

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

September 2017

- 1 Friday** — Nathan Díaz asks us to pray for him as he seeks to advise listeners about a good church to attend in their area. He feels this responsibility deeply and does what he can, but sometimes has to make recommendations with little information.
- 2 Saturday** — Oleksii, a man living in Eastern Ukraine compared life in the warzone with "roulette." Every day brings a chance that one of his family members will be injured or even killed. Pray for our radio broadcasts there.
- 3 Sunday** — Please pray that as we begin publicizing our 2017 annual conference, people will take note and plan to attend. Our guest this year is Nathan Díaz, who produces both Spanish and English programs. (Details will be on the website.)
- 4 Monday** — Workers in the Arab World have observed that many seekers begin their investigation by reading the Bible. Modern technology allows workers to send them a digital copy of the Scriptures in an instant. Pray for fruit.
- 5 Tuesday** — From our partners in Russia: *Praise God for amazing technology and gifted staff who know how to make it all work. We're so encouraged to learn that many are now tuning in to FEBC through mobile devices!*
- 6 Wednesday** — Charles is our contact person at the Arab World Media office in the south of England. Each week he shares stories of what the Lord is doing and encourages us to pray for both individuals and the ministry across the region.
- 7 Thursday** — We recently heard of a local Christian radio station run by a small church in Mexico which offers service to its isolated community. It is largely funded by the local baseball team in exchange for air-time.
- 8 Friday** — Odessa, Ukraine, has a large Jewish population. Some Jews there (and in other cities, as well) are listening to Christian programs on the FEBC radio stations that broadcast our FBH programs. Some have made contact.
- 9 Saturday** — Pray for progress in our succession planning as we seek the Lord's direction regarding the future of FBH. The board has done some interviews and is encouraged, but we want to be sure that the right people are brought onboard.
- 10 Sunday** — Today we lift up Adel, a worker in Cairo. He has led many seekers to the Lord and has an important role in connecting them to other believers throughout the Arab World. Pray for his physical health and safety so he can do his work.
- 11 Monday** — Mikhail (unbeliever) in Russia wrote: *"Listening to your program for the first time, I was surprised that you were discussing deep, serious issues. My friend suggested I tune in and I don't regret it."*
- 12 Tuesday** — HopeStreamRadio's "Time with Tandy" is the work of Tandy Balson of Airdrie, Alberta. Her programs encourage us take time to see God in, and learn about Him from, the world around us. "Be still, and know that I am God."
- 13 Wednesday** — One of the challenges all of our colleagues in the work share, and especially in Latin America, is promoting our programs so that people are aware and can take advantage. Pray for wisdom as Nathan attends conferences to do this.
- 14 Thursday** — Aleks and Nadia, our Ukrainian producers need sensitivity and discernment as they make programs to be heard by stressed and suffering people. Their current series is based on the book of James using FBH resources.
- 15 Friday** — Today we are both praying, and thanking God, for our FBH donors. These partners in the gospel are the people the Lord uses to support the work both spiritually and materially. Each aspect is important in its own way and we honour them.
- 16 Saturday** — Firas began the first Arabic ministry website and is still intimately involved in its ongoing outreach. He now heads a team of workers in Cairo which fields questions and responds to seekers living all across the Arab World.

17 Sunday — Praise God that though two major stations we used in Russia are now off the air, listeners are using websites and smart phone apps to listen and "*unprecedented responses have been received.*" ... God meant it for good!

18 Monday — Wendy MacDonald, who lives on Vancouver Island, produces "Walking with Hope" for HopeStreamRadio. Combining insights from her own struggles and the wisdom of Scripture she builds up our listeners in their faith.

19 Tuesday — Our Spanish programs are now broadcast on more than 100 radio stations throughout Latin America. We thank God for what we have, but are daring to ask Him for new opportunities in the region. God gives the increase.

20 Wednesday — Between social change and military turmoil, Ukrainian families face many challenges. We are glad some are turning to Christ, but weep for those who look for other "answers." Pray for both our producers and their listeners.

21 Thursday — Today we are lifting up the "49 Steps" project which helps believers facing persecution in the Arab World. This internet resource which blesses our brothers and sisters living in a hostile environment is available 24/7.

22 Friday — Deborah and Carrie take care of the administrative and bookkeeping tasks associated with the ministry. These keep the operation running smoothly and in compliance with regulations and principles of good governance.

23 Saturday — Loneliness is one of the factors that drive people to seek connection with others by means of both traditional and social media. Oleg, our man in Moscow, says this is particularly true in Russia. Thank God for the Friend of sinners.

24 Sunday — Brad Hewey lives in Greenland (Nova Scotia) and produces "Everyday Encounters" for HopeStreamRadio. His love for engaging with people is evident in his programs. Brad describes himself as a husband, dad, and church elder.

25 Monday — An assembly in Mexico City has indicated that it will help fund our Spanish-language ministry. This is a blessing financially, but also a spiritual encouragement to Nathan. It is also a "first" in terms of national support.

26 Tuesday — Internally displaced persons in Ukraine present both a stress and an opportunity. Those who have fled fighting in the East struggle to acclimatise elsewhere, but are often interested in finding answers to "the big questions."

27 Wednesday — As our school year begins in North America, we are reminded of the challenge Christians in the Arab World face regarding the education of their children. Public schools indoctrinate them in Islam and few other options exist.

28 Thursday — Our conference takes place one month from today. We are praying that the Lord will bring the right people to share in that event. We'll have both international and HopeStreamRadio producers there. Come if you can. Pray anyway!

29 Friday — Rising nationalism in Russia continues to be troublesome for Evangelical Christians. Their churches are seen to be infiltrators from the West and not welcome. The Orthodox Church encourages repression of all other groups.

30 Saturday — James S. Howlett, of Hamilton, Ontario, produces "The Pensive Mr. Howlett." His unique creative writing style delights HopeStreamRadio listeners as he tells stories of characters from both the street and the Bible.

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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