

## FEBC Prayer Target – February, 2025

<u>Saturday, February 1</u> - Pray for the Uzbek people today. They are some of the hardest-to-reach people, and we ask for God to guide our team as they create Gospel broadcasts to reach the unreached. Also, we ask for protection for those who know the Lord and every church group that is meeting in secret to be strengthened.

**Sunday, February 2** - Please pray for the staff who operate our 13 stations in the Philippines, as well as our ethnic broadcasters who prepare programs in 22 languages. May they continue to reach many different people groups living in this island nation and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Monday, February 3** - Turmoil continues in Myanmar, as a result of the military junta. Please pray for this country and its people. May God use FEBC's team to reach the unreached population of 45.6 million people with the Good News of Jesus.

**Tuesday, February 4** - Pray for Christian pastors who are being arrested in India. The government has determined that India is a Hindu state and citizens should adhere to that faith. Despite these difficulties, we praise God that new media platforms initiated by our team are working well and reaching many.

**Wednesday, February 5** - Please pray for new programs launched by our team in Japan last fall. Pray they will offer spiritual nourishment to our listeners and point people to faith in Christ. Also, pray for our staff and broadcasters that the Lord will fill them with joy and strength as they faithfully serve.

**Thursday, February 6** - Please pray for FEBC Moldova's video broadcasters, who are reaching many unreached young people with their videos. Many viewers are responding and starting conversations about Jesus with our team. Please pray for the Lord to guide our team and bring the right people to join us as the ministry in Moldova continues to grow.

**Friday, February 7** - Please pray for Ulanbek, the director of FEBC Kyrgyzstan, as he leads the team. A new, more restrictive, law on religious freedom has been introduced in Kyrgyzstan. It is currently in the approval stages, and there is a rush to adopt it. Please pray for God's mercy and protection over Ulanbek, the FEBC Kyrgyzstan team, and all churches of Kyrgyzstan.

**<u>Saturday</u>**, **February 8** - A listener from Thailand shared this note: "I'm now feeling

happy and willing to talk about my experience. When I first entered jail, I suffered the most. But then I met God here and I now have a lot of hope." Praise God for a new life in Christ!

**Sunday, February 9** - Please pray for the people of Ukraine. A listener recently shared: "I am paralyzed by my fear. I'm afraid of the future, of losing everything in this war and ending up on the street. You have been such a support to me. I'm beginning to understand how to find peace as I learn more about the love of God. Thank you for encouraging me to read the Bible and reminding me about God's love." Please pray for listeners of FEBC's Bible programs whose lives are being transformed by the Word of God.

<u>Monday, February 10</u> - Many ethnic groups in Southeast Asia speak a language other than the national language of their home country. FEBC has long offered ethnic language programs to reach people in their native tongue, and currently broadcasts in 107 ethnic languages. Pray that many will hear the Gospel and respond.

<u>**Tuesday, February 11**</u> - Over 1.4 million Afghan refugees are now living in Pakistan due to the Taliban's seizure of Afghanistan. Pray that the Pakistani government will engage with them in a compassionate manner. Pray, too, that our team in Pakistan will reach these refugees with the Gospel.

<u>Wednesday, February 12</u> - Pray for FEBC's work in Cambodia, where listeners can hear our programs through radio, Gospel Speaker Boxes, the internet, mobile apps, Facebook and YouTube. In this Buddhist-dominant country, pray that many will respond to God's grace and the gift of His Son, Jesus.

**Thursday, February 13** - Pray for the unreached in Kazakhstan. Our team has seen great results reaching young people through videos on social media. They recently held a 2-day meeting in the city of Shymkent, where they met with people from their audience, handed out Bibles, and shared more about Jesus face to face. Please pray for these young people to understand the Gospel clearly and place their faith in Jesus Christ.

<u>Friday, February 14</u> - Pray today for Reverend Amos, the national director of our team in Malawi. May God continue to bless his efforts as he travels weekly throughout his country to visit Yao language listeners, distribute audio Bibles, and establish listener clubs.

**Saturday, February 15** - Take a moment to thank God and praise Him for the millions of people all over the world who have tuned into FEBC today and heard the Good News. Thank the Lord for the seeds that have been planted, and for those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior! May the Gospel continue to be proclaimed...

until all have heard.

**Sunday, February 16** - A listener named Artem in Russia recently shared: "I almost became a drug addict after my mother died. I didn't have any friends, no family I could talk to. I felt like a robot. Except when I heard your broadcasts...through them, God breathes life and strength into my soul." Please pray for listeners like Artem who are finding hope and coming to faith through FEBC's programs in Russia.

**Monday, February 17** - In Hong Kong and China, FEBC has trained up many Bible study leaders and pastors through LiangYou Bible Institute, a rigorous online program that prepares participants to be Christian leaders. Despite ongoing challenges in China, pray that nothing will hamper this program from preparing leaders to be tomorrow's pastors.

**Tuesday, February 18** - Please pray for people living in Belarus, a country that has struggled with political and economic crises. In this region, our programs are heard on social media, which is effective at reaching larger audiences. Pray that many will hear and accept the Good News and share their faith with family and friends.

**Wednesday, February 19** - Pray for FEBC's radio programs in Indonesia heard in several ethnic languages. A listener recently shared: "We're not able to attend church now, but we're very blessed by your programs. They have been a blessing to so many."

**Thursday, February 20** - Pray for our team in South Africa who are in the process of launching a radio station in Niger, which is 99.3% Muslim; several unreached people groups also live here. Pray for details to fall into place to make this new station a reality, reaching many Nigeriens for Christ.

**Friday, February 21** - Please pray for FEBC Kazakhstan's prayer counseling team. Listeners are calling with issues like domestic violence, abuse, addictions, and relationship problems. The difficulties listeners are facing in Kazakhstan are often severe and heart-wrenching. Please pray for spiritual and emotional strength for the team of broadcast evangelists who are praying with these listeners.

<u>Saturday, February 22</u> - Pray for Alexandr and Nadia, broadcasters and evangelistic counselors with FEBC Ukraine. Ask for God to help them endure the conflict, have emotional strength as they serve others through housing refugees, and keep their families safe.

<u>Sunday, February 23</u> - Thank God for the powerful AM radio station on Daebu Island in South Korea that reaches all of North Korea. Pray that North Koreans will hear the Gospel and understand it is a gift from God for all who believe, including them. **Monday, February 24** - Praise God for the launch of two new ethnic broadcasts in India. We're told that there's a large listenership to these programs. Pray that it will reach the hearts of many. Pray, too, for staff and volunteers managing their helpline to meet the needs of people calling in for encouragement and support pointing people to faith in Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, February 25** - Please pray for new ethnic language broadcasts being developed for people groups in northern Thailand. Pray that all details will fall into place as these new languages and broadcasts are being launched.

**Wednesday, February 26** - Pray for our teams in Mongolia, who are training to build deeper connections with local believers. Pray that these efforts will also result in more listeners tuning in and coming to faith.

**Thursday, February 27** - Please pray for the people of Vietnam, especially the deaf population which numbers 1.3 million. Our team partners with the Vietnam Deaf Bible Society on video sign language translation of FEBC broadcasts. Please pray for healthy collaboration and for the light of the Gospel to shine within this community.

**Friday, February 28** - Please pray for the frequent women's gatherings being held at FEBC Ukraine's local studio by broadcasters, Inna and Emma. These meetings host female listeners of all ages, most of whom have no experience with or understanding of Christianity. They come together to hear from our broadcasters, read the Bible, and pray together. Several women have given their lives to Christ and are now in church - Praise God!

## Unreached Prayer Focus: Uzbek

The Uzbeks are a people group in Central Asia numbering around 37 million, of which, around 30 million live in Uzbekistan. Uzbeks are almost evenly split between rural and urban areas. They are proficient farmers, especially in raising cattle, growing cotton, silk, and other fruits and vegetables. In addition, most Uzbeks live in a region rich in minerals, natural gas and oils, leading to many mining and industrial jobs.

Uzbeks are one of the most Islamic peoples in Central Asia. Less than 1% of Uzbeks are Christians. Those living in Uzbekistan face intense persecution from family members if they convert to Christianity.

The Bible has been converted into the Uzbek language, and there are missionaries and Christians trying to serve the Uzbeks. However, in recent years, many missionaries have been forced to leave the country or killed. Most Uzbek Christians are forced to meet and worship in secret, for fear of persecution.

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