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Major cyclones sweep across
Mozambique and Malawi.



God in the Eye of the Storm

First it was Cyclone Idai in 2019. Then, before things were restored, Cyclone Eloise hit Mozambique. A year later in 2022, tropical Cyclone Ana. Then two months later in March of this year, tropical cyclone Gombe. This time 45,000 homes have been completely destroyed, 400,000 affected, many killed. All these whilst in the midst of battling COVID, and violent Jihadist terrorists. How much devastation and trauma can one bear?

Yet in the middle of all such crushing catastrophes, God is still in control. He is still turning things around for good for those who love Him and are called to His purpose. And He is working through FEBC Mozambique to do so.

Bright, the Director of FEBC Mozambique is actively bringing help to those in remote areas where aid agencies are not reaching. With no food, water, and shelter, God's provision through the team has been critical. 160 bags of mealie meal (a staple in Mozambique), harvested from FEBC Mozambique's own maize farm has been distributed. At each refugee centre for those internally displaced, there is a team from FEBC Mozambique to help refugees connect to the station with requests of their practical needs.



FEBC teams have been helping at refugee camps, and also distributing food to remote villages.

Radio FOT and Radio Chiuanjota continue to broadcast daily, comforting people in Portuguese, Nyanja, Macua, Yao, and Ngoni languages. Listeners in more than 12,000 listener clubs are uplifted past the momentary troubles to the eternal hope in Jesus.

Often, the team does these on empty stomachs! Steep price hikes for food have drastically shrunk the value of salaries. A full month's salary is now only sufficient for a week's worth of groceries. But with an unflinching focus on eternity, they persevere. Bright and the FEBC Mozambique team have the food they need — to do the will of Him who sent them and to accomplish His work. And God has been faithful. Calls from listeners have been flooding in, including those of different religious backgrounds, testifying of how they have been touched. How much good can God bring out of tragedies? A lot.

“We May Lose Everything But Jesus”



For the average Indonesian, life is tough. It is a daily struggle to survive. The poverty rate stands at 10.4% of the population or 27.54 million people. This means they cannot afford to spend more than RP 11,000 (AUD 1) a day in rural areas, or RP 19,000 (AUD 1.78) in the city. Women are doubly burdened, doing a full day's work at a lesser pay rate, and then coming home to more housework and childcare. Afterall, “dapur, sumur, kasur” or “the kitchen, the well, and the bed” are the women's traditional place in this patriarchal Muslim society.

Into this largest Muslim population in the world, FEBC Indonesia has been sharing the love of Jesus for 53 years. As evangelism is illegal, bible-based value content is broadcasted over 105 radio stations, in addition to seven FEBC community radio FM stations known as Heartline network. The humanitarian arm YASKI Foundation is also actively involved in various social activities such as helping victims of natural disasters, providing business capital assistance for God's servants in remote areas, services for underprivileged street children, and services in mental hospitals.

One recent operation was YAKSI Care for COVID. Despite personal risks of being infected, the team visited many listeners' households to provide COVID essential items and information. Through selfless love and care from the FEBC Indonesian team, along with words of truth and life, many listeners have become followers of Jesus.

Testimonies from local mothers:

Single Ibu (mother) S. Metropolitanty Parrangan had been jobless, troubled, and lost till she heard FEBC Indonesia's Heartline Radio program. Now, she realized that others may have everything, but without Jesus we have nothing. For her, it is better to suffer than to lose eternal joy and peace.

Ibu Enyi also encountered God's love through FEBC.

“Every night I always listen to spiritual programs from Radio Heartline. Last time, I had nerve pain until I couldn't get out of bed. No one helped me, not even my husband. My husband rarely comes home, and has another woman. I live only with my son.

While I was listening to the program, I got the courage to call the counselling team to ask for prayer support for my illness. Praise God, it wasn't long before there was a change in my illness. I feel better and feel like I have recovered.

I ask for prayer support for struggles, especially for husbands who sometimes don't come home and are less responsible for all family needs. I believe God will definitely open a way.

I am very happy when the team visited my place in my kampung (village) today!

I give thanks to the Lord Jesus that through the Heartline radio ministry, I am strengthened and comforted.”



[Click to watch Salome's testimony.](#)



[Click to access Indonesia's demographics.](#)



Dear friends,

Let me start with a question – what are you doing for eternity?

God has given to each of us a key role in His kingdom ministry, and each role, each part of the body of Christ is important. As partners in mission together we each have a special task, calling, and place, in God's redemptive work in this world.

As you read this Skywaves, you will read of FEBC teams around the world unflinchingly sharing the Gospel, despite personal costs. You will read testimonies of people changed by the Good News, as words touch hearts and transform lives. Their momentary circumstances may not have changed, but their focus has; to the eternal hope in Jesus. You will read how God's love expressed through team visits, acts of kindness, prayers, and provision of food, is making lasting changes to communities and attitudes.

In this, I pray, your hearts will lift and be inspired as you see God remains sovereign and is powerfully at work in our world today.

I also pray that you are encouraged, and take joy in the privilege you have in sharing in God's mission in the world. Through your giving and crying out to God in prayer, you too are building for eternity.

The ravages of war, recent COVID, floods, and fires, make it clear that



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in these end times this world is uncertain, fragile and in need. Yet we do not need to despair nor abandon our world. Instead, we speak into it the Good News of Jesus, our hope that does not disappoint; whilst looking to our Lord who will return and who has prepared an eternal home for those who love Him.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

God has set eternity in our hearts! So, I ask myself, and share with you the same question — what are we doing for eternity?

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Keegan". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'K' and a long, trailing flourish.

Kevin Keegan

National Director, FEBC Australia

Prayer for Mothers

Let's honour mothers through prayer this Mother's Day.

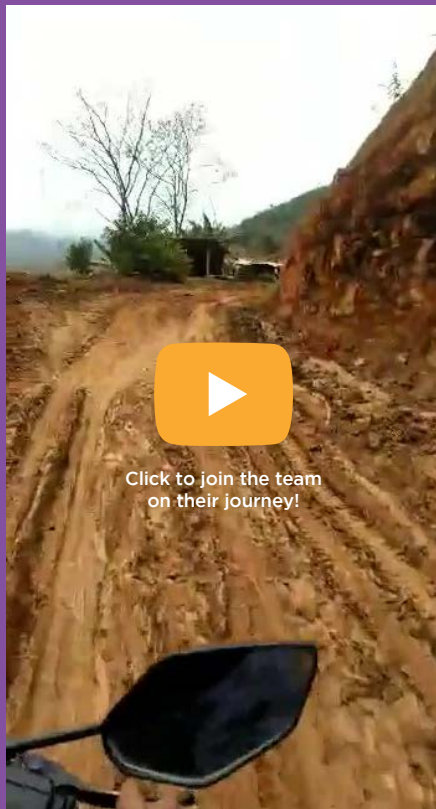
Pray for mothers who are separated from their children, including Ukrainian mothers whose children have been drafted into the army. Pray for the peace of Jesus to guard their hearts and minds, trusting that the Lord cares infinitely more for their children than themselves.

Pray for mothers who have lost their children prematurely to receive God's comfort.

Pray for God's encouragement for mothers who have been praying for their prodigal children.

Pray for God's encouragement and empowerment in the many roles mothers play in the family, and for guarded time to spend time alone in God's love.

Beautiful are the Feet



Click to join the team on their journey!

FEBC team braving tough terrains to reach remote ethnic villages.



FEBC team distributed essential items to isolated villagers during COVID.



Travelling 300 km in Australia may not seem a lot. But travelling 300 km on an 80cc scooter through rutty, muddy, hilly terrain next to an 800-metre drop is no cruise on the highway. Any trail bike rider can attest to that!

Yet this is what the FEBC's Ethnic Languages team regularly does. Many on the team come from the same ethnic people groups they reach. With eyes on eternity, they brave great distances, sharing the love of Jesus with some of the most isolated communities in the world. During the peak of COVID, staff distributed much-needed food and essential items. They also do house visits, conduct Bible study, and crucially carry the Good News of Jesus to villagers in their heart languages on shortwave and SD card radios from village to village.

On top of these, one radio programmer for the Kim Mun people group bought 200 radios and 200 SD cards out of his own pocket to distribute to his people. Like the woman who gave with reckless abandonment when she poured out the entire jar of costly perfume to anoint Jesus, the Kim Mun programmer gave extravagantly to sow the seeds of eternity.

Most of the Kim Mun people are found in China. The rest in Southeast Asia are found in Laos and Vietnam. Ancestral worship is common; with the belief that the eldest son can help buy the deceased a way into different levels of heaven. The Kim Mun's version of hell is a thick, dark forest with no villages or clearings. Scripture is not yet available in the Kim Mun language, but FEBC has been sharing the Gospel in Kim Mun language through radio!

Why shortwave radios and SD cards? Most of the 350 ethnic people groups in Southeast Asia live in remote mountainous villages that are often

underdeveloped. There is no running water, no internet and villagers rely on solar power.

Shortwave frequencies do not travel straight and so can travel much longer distances and cover a wider area. Shortwave radios or radios with loaded SD cards are the only ways the villagers can hear God's Word.

And God's Word in their heart languages, brought to them by someone from their own tribe or who knows their language sends a clear, but rare message: they matter, they are significant, they are loved. It's a far cry from what most would have known their whole lives, marginalised by the dominant culture.

That love is transforming lives for eternity. Many have received Jesus and been baptised, forever freed from the fear of spirits they used to cower under. Sometimes, even entire villages have come to Christ.

The boots that carry the Good News may be muddy, the feet may be aching, but they are beautiful.



Click to access Kim Mun ethnic group's demographics.



Water baptism for the Kim Mun people group.



FEBC Ethnic Languages team reaches the Kim Mun people group with the Gospel.



House visits and Bible study. Here, a Kim Mun household receives Jesus!



Click here to join an FEBC Ethnic Languages team member on his journey.



Can you guess how many ethnic languages FEBC broadcasts in Southeast Asia?

Ans: 17

Bringing God's Eternal Kingdom to the Here and Now

Did you know that Mother's Day is only a recent celebration in India (less than a decade), and is seen as a foreign festival adopted into the country! Social issues, such as gender equality is a complex issue in India the second most populous nation in the world with a population of 1,386,053,000 people in 2,363 people groups.

In rural areas, women are mainly seen as a liability to the family. Mothers and 'girl children' are often objectified and controlled by male patriarchy. 'Girl children' are not encouraged in education, made to work early to earn for the family, and are often married under the legal age of 18. The coronavirus pandemic has only exacerbated the crisis.



In rural areas, women and the 'girl child' are seen as objects to be controlled.

But in God's eternal plan, each person regardless of gender is equally precious. In God's eternal plan, each person has a purpose. In God's eternal plan, each person has an abundant life He wants to see come to fruition.

Whilst the Indian government has some legal initiatives to help level the ground, FEBC has been transforming mindsets through its short and medium wave broadcasts. Programs are tailored to different areas in the country.

Working at times with NGOs, local authorities, recognised experts, and local churches, programs inform, educate, entertain and engage women to take care of their health, become economically



independent, and know their God-given value and rights.

Here are some success stories:

Girls Treasured

Rani lives in Barmer, Rajasthan. Her family and her have been listening to FEBC's Hamari Bediyan program for two years. She is the youngest among four sisters and two brothers.

Tradition and superstition dictate that a girl must not be allowed to speak out loud and in public, nor attend school. That applied to Rani too. The youngest in the family was both fearful and resigned as she watched her sisters and brothers get married. Rani wanted to study.

As the family continued to listen to the Hamari Bediyan programs their perspective changed. They saw value in a 'girl child' too.

Today, Rani is a 2nd year university student. She also had the joy to welcome her brother's child which was a baby girl.

The family has knocked down all barriers of gender bias now. Change has come into the entire family as a result of listening to the Hamari Bediyan program. Now Rani is inspired to eliminate all gender discrimination in her village with the motivation, boldness, and strength she receives through the program.

Village Transformed

*Gongura Suttra is from a small district in West Bengal. Daily he would go to a small restaurant to have his lunch. The restaurant owner is a supporter of FEBC's Prottyasha program and will play the program aloud for his diners to listen. That was how Gongura became a regular listener.

Yearning to see change come to his community, he contacted FEBC's follow-up team for guidance.

Today Gongura runs a free coaching centre to teach needy and underprivileged children. He also organises awareness programs for villagers, educating them against early 'girl child' marriage, and the importance of education for girls.

His efforts are welcomed and appreciated by many leaders in his village. And Gongura has found his life's purpose.

**Name has been changed to protect the identity of the individual.*

In the Heart Languages

We celebrate & thank God for mothers! How do you wish someone “Happy Mother’s Day” in their heart language?

Nyanja — *Tsiku labwino la Amayi*

Chiyao — *Lyuwa Lya Chisangalalo cha wammasyeto*

Bahasa — *Selamat Hari Ibu*

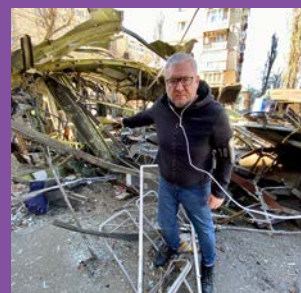
Bengali — *শুভ মাতৃদিবস (shuve ma days)*

Heart-to-Heart

Pastor Sergey Nakul is the leading broadcaster for FEBC Ukraine. Today, he is not only feeding the needy Ukrainians in Kyiv physical food, but also thousands worldwide with spiritual food.

In the midst of the devastation and destruction in the war, he is making the Word come alive, and sustaining many with the hope in God. But at a high personal cost.

Instead of safety and comfort with his family in Poland, Pastor Sergey has chosen to remain in dangerous Kyiv for the eternal welfare of others. His justification? “Jesus did not leave His sheep, so how can I?”
“Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s!”



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