

# Praise & Prayer

October - December 2024



## East Asia & Chinese Ministries 1-9 Oct

**1** Please pray for the Holy Spirit to soften the ground before the gospel reaches the 503\* unreached people groups in East Asia.

**2** Pray for FEBC broadcasts to reach, encourage, and disciple persecuted believers who worship Jesus in secret.

**3** Pray for the Chinese Ministries team who is constantly adapting their approach and technology to better serve the needs of believers and churches.

**4** May God bring hope to Hongkongers struggling with the economic slowdown.

**5** Pray for FEBC broadcasts across the Korean Peninsula to bring the peace of God to listeners.

**6** Pray for more to trust in Jesus through the evangelistic programs on the 14 Christian radio stations in South Korea.

**7** Taiwan: Thank God for new younger team members and talented broadcasters. Pray for team unity and great relations.

**8** "I wrote to you about my emptiness. I asked why I was created and how I could believe in God. I'm now a Christian and baptised!" – Listener, Japan.

**9** Pray for the unreached Ainu. Population: 25,000\*. Language: Ainu (China), Ainu (Japan). Religion: Islam/Ethnic Religions.

## South Asia 10-18 Oct

**10** Within South Asia, Christmas is celebrated mainly as an 'imported' Western tradition. Pray for all to hear about the Christ of Christmas.

**11** International Day of the Girl Child. Pray for our 'Women At Risk' project in South Asia, helping to raise the value and equality of women and reduce infanticide.

**12** Pray for FEBC radio programs in South Asia, counselling, and direct listener engagements. They bring hope to women and help develop their God-given potential.

**13** Pray for FEBC's Nepalese partner serving the remote and rural poor in areas of health, education, community development, and disaster management.

**14** Nepal: Praise God for the new listeners who stumble upon and are amazed to find the radio programs speaking directly into their situations.

**15** Pray for our Pakistani partner's 'Bright Home'

project, which aims to reduce family violence and empower women to change their poverty-stricken rural communities.

**16** Thank you for sponsoring free mobile healthcare for many impoverished Pakistani women and children living in remote areas.

**17** "The messages and counselling of the FM XP team brought hope and joy." Pray for this blind listener and other disabled people in Pakistan who feel marginalised and alone.

**18** Pray for the unreached Ad Dharmi. Population: 1,229,000. Language: Eastern Punjabi. Religion: Hinduism.

## Africa 19-27 Oct

**19** Please pray for those displaced and suffering due to conflicts and extreme weather patterns on the African continent.

**20** Pray for the pilot community-centred radio training of a potential team in Somalia by our Kenyan partner.

**21** Pray for the community-based information and communications technology hub in Tana River, Kenya, helping to reduce poverty and build community resilience.

**22** May those recovering from the floods in Tana River experience God's restoration and goodness.

**23** Thank you for enabling our partner's Umoja FM station in conflict-ridden Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo to be energy sustainable. This stops disruptions to broadcasts.

**24** Malawi: Failed harvests due to drought and an inflation rate of more than 30% has caused food insecurity and other challenges. Please pray.

**25** Please continue to pray for peace in the northern Mozambique area, where the security situation is unstable.

**26** Pray for the people of Chad dealing with conflicts, drought, and now hosting hundreds of thousands of Sudanese refugees.

**27** Pray for the unreached Buduma. Population: 152,000\*. Language: Buduma. Religion: Islam.

## Middle East 28 Oct-5 Nov

**28** Pray for God's peace and restoration in the Middle East, the cradle of Christianity. Pray for all who are suffering from this war.

**29** Pray for the Iraqi Christian community, which has existed since the first century. Pray for Jesus' Iraqi Bride to stay strong in their faith.

**30** Please pray for our Iraqi partner's on-air and online listeners to receive God's message of love, hope, forgiveness, and peace.

**31** Pray for wisdom for our Iraqi partner who shares the gospel in a volatile environment.

**1** Please pray for our Yemeni partner, whose online and on-air broadcasts share biblical ways of dealing with contemporary issues.

**2** Pray that our partner's ministry will help strengthen the Yemeni church and bring peace and reconciliation to the wider community.

**3** International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. May FEBC programs in areas that are dangerous for Christians provide encouragement to persecuted believers experiencing poor harvests because of the very dry weather conditions in southern Africa.

**4** Pray for persecuted believers, like this Yemeni listener: "We are encouraged by your broadcasts. We also grieve as we face threats for our beliefs and that causes many to not come to salvation."

**5** Pray for the unreached Mahra. Population: 248,900\*. Language: Mehri. Religion: Islam.

## **Ethnic Languages in Southeast Asia (ELSEA) 6-14 Nov**

**6** Your partnership has enabled shortwave programs in 19 ethnic languages to be broadcast from the Philippines. Thank you.

**7** Praise God! Last year, there were 11,582 listening hubs, 8,625 radios distributed, and many more listeners responded to the broadcasts!

**8** Thank God for 738,893 unique website visitors and over two million online streaming listeners in 2023. Pray for listeners to grow as disciples.

**9** Some ethnic listeners are beaten and chased out of their villages for their faith. Pray for provision so that FEBC can continue to support these believers.

**10** Pray for good attendance from those who have not heard the gospel and for decisions for Christ at Christmas outreaches in remote villages.

**11** Give thanks for the translation of reading and media material into the Palaung language to increase literacy across all ages and build the bridge to sharing the gospel.

**12** Pray for God to protect the leaders and their families in Myanmar, and for His grace upon their work in difficult circumstances.

**13** "I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour through your teaching about God's love in the Hmong language. Pray for me to serve God in my area." – Listener, Southeast Asia.

**14** Pray for the unreached Chut. Population: 8,100\*. Language: Chut. Religion: Ethnic Religions.

## **Southeast Asia 15-24 Nov**

**15** Thank you for partnering with our Cambodian team to distribute solar lights and speaker boxes to rural

communities.

**16** Thank God for your role in helping to develop the capacity of church leadership in rural Cambodia through our audio Bible course.

**17** Pray for FEBC Philippines' 'Radyo Gandingan' on FM radio emphasising good family values and communicating the Good News of Jesus.

**18** Pray for FEBC Thailand's broadcasts in Thai and Issan languages on social media and local radio stations to reach those in remote areas. Pray also for the 'Christmas Give With Love' Christmas outreach.

**19** "When I first entered jail, I suffered the most. But then I met God here and I now have a lot of hope." – Listener, Thailand.

**20** Pray for FEBC Indonesia's 'Adolescent Protection and Family Program' that encourages teenagers to thrive in their God-given potential.

**21** Pray for FEBC Indonesia's PARS ministry which shares the Good News in Farsi on radio and online streaming platforms to more than 12,000^ refugees in Indonesia and many more worldwide.

**22** In addition to being in schools, FEBC Indonesia's BDKA (Adventuring in the Kingdom of God) program is now on Heartline Radio, where host 'Uncle Timo' will lead children to spend time in God's Word.

**23** Pray for protection for our Partner producing video translations of the chronological Bible into sign language, and providing skills training to members of the deaf community in a country where they are persecuted for their faith.

**24** Pray for the unreached Western Cham in Southeast Asia. Population: 325,400\*. Language: Western Cham. Religion: Islam.

## **Central Asia 25 Nov-4 Dec**

**25** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Pray for FEBC's programs helping to reduce domestic violence against women in countries where this issue is common.

**26** Praise God! Nearly 1.7 million watched our Kyrgyzstan Partner's web streaming last year and more than 82,000 subscribed to its Instagram. Pray for receptive hearts.

**27** Last year, our Kyrgyzstan Partner received nearly 25,000 listener responses via WhatsApp, email, and phone. Pray for our team to engage with listeners wisely.

**28** Pray for those living in Mongolia who are facing economic challenges due to the war in Ukraine. Pray for God's provision for the poor to stay warm in the harsh winter.

**29** Kazakhstan: Give thanks for a new studio, which will be used to record programs and for rental income. Please pray that the team is successful in seeking local income.

**30** Praise God! The number of FEBC Kazakhstan's Facebook views reached close to 1.6 million in 2023, with many reacting to testimonies. Pray for more Kazak believers to share their testimonies.

**1** Advent starts today. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2a). Pray for FEBC's

Christmas programs to help listeners and participants find hope in Christ. Follow [facebook.com/febcaustralia](https://facebook.com/febcaustralia) for devotions.

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**2** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. Pray for FEBC's programs that educate vulnerable communities about slavery.

**3** Today is Giving Tuesday. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15)! Praise God for your giving to let all hear the gospel.

**4** Pray for the unreached Western Baloch. Population: 1,384,000\*. Language: Western Balochi. Religion: Islam.

### Eurasia 5-13 Dec

**5** Pray for the hearts of FEBC's staff in this region. War extracts a toll on all; pray that they will continue to draw on God's love as they support their families and the ministry.

**6** Pray for the safety of the Ukrainian team, including the six staff conscripted, as they work in locations directly affected by the conflict.

**7** Praise God that FEBC Ukraine still has six functioning radio antennas, and that they are able to broadcast from underground locations when it's not safe to be in the studio.

**8** Second Sunday of Advent. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14 KJV). In our increasingly turbulent world, may all hear of and receive the peace of God.

**9** Give thanks that FEBC Ukraine's broadcasts on social media received nearly 48 million views in 2023. Pray for listeners to find peace and hope in Christ.

**10** "Thank you. I feel so much better. I will try going to church – I've never been there before." Please pray for exhausted and displaced Ukrainian listeners like Karina to place their trust in Jesus.

**11** Pray for the youth of Moldova as they search for meaning in a troubled world, that they would find the love of Christ as they listen to 'Radio Today', FEBC's online broadcast in Moldova.

**12** Pray for FEBC's Christian video bloggers in Moldova as they interact with listeners struggling with significant social and personal needs.

**13** Pray for the unreached Gorani. Population: 54,000\*. Language: Southern Slav. Religion: Islam.

### Australia 14-22 Dec

**14** Pray for Australians missing family during this time to find comfort and hope in Jesus.

**15** Third Sunday of Advent. "When they saw the star,

they were overjoyed" (Matthew 2:10). Pray for hearts of FEBC listeners around the world to be overjoyed upon hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**16** Pray for Jesus Christ to capture the hearts of the youth in this nation as they face worldly pressures.

**17** Pray for God to draw attendees of the Christmas outreaches of churches and Christian charities in Australia unto Himself.

**18** Pray for God to encourage you, our partners, and for insights on how we can serve you better.

**19** Pray for us to flourish in our unique God-given talents as we work collectively in FEBC Australia for God's mission to let them hear.

**20** Pray for God's refreshment upon the team as the office closes from 20 December, and re-opens on 6 January 2025.

**21** Pray for God's love and peace to dwell in your gatherings over this festive period.

**22** Fourth Sunday of Advent. May all hear of God's love, demonstrated in the gift of His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

### International 23-31 Dec

**23** The Christmas season is an opportunity for FEBC's programs to talk openly about the Christ of Christmas. Please pray for receptive hearts.

**24** Christmas Eve. Pray for God's protection over Christmas services, as these are commonly targeted in areas hostile to Christianity.

**25** Blessed Christmas! Christ is born, hope is here (Romans 15:13)! Pray for FEBC listeners to hear about the Christ of Christmas and receive hope in Him.

**26** Pray for wisdom and discernment for FEBC teams working in difficult environments due to sensitivities around the way the gospel can be shared within local government requirements.

**27** Pray for the churches FEBC staff direct their listeners to, that they are able to welcome and shepherd them into their walk with God.

**28** Pray for all fields expanding their online ministry, which extends the reach of the gospel.

**29** Give thanks that the ministry is sharing the love of Christ in a way that leads listeners to ask more about Jesus.

**30** Pray for believers to share the Christ of Christmas with the people in their lives.

**31** New Year's Eve. Thank God for bringing us together, as a family, through another year (Psalm 136:1 NKJV).

\* Statistics from The Joshua Project.

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