

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

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- 1 Saturday** — We received word on March 27 that a bomb went off near the media centre in Cairo. One person on the street was killed. Some of the workers are quite rattled. We're praying the Lord will give them His perspective on their work.
- 2 Sunday** — Today we are thanking God for the team of HopeStreamRadio producers. We are particularly grateful for those the Lord is raising up this year to join us. These volunteers exercise their spiritual gifts for the benefit of our listeners.
- 3 Monday** — Nathan, our Spanish producer, has now heard from more than 100 radio stations which have asked permission to broadcast our Spanish programs to their local audiences. We ask God for good fruit to be born through their partnership.
- 4 Tuesday** — Eugene, in Ukraine, uses his personal experience in the military to reach out to soldiers, many of who are disillusioned. Pray for him and his audience as he points them to the Lord Jesus—the Prince of Peace in a time of war.
- 5 Wednesday** — FBH is experiencing a faith-building exercise. In the grand cycle of ups and downs, we are at a low point financially. The board is looking to the Lord for guidance and provision as we move into the last quarter of our fiscal year.
- 6 Thursday** — A church in Siberia has begun a rehab centre for young drug addicts. A satellite dish was installed to bring Radio Teos broadcasts to those in the program. On top of this, the mobile app allows listeners continual access to the gospel.
- 7 Friday** — The team in Russia continue to work on switching from traditional AM to online broadcasting. This, along with last year's restrictive law, has given them several challenges to face. Join us in upholding them in prayer.
- 8 Saturday** — The internet has been a great tool for proclaiming the gospel and making disciples and HopeStreamRadio has been able to take advantage of this. Pray that the internet will continue to be freely available for this kind of ministry.
- 9 Sunday** — We are thankful for Nathan's work in Mexico City. His is a "tent-making ministry" and he is looking at juggling his priorities so that he can reduce his secular work and give more time to the Lord's service. Pray for wisdom for him.
- 10 Monday** — Like those in the West, Ukrainian churches are dealing with cultural pressures as a new generation of Christians comes on board. May our programs be a unifying and healing force in this country which is divided in many ways.
- 11 Tuesday** — The FBH board of directors has the legal responsibility for the ministry. This role is a significant one and we, in the office, and our international partners, are grateful that God has blessed us with the board to guide and support us.
- 12 Wednesday** — Mark (a Canadian) is moving to England in a few months to take over from Hugo as director of Arab World Media. Pray that he and his family will settle well into their new cultural environment and that God will bless his labour.
- 13 Thursday** — Oleg, in Moscow, recently thanked us for the English programs on which he bases the ones he does for Russian listeners. This is a time of change for him and his family. He values our prayers for both his work and home lives.
- 14 Friday** — On HopeStreamRadio this week, we are featuring special programming created by our producers to draw listeners' attention to the events of Easter Week. Pray that God will use their efforts to draw people to Himself.
- 15 Saturday** — Our Spanish programs often features guests: writers, musicians, professors, and more who bring variety and expertise to the programs. We thank God for these men and women who give their time to benefit our listeners.
- 16 Sunday** — The Ukrainian secular media is not sympathetic to Evangelical Christianity, calling any non-Orthodox church a "sect" or "cult." We are thankful for the Christian stations which present the love of God in the spirit of Christ.

- 17 **Monday** — Succession has been something Ron and the board have discussed for the last five years or so. Now they are getting more concrete about it. Pray that the Lord will guide as Ron steps away and a new person takes the helm.
- 18 **Tuesday** — Even in more moderate Arab countries and Europe where many Muslims now live, family pressure represents a great obstacle for those who are thinking of accepting Christ. Pray for these seekers who are bound by relationships.
- 19 **Wednesday** — While some Evangelicals support the rise of nationalism in Russia, it does present challenges to the spread of the gospel. The view that the Orthodox Church is Russia's only legitimate religion tends to harden hearts.
- 20 **Thursday** — Our HopeStreamRadio programs are a blessing not just to our English-speaking listeners but also in other parts of the world where our producers adapt this content for use in their own contexts in Russia, Ukraine, and Latin America.
- 21 **Friday** — Over the years, the Lord has blessed our Spanish ministry with new opportunities on a remarkably regular basis. We are grateful for these as they extend our outreach throughout Latin America, the southern US, and even Europe.
- 22 **Saturday** — We are grateful that God can use human turmoil, loss, and grief for good. Only when people are in the worst of circumstances, do some think to turn to God. This is true in Ukraine today. Pray for open hearts as listeners tune in.
- 23 **Sunday** — Today we give thanks for Carrie, our bookkeeper who blesses us with accurate record keeping. It seems "unspiritual," but it is very necessary in maintaining good relationships with both our partners and the government.
- 24 **Monday** — The early days of joy in the lives of new believers living in the Arab World buoy them along. The steady, consistent faith of mature Christians sustains them. Pray for believers in the "mid-term," who are susceptible to distraction.
- 25 **Tuesday** — While FEBC lost its Moscow and St. Petersburg broadcast licenses, it still broadcasts in Russian on six local stations in Russia and Ukraine. Pray God's protection on these outlets which relay the message of love to the lost.
- 26 **Wednesday** — HopeStreamRadio is available on the website, but also has a presence on the four most popular social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. When you pray for HopeStreamRadio, remember these, too.
- 27 **Thursday** — Give thanks for the arrangement we have with Nathan in Mexico City. He owns the studio in which he produces our programs, which saves us a significant expense. We are grateful for all that our partners bring to the table.
- 28 **Friday** — Ukraine is a culturally divided country so FBH programs in both Ukrainian and Russian are available in the appropriate regions. Today we're remembering the Ukrainian team based in the West. Nadiya and Alex produce our programs.
- 29 **Saturday** — Technology makes our outreach to the world possible, it is also fallible. Occasional glitches remind us of the need to pray even for the hardware we depend on to communicate the good news around the world. Give thanks and pray!
- 30 **Sunday** — The Lord's day—a good day to thank Him for His provision and faithfulness, His direction and care, His love and grace. As people who have experienced these things from His good hand we want to share them with the world.

A few notes:

AWM — Arab World Media — our ministry partner in the Arab World.

FEBC — Far East Broadcasting Company — our ministry partner in Ukraine and Russia.

Radio Teos — The Russian radio network based in Moscow where our programs are produced.

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