

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

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- 1 Monday** — Recently the governments some Arab World countries have been taking a closer look at our ministry partner there. Their main aim is rooting out terrorism, but ministries have also caught their eye. Pray for the teams on the ground.
- 2 Tuesday** — Anna, an ex-drug-user, recently joined Oleg on our Russian program to discuss the freedom from addiction she found when she turned from slavery to sin to serving Christ. Anna speaks with authority out of her experience.
- 3 Wednesday** — Easter provided HopeStreamRadio with an opportunity to do a promotional push on social media. We are grateful for the contacts made and the excellent programming our producers put together for Holy Week.
- 4 Thursday** — Nathan and his family have just returned from an extended trip to the US. We are grateful for their safety and look forward to having him back doing fresh production for us in both Spanish and English.
- 5 Friday** — We are praising God for the recent permission FEBC received to start FM broadcasting in Nikolaevka, Ukraine. FEBC now operates several stations which carry FBH programming in Russian or Ukrainian depending on the region.
- 6 Saturday** — Even though FBH International has a modest budget, we sometimes get very close to the line. Pray that the Lord's people will be responsive to His leading regarding support of the work in Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian and Arabic.
- 7 Sunday** — Arab World Media recently launched a series of short Bible-based videos suitable for viewing on mobile devices. Pray that these might pique the curiosity of Muslims who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith.
- 8 Monday** — Victor, the FEBC Russian ministry director, tells us that since starting online and smart phone app broadcasting they already have hundreds of thousands of new audience members. Praise God for the listeners to these new formats.
- 9 Tuesday** — HopeStreamRadio benefits both our producers and their listeners. It provides the opportunity for our gifted producers to reach more people and provides valuable spiritual resources for our international English-speaking audience.
- 10 Wednesday** — Ecuador is one of the countries touched by our Spanish programs. It has just come through a federal election which saw a strongly leftist president elected. Pray for the new government to be formed soon.
- 11 Thursday** — Please pray for the new station in Odessa, Ukraine. The people in this major city feel the weight of war in the eastern regions of their country. May they tune in and find hope and peace in the midst of turmoil and loss.
- 12 Friday** — Ron is out of the office for two weeks to visit his little grandson in Victoria, BC. Deborah is holding the office together by herself. Pray for both of them in these days: refreshment for Ron and stamina for Deborah.
- 13 Saturday** — Reyaad, a young Algerian man, recently contacted a worker and announced: "I would like to become a Christian. How do I do that." The worker explained the gospel and is following up to encourage him in his decision.
- 14 Sunday** — From Russia: "Thank you for your programs that led me to the Lord. I like your advice about reading specific sections of the Bible when I face problems. I'm a new Christian and need to learn more from the Bible."
- 15 Monday** — Our HopeStreamRadio listeners are like the rest of us, not always highly communicative. That said, we know some have significant needs and listen to find peace and solace as well as strength for the day. Pray for them.
- 16 Tuesday** — Heat and dust are hard on equipment—equipment needed to make programs for our Latin American audience. Pray the Lord's protection of the hardware in Mexico which is used for Spanish language program production.

- 17 Wednesday** — Slavyansk, Ukraine, is very close to ongoing military action. Broadcasting there is done on an improvised setup using an antenna on a water tower. Pray that the programs may continue to go out to this troubled region.
- 18 Thursday** — Viji Roberts is one of our board members. He is involved in several ministries and committees as well as a very active elder and itinerant preacher. Pray for Viji today, that the Lord will give the strength he needs to serve Him.
- 19 Friday** — The Arab World continues to have a high number of refugees and displaced persons who live in desperate situations. Some of these are finding the Maarifa website and discovering who Jesus is and His offer of love and salvation.
- 20 Saturday** — Ivan listens to our Russian program through a mobile app. After the death of his mother, he was suicidal. One of Oleg's programs encouraged him to cry out to God. He did and God answered. Ivan now works with drug addicts.
- 21 Sunday** — Today we are thankful for the collaboration of camps and churches that provide messages for our regular Sunday Sermon features. Every week we run two of these and are grateful for the spiritual challenges they offer our listeners.
- 22 Monday** — Latin America's social traditions are giving way to pressures to accept secular attitudes and activities. So far, this has not hindered our Spanish-language outreach, and we pray the Lord's protection on those who speak His truth.
- 23 Tuesday** — Though we don't hear about it in the news any more, Ukraine still has close to a million and a half internally displaced persons who have left the war-torn East of the country. Pray for them as they are exposed to the gospel.
- 24 Wednesday** — We are now in the last quarter of our fiscal year. We only have a couple of months left to make sure that we end in the black. Pray for those whom the Lord will touch to support the ministry in the next eight weeks or so.
- 25 Thursday** — In the Arab World, identity papers that indicate the bearer's religion present a challenge for Christian converts. Ask God to give them wisdom as they consider how to handle this as they begin their new life of faith in Jesus.
- 26 Friday** — While Oleg continues to produce our Russian-language programs, the team in Moscow has been revamped to deal with some of the changes that have been forced upon them. Pray for the new leaders as they move forward.
- 27 Saturday** — HopeStreamRadio has a list of potential producers who are sorting out time issues and other matters before saying "Yes" to beginning production. We are asking the Lord to smooth the way so that they can get started soon.
- 28 Sunday** — Many websites suggest that corruption is the biggest problem throughout Latin America. It touches everything from daily transactions to major trade deals. When it is so "normal" it can infiltrate churches. Pray against this trend.
- 29 Monday** — Pray for the new generation of producers in Ukraine. They are in the 20 to 40 age range and bring a fresh perspective to the ministry. Pray for grace as they take their place beside ministry veterans who have served for years.
- 30 Tuesday** — Ministries like FBH depend on their boards of directors. We need to rotate new members in from time to time. Ask God to raise up some people of vision to swell the ranks of our board of directors for His glory.
- 31 Wednesday** — Coptic churches in Egypt have suffered violence at the hands of ISIS recently. The Christians have shown great courage and restraint and we praise God for the loving and forgiving response they have offered to their attackers.

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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