



# WHAT LIES AHEAD

2021 INTERNATIONAL PRAYER GUIDE

## A NOTE FROM REV. KEVIN KEEGAN, NATIONAL DIRECTOR FEBC AUSTRALIA

The world is desperate for hope - and so this guide is an invitation to pray with us.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to extend globally to the millions still suffering and living through the surging COVID-19 pandemic. Every nation on earth has faced ongoing crises in their healthcare, education, and economic systems, with some places now becoming completely overwhelmed.

### **People are suffering and in need of prayer - everywhere.**

Be encouraged that FEBC is not sitting on the sidelines waiting for the pandemic to be over so we can jump back into ministry. The fact is we have done the exact opposite.

When the pandemic struck in early 2020, we significantly increased our ministry efforts to meet the crisis head on. We haven't let up. As a result, every day more listeners than ever before are responding to the message of the Gospel . . . and so even in struggle we rejoice!

Like the apostle Paul, we are "... straining forward to what lies ahead, pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3 -13-14, ESV).

We know that God is powerfully using FEBC: meeting needs and opening hearts to receive Him; replacing uncertainty with hope; exchanging fear with faith; and giving comfort, peace and certainty of a love that will never fail in this life time and for all eternity. So please join with us in prayer as we pray over the needs in our world.

In these pages you'll find recent prayer requests and praise reports from many of our FEBC broadcasting teams around the world. You'll see how God is moving in amazing ways!

Thank you for your commitment to partner with us as a community of believers. We are trusting in God's promise to be in our midst as we seek Him together (Matthew 18:20).

**In Christ there is light—not just at the end of the tunnel, but right now in the midst of the darkness. God is at work!**



In His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Keegan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kevin Keegan  
*National Director, FEBC Australia*

Every nation has been impacted during this time of crisis.

**The following prayer points apply for all nations and fields where FEBC is sharing the Good News.**

Please pray for:

- THE PROTECTION, SAFETY, AND HEALTH OF OUR STAFF AND PARTNERS
- THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19 AND THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES
- THE CONTAINMENT OF THE VIRUS
- ALL OUR PARTNERS WHO CONTINUE TO FAITHFULLY SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR OUR WORK DESPITE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES





# BROADCAST FIELDS

## BELARUS



**Prayer Requests** – Pray for the Belarusian people as we increase our direct outreach during this time of political unrest and transformation. **Pray for more local Christians to help with our ministry on the ground in Belarus so that we can offer follow-up to listeners.**

**Praise** – Praise God that **FEBC's Russian language broadcasts are now reaching the people of Belarus** and for the increasing effectiveness of social media to share the Gospel.

## CAMBODIA



**Prayer Requests** – **Pray for the team as they continue to travel long distances to connect with listeners** in various towns and villages in northeast Cambodia, which is home to several ethnic people groups.

**Praise** – Throughout the pandemic, FEBC Cambodia's team has focused on serving the poor. We saw the Gospel touching many hearts. **As we visited villages, listeners told us how much they enjoyed listening to God's Word through FEBC's local FM radio stations.** Many appear to have a genuine desire to follow Jesus.

## CHAD



**Prayer Requests** – Ongoing restrictions imposed in response to the pandemic are giving rise to civil unrest, with several incidents taking place where civilians and authorities resorted to violence. **Pray for God to strengthen, protect, and guide all ministry efforts and bring peace to this land.**

**Praise** – After a long year of frequent power outages that resulted in damage to several pieces of important equipment and disruptions to broadcasts, **our station received and installed new solar panels. This will minimize disruptions and will greatly improve the quality of broadcasts.**







## CHINA



**Prayer Requests** – Please pray for several new ministries FEBC China is launching, including a new podcast for young people and a live program hosted by our younger broadcasters. Also pray for the next generation of pastors who will be trained in our new ‘Bachelor of Ministry’ program recently launched at Liangyou Theological Seminary. **Pray that these new and existing ministries can reach more people of various age groups and backgrounds, in order that they will come to know Christ and grow in spiritual maturity.**

**Praise** – Praise the Lord for advancements in key areas. We now have a local outreach ministry in Hong Kong. **We have also increased the number of evangelistic programs while also establishing new in-depth theological training programs.** We’re grateful for God’s grace and empowerment even in the midst of challenging and difficult times!

## INDIA



**Prayer Requests** – COVID-19 continues to overwhelm many parts of this vast country, its health services and institutions. Pray for the country’s poorest and most vulnerable, who are desperate for assistance - going without work and income during the lengthy enforced lockdown periods. **Pray for the health and safety of our team and volunteers who connect personally with listeners.** Pray for wisdom as they explore new media platforms that may help us reach more with the words they need during the pandemic.

**Praise** – Thank God that our broadcasts have continued to provide words of hope and comfort to people as they lie alone in their homes and hospital beds. **Praise God that the team was able to launch new programs in five different languages since the start of the pandemic.** The listenership has been enormous and continues to grow.

## INDONESIA



**Prayer Requests** – As the largest Muslim nation in the world, there is great need for the Good News. There are 273.5 million Indonesians scattered across more than 6,000 islands, which is why radio is so critical to reaching people for Christ. **Pray for the health of our leaders, staff, and their families.**

**Praise** – We praise God for expanding our radio network with an **additional 98 stations for a total of 105 radio stations** reaching listeners on remote islands! Please pray for many to hear and respond to the Good News.



## JAPAN



**Prayer Requests** – Please pray that the new programs launched this year will effectively proclaim the Good News and reach the hearts and homes of many living in Japan.

Pray for our team members who are still working from home. Pray they will remain united in serving the Lord and soon be able to re-unite and work together. Pray too for Japan as they prepare to host the summer Olympics. Pray for the safety of the athletes.

**Praise** – Praise God for the new programs that have launched! We also thank God that our team were able to adjust to working from home for the past year due to safety concerns during the pandemic.

## KAZAKHSTAN



**Prayer Requests** – Please pray for FEBC Kazakhstan's new national director, as he builds his new team. **Pray for wisdom to continue expanding outreach in this challenging field.**

**Praise** – Praise God for the new evangelistic videos that have been shown in Kazakhstan. They have received tens of thousands of views already. Pray for many to be inspired to follow Jesus Christ.

## KOREA



**Prayer Requests** – As the pandemic continues to affect all areas of our lives, we pray that God will protect His children, churches and businesses from the virus. **Pray for churches as they resume,**

**that people will find jobs, the economy will bounce back, and all will find assurance that this, too, shall pass and that God is in control of everything.**

Pray also that FEBC may continue to proclaim the messages of hope and salvation and minister to those who have lost hope.

**Praise** – We are thankful for God's faithfulness and provision. Despite the pandemic, God has blessed our ministry abundantly. **The new AM transmitter site relocation project was completed in October 2020 and is now broadcasting the Gospel on a signal so strong it covers all of North Korea!**

We are also thankful that God has provided the resources to assist other FEBC fields struggling financially during the pandemic.





## KYRGYZSTAN



**Prayer Requests** – Please pray for peace and stability in **Kyrgyzstan**. The nation's new president, elected in January 2021, made promises to officially turn Kyrgyzstan into an Islamic country. Pray for our witness to be faithful, for the safety of the team and that God would transform many more lives with the Gospel.

**Praise** – We thank God for His mercy and the opportunity to serve the people of Kyrgyzstan. Recently, a listener called our station and asked to hear more about Jesus, after tuning into our program. **Three days later, for the first time in her life, she attended a local church, where she dedicated her life to Christ.** There are many with stories like hers. We praise God for each new life in Christ!

## MALAWI



**Prayer Requests** – Pray that our new FM radio station in Malawi will have a great impact among the Yao Muslims, as they prepare to begin broadcasting through their very own frequency. Pray they will be provided with all the resources they need to launch this new station.

**Praise** – Praise God that **an official FM license was granted to FEBA Malawi after a three-year wait.** We are excited to soon be reaching many more people with the Gospel!

## MALI



**Prayer Requests** – Pray for peace and stability in Mali. The ongoing fighting between government forces and rebels, and the seizure of land in the north by extremists is causing loss of life and instability for the country. This also restricts follow-up visits as it is dangerous to move around.

**Praise** – Praise God that despite ongoing political instability, our team remains safe and continues to broadcast the Gospel and receive testimonies of transformed lives.

## MOLDOVA



**Prayer Requests** – Please pray for our increased online presence in Moldova, as well as partnering with locals, to help us coordinate our broadcasts and follow-up work with listeners who contact us. The result of recent elections may make it more difficult to air our Russian-language programs in Moldova.

**Praise** – Praise God that FEBC's Russian programs are now available through seven FM stations in Moldova!



## MONGOLIA



**Prayer Requests** – Due to the pandemic, government-imposed restrictions are still in place. This prolonged period of uncertainty, job loss, limited movement, and lost business opportunities has left many frustrated and distressed. **Pray for our ministry to encourage and strengthen the faith of local church leaders and elders via FEBC's biblical and discipleship content.** Pray, also, for the establishment of new stations in additional provinces.

**Praise – Praise God for FEBC Mongolia's 20th anniversary in 2021!** Praise Him for the accomplishments of the past 20 years and the abundant harvest that has occurred. Many new believers who came to faith by tuning into FEBC broadcasts are now attending church.

## MOZAMBIQUE



**Prayer Requests** – After experiencing years of violent threats from jihadists, thousands of locals have been displaced, traumatized, and lost their livelihoods and loved ones. **Pray that God will bring peace to the towns and villages** and help the station and broadcasts restore hope to people who live in constant fear.

**Praise – Praise God for protecting all our stations and allowing us to experience even greater expansion throughout the pandemic.** Despite the restrictions, listener clubs continue to grow as many new listeners came to faith.

## MYANMAR



**Prayer Requests** – In February 2021, Myanmar's democratically elected government was overthrown by a military coup. Pray for the safety of the elected officials who were rounded up and imprisoned. **Pray for safety for the FEBC broadcasters whose voices are recognizable due to daily radio broadcasts,** which is a concern now that the military is in power. Pray for reconciliation.

**Praise – We give God thanks for the continued impact that FEBC's faith-based programs have had in this Buddhist-dominant country!** People are coming to faith in Christ!

## PAKISTAN



**Prayer Requests** – Pray that our broadcast ministry reaches the spiritually oppressed and hard-to-reach areas to share the Gospel. **Pray that the ministry will multiply in the power of the Holy Spirit as persecution intensifies.**

**Praise – Despite the challenges and difficulties during the pandemic, the ministry is growing and positively impacting many listeners** in this part of the world. We praise the Lord for the protection and safety of our team.







## PHILIPPINES

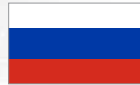


**Prayer Requests** – Pray for continued safety and protection for staff and leaders. **Pray that each individual serving FEBC will not lose sight of their personal calling and remain faithful,**

**enduring every challenge yet to come.** Pray for God to provide the resources needed to improve our ministry on virtual platforms, where the Philippine infrastructure lacks stability. The ministry would greatly benefit from updated equipment and facilities. The Lord has provided for 73 years and will continue to provide despite these challenges.

**Praise** – Since the pandemic began, our broadcasts (local and shortwave) have continued by God's grace. We were even able to provide an emergency radio signal in devastated areas during the typhoon season...only by God's grace and leading! **We thank God for the dedicated staff who risked their own safety to provide critical information and extend the Gospel to those who need salvation - physically and spiritually.**

## RUSSIA



**Prayer Requests** – Please pray our fifteen staff who have recovered or are recovering from COVID-19. Please pray that there are no long-term consequences from the illness. **Please pray for the growing network of volunteers in Russia who are helping with listener outreach and connecting listeners to local churches.**

**Praise** – FEBC-Russian Ministries first launched a prayer line in Ukraine and many conversions took place as a result. We have started a similar prayer line in Russia and listeners are responding. **Many people have turned to the Lord and begun attending church because of FEBC's outreach. Praise God!**

## SIBERIA



**Prayer Requests** – Please pray for our efforts in Buryat, a heavily Buddhist region of Siberia. We are working with local Christians to develop programs to reach the Buryat people. There is a lot of spiritual darkness here, including animal and ancestor worship. **Please pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of the Buryat people and capture their hearts with the Gospel.**

**Praise** – We're so grateful for the opportunity to reach the people of Siberia with the Word of God! We pray for transformed lives!



## THAILAND



**Prayer Requests** – Pray for a breakthrough in the hearts of the Thai people. Pray that we can produce programs that will truly reach young people through new media. Pray for wisdom, strength and manpower. **Please pray that people with Buddhist backgrounds will realize that God is the Creator of all things and will accept Him** as the one and only God, the one they can turn to in any given situation in their lives.

**Praise** – **Praise God for the religious freedom that currently exists in Thailand, which allows us to freely share the Gospel** here and in surrounding countries. Praise, too, for the faithfulness, resilience, and innovation of the staff during COVID lockdown; our work has thrived despite the pandemic.

## UKRAINE



**Prayer Requests** – **Please pray for FEBC Ukraine's partnerships with local churches.** We are working closer than ever with dozens of churches in Ukraine, helping them with online outreach and online church services; we are also making plans for our future partnership after the pandemic. Please keep the Kiev Evangelism Center in your prayers. We are now remodeling the newly purchased building and hope to begin using it soon! It will serve as a broadcasting hub for Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Moldova, and the entire region of Eurasia.

**Praise** – Praise God for the many listeners who have contacted the ministry, as well as for **God's provision that funded the purchase of the new building for our future Kiev Evangelism Center.**

## VIETNAM



**Prayer Requests** – Pray for the implementation of the vision – “The Bible for every people group, a leader for every church, and Gospel content for every home.” **Pray that with access to biblical resources, pastors, teachers, and church leaders will be more effective** with the study and application of God's Word in their personal lives, as well as the life of the church, to **protect believers from false teachers and their dangerous teachings that have divided and weakened the church in recent years.**

**Praise** – Praise God for the three new languages added to the production schedule despite the challenges of COVID-19! **Praise God for much more openness to the Gospel in the church and community during increased times of restrictions.** Praise God for sufficient provision to do what needs to be done and to streamline what is secondary to achieve strategic Gospel objectives.







## CHINESE

# ETHNIC PEOPLE GROUPS

## REGIONAL OUTREACH

**Prayer Requests** – Ethnic ministries in China have always faced many challenges. It used to be more dangerous, yet many missionaries committed themselves to spreading the Gospel. Today, the impact of COVID-19 as well as other restrictions have impeded many ministry plans, including our Gospel broadcasts. However, our broadcasting team has decided to “walk against the wind” to re-arrange our limited manpower and resources, and forge ahead with plans for the future. **Please pray our team will make relevant and sustainable plans.**

**Praise** – With the popularity of the Internet and its comprehensive coverage, smart phones have become a multi-function communicative device. We are planning to produce mini-Gospel messages and testimonies catering to our various language groups. We will also work with local churches and believers to make audio clips in their own tongue. **Praise the Lord that we can make use of multi-media to proclaim the Good News to different minority groups!**

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

### AKHA

**Prayer Requests** – **Pray for the many Akha people who have not yet believed.** May God grant mercy and open their hearts to believe in Him.

**Praise** – **Praise God for Akha Christians in Southeast Asia,** despite the persecution they often face, God has protected them and brought many to believe in Him.

### HMONG

**Prayer Requests** – **Pray that God will guide and lead FEBC Hmong broadcasters to have wisdom and strength to teach the Bible** on the radio, as well as through new media, Facebook, YouTube, WeChat, and other digital platforms.

**Praise** – Thank God for many years of Bible-based programming through FEBC Hmong broadcasts, as well as the opportunity to visit many churches and listeners, and to offer help to the persecuted. **Many Hmong have come to believe in God and millions hear the Good News through FEBC Hmong Radio.**



## KIM MUN

**Prayer Requests** – Please pray for sufficient electricity to operate the broadcasts, as it is often unstable in the higher elevations of the mountains. Pray for travel safety, as the team uses motorbikes on treacherous mountain roads to visit listeners. Also pray for new media platforms.

**Praise** – Praise God that the Kim Mun now have programming in their own language through FEBC! For many years they listened to the radio in the language of Mien, which is not their heart language. But now they have their own broadcast, with which many Kim Mun are now familiar. Thank God that many churches and listeners have been visited by our team, and many people have come to faith and been baptized.

## MIEN

**Prayer Requests** – The total population of the Mien is 1.7 million, but only 0.87% are followers of Jesus. **Please pray for FEBC Mien radio to reach all Mien people.**

**Praise** – Praise the Lord for the great opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through many channels on radio stations and new media (Facebook, YouTube, WeChat, etc). The Word of God has changed the lives of many Mien. Many believers and churches have received spiritual fruit and strong faith in God. **More than 500,000 Mien listen to the Good News.**

## LAHU

**Prayer Requests** – Pray for the Lahu. May God lead the team to produce the best radio programs to reach them. **Pray that they can visit various villages to establish relationships with the Lahu and their leaders.**

**Praise** – Praise the Lord! In addition to proclaiming the Gospel through radio, the Lahu team is able to visit our listeners. They also established a drug treatment center for addicts. Drugs are a serious crisis in Southeast Asia. **Praise God that He has turned this crisis into an opportunity for the Gospel.** This is a great bridge to bring the Gospel to the Lahu people. Many have come to faith and now believe in Jesus Christ.





## LAO

**Prayer Requests – Please pray for the many Lao who are hungry and thirsty for the Gospel.** Many want to receive the Good News of Jesus, but the laws of the country are still quite strict. People are not allowed to freely believe in Jesus. May God bless the work of FEBC to share the Gospel with all Lao people.

**Praise – Thank God for protecting and leading our Lao broadcaster to minister to persecuted believers,** even though most people here are not yet open to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Praise God for the fruit that has come from this labor. In the past year we have seen many listener responses.

## MON

**Prayer Requests – Pray for the Holy Spirit's breakthrough in the hearts of the Mon people** and to help us remember we are not fighting against flesh and blood. Pray, too, that we will be strong in the Lord. Also pray that we will be able to effectively reach the Mon people. Please pray for an additional programmer.

**Praise – Praise God for His faithfulness during the pandemic.** Even though our country and people were in lockdown, it didn't stop our radio and Facebook broadcasts. Moreover, it opened doors to stream Sunday services to those who cannot attend worship services.

## SHAN

**Prayer Requests – Pray for the working of the Holy Spirit, so that many more listeners will understand the Gospel and make the decision to accept Christ.** Also, pray for the Shan team as they plan to visit many listeners and churches in Shan State and throughout Myanmar.

**Praise – Thank God for the many Shan people in Shan State, Myanmar, and in Thailand who have received Christ as Saviour.** Praise God for the many Shan believers who have grown in their faith through radio, new media, and Facebook.



## TAI DAM

**Prayer Requests – Pray for God to send workers to harvest the fields of the Tai Dam people of Southeast Asia.** Opportunities are plentiful in 2021. Pray for a follow-up team who can continue to respond to questions from our audience.

**Praise – Thank God for protection throughout the pandemic and for the SD Cards received from FEBC,** which arrived just in time. The Gospel programs were loaded onto the SD cards and the team distributed them to an area in the north. Many Tai Dam are hearing the Gospel for the first time through these SD cards.<sup>1</sup>

## TAI LUE

**Prayer Requests – Pray for the development of the Tai Lue program in 2021 to reach more people in Southeast Asia.** May the Lord give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to bring salvation to our people.

**Praise –** Thank God that FEBC's Tai Lue ministry transitioned well during the pandemic, when our former programmer retired. God continued to oversee and protect our Tai Lue ministry by providing a young, vibrant broadcaster.

**Praise God we have a good relationship with the Tai Lue in Southeast Asia.** We are grateful for improved relations with Tai Lue in another country through new media, Facebook, etc.

<sup>1</sup> SD cards provide the content for Gospel Speaker Boxes to play in remote areas where listeners may not have access to the Internet. After listening to all of the content on an SD card, listeners can exchange it for an updated card with new content.



# LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER

THE PERSECUTED BELIEVER, THE UNREACHED FAMILY,  
& THE FORGOTTEN VILLAGES

**Calling all prayer partners to bring the world,  
and the mission of FEBC, before God today.**

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