

# PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

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- 1 Sunday** — Today, we invite you to pray for the financial officer of the board, Bryan Cain, and his son Steven. Bryan's wife, Sharon, passed into the Lord's presence on Thursday after suffering a fatal heart attack. This leaves a big hole in many lives.
- 2 Monday** — FEBC's new radio station in Eastern Ukraine is up and running. It is located close to the conflict zone. Pray that the audience will grow and that the message of hope may draw listeners to everlasting life in Jesus.
- 3 Tuesday** — This month much of our attention is devoted to our annual conference on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There are arrangements to be made, details to be finalized, and people to be contacted. Join us in asking God for help in these busy days.
- 4 Wednesday** — To avoid terrorist attacks, the government in Egypt is requiring churches to close their doors to Muslims. Workers have launched a series of small groups (8 so far) to which seekers can be directed to find answers to their questions.
- 5 Thursday** — Andrey from Russia wrote: "I'm not a Christian, but I listen to and like your programs." Radio Teos has more listeners like him. We're asking the Spirit of God to speak into their hearts through our FBH International programs.
- 6 Friday** — Janis Cox recently completed her 100<sup>th</sup> program for HopeStreamRadio. We are grateful for her commitment to producing *Growing Through God's Word* each week. Jan is one of our most active promoters on social media.
- 7 Saturday** — The recent earthquakes in Mexico are on everyone's minds in that country. Nathan has capitalized on that interest by producing some materials to help people understand how God's love can be seen even in natural disasters.
- 8 Sunday** — Today, we're thinking particularly about the Eastern part of Ukraine which is still a war zone. Sporadic fighting is a constant reminder of the fragility of life and the vanity of trusting our lives to anything other than God, Himself.
- 9 Monday** — One of the most important parts of our conference is getting all the key people there. Pray particularly for Nathan's travel plans. As the keynote speaker, we are depending on him to have a significant role in the program.
- 10 Tuesday** — This summer a 53-year-old Egyptian policeman from a large Muslim family contacted Samira with questions about Jesus prompted by a series of dreams. She led him to the Lord and he was baptized at the end of August.
- 11 Wednesday** — These days, Oleg, in Moscow, is busy preparing material to share at conference. We're asking God to help him pull together what he needs to do that and find the time above his regular work to make it happen.
- 12 Thursday** — James Bruyn is the producer of Marketplace Ministry on HopeStreamRadio. His calling is to see individual Christians and the Church active in the workplaces where so many people spend the bulk of their time.
- 13 Friday** — Inequality is a major challenge in Latin America—home to some of the richest and poorest people on the planet. Justice is often available only for the privileged. Pray for Nathan as he speaks truth in this part of the world.
- 14 Saturday** — Victor Kurilenko directs FEBC's ministry in Eastern Ukraine. Legally blind, but a devoted believer and fearless leader, he deals with many challenges to provide direction to the team for which he is responsible.
- 15 Sunday** — We'd like to remind you that we are in "succession mode" here, looking for and preparing to equip the team which will move the work into the years to come. Please pray for both the board and the candidates in this regard.
- 16 Monday** — Depression, especially among women, drives many Muslims to find help online. AWM has a mobile app which helps people understand mental health issues and offers hope to people who are living in unstable situations.

- 17 **Tuesday** — Oleg tells us the crackdown against "terrorism" is involving more churches. Besides formal legal action, intimidation techniques (like interrupting church services in progress) are being employed. Much discernment is needed.
- 18 **Wednesday** — Susan Rumford is the producer of *Inside Out*—a program that deals with mental health and relationship issues. She offers spiritual and practical counsel to both strugglers and the people who love them.
- 19 **Thursday** — Rodrigo Gómez and his wife Pati assist Nathan in Mexico City in a variety of ways. They have business and publicity experience and have worked on web design as well as presenting some on-air program segments.
- 20 **Friday** — While Eastern Ukraine is embroiled in armed conflict the western part of the country has challenges of its own dealing with: the old regime, Russia and the West, the influx of internally displaced persons from the conflict zone.
- 21 **Saturday** — One week from today we'll be having our conference. The upcoming week will be busy with people confirming their attendance and lots of last minute details to attend to. Please pray for all those who will be participating in the event.
- 22 **Sunday** — With the latest wave of persecution of Christians in Egypt, Samira says she's had "many, many, many" conversations with people wanting to know why Christians are peaceful and loving even as they are being attacked and persecuted.
- 23 **Monday** — Victor Akhterov oversees the ministry in Moscow (among other responsibilities). Today we're lifting him up to our Father for blessing and encouragement. Being a leader is demanding especially so when the team is widely spread out.
- 24 **Tuesday** — Shane Johnson is the producer of HopeStreamRadio's *Christ Up Close*. He has created several series of programs for us and has a passion for drawing people toward God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 25 **Wednesday** — Our international producers speak into quite different contexts. For example, abortion is still heavily restricted in Latin America. However, loud voices make themselves heard and some countries are capitulating to them.
- 26 **Thursday** — Our colleagues in Ukraine make good use of volunteers. These people serve the Lord by helping out with various production chores as well as promoting the ministry and responding to seekers who have questions. Let's pray for them.
- 27 **Friday** — Today we invite you to pray for all of us involved in the Canadian operation. Please remember the board members, staff, and volunteers. Organizations facilitate ministry, but God uses people in one way or another to reach others.
- 28 **Saturday** — This is conference day! A group of our friends and supporters will gather for encouragement as we thank God for what He has done in the past year and look forward to what He will do in the months to come.
- 29 **Sunday** — Muslims in the Arab World are amazed that Christians choose to be followers of Jesus even though He promised them persecution and hardship and told them to forgive their enemies. Pray that they, too, may find the Prince of Peace.
- 30 **Monday** — While FEBC lost two important licences (Moscow and St. Petersburg) they still have six FM stations taking the gospel to Russian speakers as well as a shortwave service which covers the whole country. Praise God for radio.
- 31 **Tuesday** — Jodi Greenstreet is the producer of HopeStreamRadio's *WOW Living*. She is a gifted communicator involved in a variety of ministries. We are grateful that she agreed to work with us to reach our listeners with her enthusiasm and insights.

*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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