROGRAMMERS TO CHANGE LIVES

SUPPORTING THEM IN PRAYER -



SAVING RUSSIAN TEENS

“I am alive today because of your program,” said Laura, 17, from the Russian city of Krasnoyarsk.

Dr. Evgeny Sarapulov receives messages like these on the regular basis. More than 10 thousand people responded to his program last month.

“This Christmas season, I am hoping to reach more than one million young Russians,” said Evgeny. Please pray for each one of these listeners.

Without the power of the Holy Spirit our efforts are meaningless.



REACHING PARENTS WHO ARE HURTING

Rev. Igor Popov is hosting several programs in FEBC-Russia. One project that he does with special love and care is a program for parents of children with unique challenges.

Igor and his wife are parents of such child themselves, so he speaks from experience when he talks about God’s love and His provision for parents like him.

“I am so encouraged when I listen to your programs! As a mom of a boy with a Down Syndrome, I find help, and solace, and - surprisingly - faith as I listen you,” said Anna, listening in Siberia.



CLEAR GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS

“I thought I was a good Orthodox Christian,” said Svetlana, when she called Nadia Kurilenko, the host of FEBC’s program in Ukraine where she interviews pastors. “But after listening to your programs I realized I only believed in superstitious things. I began praying to Jesus for the first time just yesterday.”



LIFE WELL LIVED

Rev. Grigory Burlaka served with FEBC in Ukraine for a quarter of the century. He went to be with the Lord this October. Pray for his son Vadim, who is now heading the ministry in their city of Chernivtsy to be an effective servant of God for the new generation of Ukrainians.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

The main expense line for FEBC in Russia and Ukraine is the production and airing of these and many other powerful, Gospel-filled programming,
Please consider supporting FEBC in a special way this Christmas.

MINISTRY NEWS AND PRAYER NEEDS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

Pray for special programs that explain the meaning of Christmas to the listeners in Russia and Ukraine. We planned special interviews, concerts and children's specials for this Christmas season.



STUDIO REMODELING IN SLAVYANSK

We are remodeling our studio building in Slavyansk, Ukraine. We need additional **\$3,500 for building materials** to make sure that the studios are up to standards. Several hours of life-changing programming is broadcast daily from these studios.



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PRAYING FOR NEW STATION IN POKROVSK CITY

We received a preliminary decision for a license in Pokrovsk city, Ukraine. Praise God! This will be FEBC's sixth station in Ukraine.

We must raise \$15,000 in the next six months to start broadcasting in 2018.



JEWISH EVANGELISM IN UKRAINE

We need \$2,000 to launch programs for Ukrainian Jews in 2018. We have broadcasters who are ready to start producing the program. Please pray for these evangelists and for our ability to establish a small studio in Odessa, where there is a sizable Jewish Christian population.

NEW MEDIA INITIATIVES

We are having unprecedented success using online tools to reach millions of Russian listeners this year. We developed several unique techniques that let us reach multiple new audiences such as teens, new atheists, cultural Muslims and other specific groups and tell them about Jesus' love. We need to hire a specialist to help us get our programs to more people. And we need to spend some funds for promotional needs. Overall, online listeners are three times less expensive to reach, in comparison to traditional radio. We hope to be reaching more than **5 million listeners monthly by the end of 2018.**

TEAM DEVELOPMENT: TRAINING

We are constantly working on helping team members, both radio programmers and technicians to raise their professional level. In addition to regular internal seminars, we help our team members receive theological and professional education. Please support our educational fund for Russia and Ukraine.

