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Hope as an anchor for the soul



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from Janet



Happy New Year!

What a joy to begin another year walking together in this mission, sharing Jesus through media with those who have never heard His name. Every story, every broadcast, every life transformed reminds me that God is still at work, moving through FEBC and through you, bringing a hope that holds fast when everything else shifts.

Over these summer weeks, as many of us paused and reflected, I have sensed God stirring our hearts again, calling us to draw closer to Him and to press further into His mission: to pray with faith, proclaim with courage, and persevere with hope. Nothing that happens through FEBC is possible by human strength alone. It is Christ who breaks barriers, softens hearts, and restores hope. Through your prayer, partnership, and generosity, His voice reaches places the world has forgotten, where people are meeting Jesus for the very first time.

In this edition of Skywaves, you'll meet three women whose stories rise from the hardest places on earth. Each woman was written off and left with nothing but pain until Christ met them there. Through humble, faithful media, His voice reached into their silence and brought life again.

This is the same Jesus who stopped at a well in Samaria and saw a weary woman the world had overlooked. That same living water He offered her now flows through FEBC's microphones and transmitters into homes, remote communities, and the lives of those the world rarely notices. It reaches people carrying the wounds of persecution, those scarred by war, and those living with the quiet ache of disability, restoring dignity and the hope of salvation.

These stories from Yemen, Pakistan, and South Asia are only a glimpse of what God is doing across the world through this mission we share. Every prayer and every gift becomes part of God's redeeming work, restoring lives and drawing people to Himself.

Thank you so much for walking this road with us. This work is not easy, but it is vital. And as we keep choosing hope together, Christ's light keeps breaking into places that would otherwise remain silent and forgotten.

Until all have heard,

Janet Cousins

CEO, FEBC Australia

P.S. The same Jesus who met the woman at the well is still meeting people today—in war zones, on mountain paths, and in quiet rooms where a single broadcast tells them they are seen and loved.



Priya's Story

Finding Courage & Peace in South Asia

Priya's* days were marked by hardship and heartache. Her husband, Madhav, toiled in the fields, but his long struggle with alcoholism often left the family without food or hope. With three children depending on her and no one to turn to, Priya bore the weight of survival alone. Night after night, as the world around her slept, she sat in the quiet darkness, her heart longing for something beyond this pain. She wondered if her life would ever change, or if it was worth continuing at all.

Women in this region often face unimaginable hardship, from harassment and abuse to human trafficking and poverty. Yet even in these dark and difficult places, God's living water flows.

Discovering the love of Jesus

One evening, Priya heard the sound of a gentle voice on the radio fill the room. The host spoke of a hope that she had never heard of—one found in a Saviour named Jesus Christ. Something stirred within her. For the first time, she felt seen, heard, and deeply loved.

Because our Partners are local and serving their communities, they understand the real pressures and struggles these women carry.

Like Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well, they model His love and acceptance to those cast out by society, offering living water to thirsty hearts through their programs.

Priya reached out to our Partner's response team, who listened to her story with compassion and prayed that her situation would improve. As she began to pray and grow in faith, she found peace. While it didn't erase her struggles, it began to fill the spaces that were once consumed with despair. Even when she could

not see Him, God was already writing a different ending to her story.

Her husband has not yet opened his heart to Jesus, but Priya no longer walks alone. She trusts that one day he too will receive the living water that changed her life.

Hope reignited through media

Today, Priya is no longer burdened by despair. She now radiates courage and joy—anchored by her hope in Jesus.



Priya is one of many who have had their hope reignited. Through sharing the good news on media, our Partners see many women's God-given value being restored. They have been broadcasting biblical views on relationships, including those within the family unit. By equipping women in vulnerable communities with vital information on issues such as human trafficking, reproductive health, mental health, and domestic violence, our Partners are also conveying to them their worth in practical ways.

Please pray with us that through our Partner's broadcasts, social media, and follow-up ministry, many more women in this South Asian country, like Priya, may encounter Christ and find the anchor of hope that steadies their souls.

*Name changed for safety reasons.



Zainab's Story

From Despair to Hope in Pakistan

In a small village in Pakistan, a young woman named Zainab* was silently suffering. For months she had a severe, unexplainable pain that left her weak and in despair. As her family was unable to afford the medical attention she desperately needed, she felt her life slowly ebbing away.

In Pakistan, cultural traditions discourage women from travelling alone and often prevent men from accompanying them to hospitals. Many, like Zainab who are unable to go on their own, are left to rely on unqualified practitioners or home remedies. Recognising this desperate need, our Partner organised a free one-day medical camp for women and adolescent girls.

More than 200 women attended the camp. Some were elderly, some poor, some seeking medical help for the very first time. Professional female healthcare workers offered checkups, counselling, and prayer. For those with serious conditions, referrals were made to local hospitals for treatment.

Healing for the body and soul

Among them was Zainab. Only 17 or 18 years old, she was quietly suffering as her symptoms worsened. Despite initial treatment, her health continued to decline. Yet our Partner's medical team refused to give up. Through prayer, persistence, and continued care, they found the cause of her declining health: a bacterial infection that, if left untreated, could have become life-threatening.

With the proper treatment, prayer, and support of our Partner, Zainab began to recover.

Overcome with gratitude, Zainab wanted to share her story on our Partner's broadcasts. Through tears, she told of her painful journey, which deeply moved listeners, gaining over 37,000 views on our Partner's Facebook page:

"Prayer and care changed my life. I had fallen into depression from the constant pain—it was so bad that I began praying for death. I felt abandoned. Even my parents thought I was pretending. My father, though he loved me, began to distance himself. He even thought I might be under some demonic influence and asked someone to pray over me."

"But then the team stepped in. They not only listened to me but truly cared. They supported my treatment, visited me daily, prayed with me, and talked to my parents. They helped me come out of that dark place. I was on the edge, ready to end my life, but now, you've given me a new reason to live."

Finding hope in Jesus

Today, Zainab is healthy, full of life and hope. In her darkest hour, Jesus was drawing near, working through the prayer, care, and persistence of our broadcast Partner. As her body healed, she began to see that the compassion she received pointed to a deeper hope—a hope, we know, can only be found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Together, through media, we are helping the neglected and unheard discover that they are valued and loved.

*Name changed for safety reasons.

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Mira's Story

Meeting Jesus in a Dream in Yemen

With more than 18.2 million people in dire need of aid, Yemen is facing one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Torn apart by war, economic insecurity, and famine, the Yemeni people live under the constant weight of uncertainty.

Among them is Mira*, a 22-year-old student from a small village just outside Sana'a. The years of conflict have left deep scars on her family, most painfully, the loss of two of her brothers, who had been the pillars of their household. With their absence, the weight of providing for the family fell heavier than ever, and Mira felt the quiet pressure of carrying her family's hopes alongside her own dreams.

To help support her family, Mira took a job in a women's clothing shop in the capital, adding long hours of travel to her already full days.

Her life took a drastic turn when the shop owner secretly took photos of her in the changing room and used them to blackmail her. When Mira refused his advances, he cruelly distributed the photos which reached her family. Her father, outraged by the shame she had brought upon the family, threatened to kill her.

A new door opens in her darkest hour

Devastated and terrified, Mira fled and found refuge with another family in a nearby city. There, one of the daughters of the family introduced her to our Partner's broadcasts, which explore the hope found in Jesus Christ and the possibility of new beginnings.

Through the broadcasts, Mira heard about the God who has unfailing love for her.

In those quiet moments, she felt a gentle peace settle around her, as if Christ Himself was standing beside her, soothing the ache in her heart. Slowly, through prayer and the patient guidance of our Partner, that love became a lifeline, giving her the courage and strength to keep moving forward, one day at a time.

A powerful encounter

Weeks later, her father discovered where she was hiding and came with armed men in the middle of the night. As he approached the house, Mira had a vision of Jesus, where He said to her:

"I will protect you. I am your Lord, Jesus Christ. As I protected Abraham, Daniel, and the people of Israel through Esther, I will protect you."

When Mira awoke, she heard her father calling her name. Anchored in Christ's promise, she refused to let fear overcome her. And when her father saw her face, his anger dissolved. He fell to his knees, embraced her, and asked for her forgiveness.

Mira has now given her life to Christ and continues to grow in faith through regular contact with local believers. Her father now fiercely protects her—a living testimony of the transforming power of God's love.

We would love you to pray with us for Mira's father and her family. After everything they have walked through, pray that the same hope that reached Mira will reach her whole household, and that they may come to know the salvation found in Jesus Christ.

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Heart to Heart

Congo's Voice of Hope

That Won't Be Silenced

North Kivu in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is a place where people measure life by the sound of footsteps at night and wake each morning to terrifying uncertainty. When armed violence from rebels and militants swept through the Kichanga village, many lost neighbours, friends, and whole families. Everything in the community collapsed; schools closed, the already fragile sense of safety was completely gone, and people were left to pick up the pieces of their broken lives.

Yet even after the Kichanga Massacre, one thing remained: the steady voice of radio. It became the heartbeat of recovery, reminding people that despite living in one of the most dangerous places in the world to follow Jesus, He is their one true hope and the anchor for their souls.

For broadcaster Jean-Baptiste Mbilinyama, the massacre was personal.

"These were people we knew," he recalls, "We grieved with them". Despite their personal trauma, Jean-Baptiste and the team remained steadfast in their mission. "We decided our microphones would not go silent."

Through radio, Jean-Baptiste and the team offered the community encouragement, safety information, and, above all, a space for voices to speak, which had been long silenced by fear. On-air, survivors spoke directly to government officials, humanitarian workers, and the wider world.

Jean-Baptiste recalls how, beyond news, the station sowed seeds of renewal—literally. "Programmes on small-scale farming and livestock helped families fight famine, while education campaigns brought children, especially girls, back to school."

Now, through a solar-powered transmitter you helped fund, Umoja Radio stays on-air for 18 hours each day. Held together by courage, hope and prayer, your support means the gospel still reaches those hiding from rebels

That's what we're part of—the unbelievable work of broadcasters like Jean-Baptiste, keeping Christ's voice alive where it could have been silenced long ago.



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