

# Praise & Prayer

November - December 2021



“ I have lived a long life, but I have never heard of those truths that you share. They changed my thinking, and now, in my old age, I begin to learn to live a truly right life. ”

**\* Eric, 84 years old, Kyrgyzstan**

*\*Name has been changed to protect the person mentioned.  
Representative image used.*

## International 1-6 NOV

**1** Pray for God's love to unite believers, and for the outworking of this love in prayer and acts of kindness towards one another. (1 John 4:11)

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**2** Praise God for entrusting the ministry of reconciliation to each of us, and for His grace that empowers us to fulfill His commission. Pray for each of us in the FEBC family to be revived in our hearts for Jesus and His purposes.

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**3** Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life. (Proverbs 13:12) Pray for FEBC broadcasts to shine the light and hope of Christ brightly into hearts where hope has been deferred because of unchanged or even worsened circumstances.

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**4** Pray for the perfect love of God to cast out the spirit of fear hovering over many tribes and nations. Pray for the FEBC family and Christians to be the conduit of His love, grace and strength.

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**5** Pray for eyes to be opened to see God's workings through the year, minds to turn back to the goodness of God, and ears to receive His Word.

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**6** Pray for hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26) to receive the truth as FEBC reaches out with the hope and love of Christ this Christmas season.

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## Middle East 7-12 NOV

**7** Though Christianity started in the Middle East, Christians account for only 10% of the population now. Pray for more to hear and receive the Good News through FEBC's and other media partners' radio and digital broadcasts.

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**8** In Islamic nations, believing in Christ means being ostracized or killed. Pray for believers to stand firm in their faith, and for wisdom as they share their faith despite the fear around them. Pray for continued protection and provision for FEBC's partners to provide access of shelter, legal aid and other services to children of persecuted parents.

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**9** The festive season can be acutely lonely for the thousands of foreigners working in some Middle Eastern nations. As the year ends, many locals also grow weary with the constant turmoil in the region. Pray for FEBC partners' radio and online programmes to impact millions of listeners with the true story of Christmas, bringing the peace of Christ to homes and hearts.

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**10** The crisis in Yemen continues to deteriorate. Civil wars rage. The country's infrastructure has totally collapsed. External threats continue. COVID and cholera continue to ravage the people. Pray for God to ransom the Yemeni people from darkness and relentless oppression. Pray against the evils of war and sickness.

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**11** It has been six years since the Yemeni civil war started. More than half of Yemeni children surveyed struggle with feelings of sadness and depression. Pray for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to lift off trauma, and for His perfect love to comfort and cast out fear.

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**12** Despite the bleak outlook, and added COVID difficulties, praise God for the pinpricks of light of people wanting to follow Jesus after listening to the radio. Pray for FEBC-supported broadcast programmes that encourage and guide Yemeni people into the glorious light of new life in Jesus. Pray for God to increase the current 0.0001% believers, and for courage for Yemeni people to leave their tribal identities, and accept their new identities in Christ.

## South Asia 13-18 NOV

**13** Pakistan houses 1.4 million Afghan refugees, an estimated increase of 700,000 since the Taliban took over Afghanistan. Pray that the Pakistani government will manage the situation in a compassionate manner. Pray for FEBA Pakistan to reach more locals and Afghan refugees through various media (shortwave, FM radio, social media and personal meetings) to proclaim the gospel in the country.

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**14** Pray for our partners in Pakistan, Amplifying Voices. These godly, faithful media partners are making a significant impact with their broadcasts and training in remote and difficult areas. Pray for their safety, security, health, and leader, Hazeen.

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**15** Praise God for FEBA Pakistan's three-year strategic plan (2021-2024). Pray for resources to meet the goals set, even as persecution increases.

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**16** India – Praise God for the opportunity to launch programmes to two more Ethnic groups despite COVID. The listenership has been enormous and continues to grow. Pray for the FEBC India Helpline as it meets the needs of listeners ringing to receive counselling, encouragement, and support.

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**17** Pray for other media partners in South Asia: Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Nepal. Pray that God will use the words people hear on-air and online to provide comfort and support in difficult times. Pray that lives will be changed as people find Jesus.

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**18** Pray for continued prayer and aid for Afghanistan, and the Christians therein. Praise God that even in the face of persecution, more are turning to Jesus. Pray for FEBC's media partners' social media and local Christian radio to reach millions with the hope and peace of Jesus.

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## Central Asia 19-25 NOV

**19** Kazakhstan – Praise God for the launch of a new evangelistic broadcast channel. Praise God for testimonies inspiring people to find out more. Pray for creativity and wisdom so the programming can reach more. Pray for the broadcasts on social media to go viral.

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**20** Pray for wisdom, discernment, the right words, and partners, for the teams when dealing with authorities.

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**21** Praise God for opening doors, even through the angry comments from people of another faith over their evangelistic content. This is the beginning of FEBC's follow-up ministry with them.

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**22** In Kyrgyzstan, the effects of COVID and water supply issues continue to plague the people. There has even been a deadly clash with Tajikistan over a water source. The sharp hike in food prices, coupled with the loss of jobs, is difficult to bear when 22% of the population are already impoverished. Pray for the living water of Christ to flood the land and fill hearts, bringing hope to the parched and weary.

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**23** Christians make up only one percent of the population of Kyrgyzstan, and these are first-generation believers. Pray for God to multiply this one percent. Pray for more to hear the Good News through FEBC.

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**24** "I have lived a long life, but I have never heard of those truths that you share. They changed my thinking, and now, in my old age, I begin to learn to live a truly right life." \*Eric, 84 years old

**25** Praise God for His continued protection over FEBC family and broadcasts in Central Asia. Pray for God to bring the increase in this predominantly Muslim region.

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## **East Asia 26 NOV-1 DEC**

**26** Korea – Praise God! More people listen to radios and have heard the gospel during COVID than ever before. Praise God for the AM station on Daebu Island in South Korea that reaches all of North Korea. Pray for North Koreans to hear the gospel and be ministered to by the broadcasts.

**27** Taiwan – Pray against the mounting outside pressures on the country, along with those due to the pandemic. Give thanks and pray for the new programmes “Sunday School on the Air” and the podcast “Children’s Bible Stories” that FEBC Taiwan has started for children.

**28** Pray for FEBC interns now producing Chinese programmes to build faith and change lives. “Sermons from the Treasure Chest” and the women’s podcast “Better Half of the Sky” are two such programmes.

**29** Praise God that the chairman of Taiwan Lutheran Churches has recommended FEBC Taiwan’s podcast “Pastoral Support” to all their pastors and staff. May God grant wisdom and strength to the producers so that every episode can truly support the Taiwan church and pastoral staff.

**30** Praise God for the new season of training for FEBC Mongolia’s leaders, managers and partners. Using a project-based learning model, they will be implementing what they learn. They are building a community of grace where they learn from and partner with one another to reach the goals of the local believers in various parts of the country.

**1** Hong Kong – FEBC has trained up many leaders and pastors in China over the years. Pray that even more students can be reached through the newer mode of online learning through the Liangyou Theological Seminary.

## **Southeast Asia 2-8 DEC**

**2** In Myanmar, the COVID outbreak especially in the northwest of Myanmar’s Chin State, has been severe. 200 ministers have died because of COVID. Pray for the families of these ministers to be protected, and for the Holy Spirit to comfort them in their grief. Pray for medical aid to reach the people and the programmes to give hope.

**3** Pray for healing, recovery and provisions for the FEBC Philippines team and family members battling COVID and other illnesses. Strict quarantine restrictions have halted or delayed some installation and maintenance work of equipment. Pray for FEBC Philippines’ team to rely on God’s power and control.

**4** Pray for the leadership of FEBC Philippines. The team is going through transitions in virtual/work-from-home arrangements and staff replacements. Pray for God to sustain the leaders, and give them wisdom as they navigate the team through pandemic challenges and the transitions.

**5** Malaysia is experiencing a huge increase in COVID cases and death rates. Refugees have not been spared. Pray for God’s mercy on the nation and for more to receive hope and life in Jesus.

**6** Thailand – As radio programmers venture into social media, pray for God's strategy and creativity. Pray for the newly-launched Bible Correspondence Course on social messaging apps and the Youth Initiative of vlogs.

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**7** Praise God for using FEBC Thailand's 'Through the Bible' programme to strengthen believers despite COVID infections. "I thank the team members who prayed for my health. Because of the COVID pandemic, all human beings are scared. I thank God that whenever I fear, I will rely on His Word and pray to Him, allowing Him to be number one in my heart. The fear and anxiety disappear instantly."

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**8** Amongst those that the FEBC Indonesia team ministers to are Afghan refugees. Praise God that an Afghan refugee in a Bible Study group was recently baptized by the team. This refugee's family is still in Afghanistan. He is believing God for their protection.

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## **Ethnic Minorities 9-13 DEC**

**9** Many ethnic minorities residing in Southeast Asia speak languages different from the national language of those countries. FEBC broadcasts the gospel in their heart languages, speaking directly to them. Pray for additional languages to be added to reach the unreached.

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**10** Praise God for the many engagements of the Ethnic ministry on social media, spearheaded by Mien, Hmong and Khmu ministries.

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**11** Give praise and pray for the Bible study our Laotian broadcaster is conducting to listeners and pastors in Laos three times weekly via Facebook Messenger.

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**12** "When I first visited this province in Laos, in 2009, there were just a handful of churches. A recent report from the leaders there stated that there are now over 55 churches. Despite persecution, the church has grown in that province, and the FEBC Khmu radio broadcast and now Facebook Live have been a big part of that." - Khmu Bible translator

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**13** Pray for the Mon ministry team as they continue to grieve the passing of Pastor Zaw Zaw from COVID and make adjustments for his loss. May God raise up others.

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## **Africa 14-18 DEC**

**14** Malawi – Praise God for good reception of the new FM station broadcasts. Pray for more labourers to help in the increased workload from the swell in the number of listeners.

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**15** A new convert was attacked by a mob who demanded that he renounce his faith in Jesus. Three other believers also had to flee and hide for fear of persecution. Pray for the authorities to find the perpetrators and for protection over our persecuted brothers and sisters.

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**16** South Africa – Praise God for the recovery of their staff from COVID. Pray that God will connect FEBC South Africa with likeminded partners. Pray for God's wisdom to expand their fundraising efforts, to achieve maximum efficacy and continue to increase their impact.

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**17** Chad – 2021 has been a turbulent year. During the elections, the whole country was shaken by protests, which affected broadcasts. Soldiers were everywhere and the streets were blocked most of the time by the military. People live in constant fear. Praise God that their radio programmes, put together by local pastors, are bringing peace and comfort to Chadians.

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**18** Praise God for the baptism of 20 new believers in a river in Chad. God is at work through FEBC in Chad!

## Eurasia 19-24 DEC

**19** Pray for the containment of COVID in the Eurasia region during the wintry months, and that the light of Christ burns bright.

**20** Ukraine – Praise God for the new Kyiv Media Evangelism Center and a successful online women's conference that had attendees from all across Eurasia. Pray for the safety of those travelling to reach out to churches for their partnership and listener meetings.

**21** Russia is sadly leading the world in teen suicide. FEBC Russia has programmes helping young people find true meaning in life. Many have heard the Good News and been connected to churches. Pray for the growth of this youth ministry, and also for the growing women's ministry.

**22** Praise God that Bible-based programmes are becoming more popular. Listener responses are becoming deeper as people seek to know the truth.

**23** Praise God for expanding broadcasts into previously unreached Moldova, where they now partner with seven stations. "I try to find peace, but it never lasts. I listened and your words pierced me. I knew I needed Jesus." Pray for more to hear of, and receive the peace of Jesus.

**24** UK – Pray for the ongoing sale of the FEBC building in Worthing, and wisdom as to where God would lead moving forward.

## North America 25-27 DEC

**25** Christmas Day – As we praise God for our Saviour, let's pray for Jesus to be born in the hearts of pre-believers through all FEBC broadcasts across the world this Christmas.

**26** USA – Pray for the Unreached Prayer Initiative that FEBC USA are using. This is a long-term prayer initiative aiming at partnership with churches.

**27** Canada – Praise God for the faithful financial support of our Canadian ministry partners. Pray for ongoing relationship-building with donors.

## Australia 28-31 DEC

**28** Praise God for operational changes that have resulted in greater efficacy. Praise God for His encouragement in the form of testimonies we have received, and the faithful partnership of our supporters and prayer partners.

**29** Pray for refreshment and renewal in God as the FEBC Australia team take a break during the December holidays.

**30** Pray for opportunities to share about Jesus as we go about Christmas celebrations. Pray for a great harvest as God's Word goes out.

**31** Praise God and give thanks for His goodness for the year past and pray for His continued leading and blessings in the coming year 2022. "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

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