

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

December 2017

- 1 Friday** — The internet provides opportunities for Christians in the West to interact with people in the Arab World. We ask God for His wisdom as they do so. May they always remember that they represent Christ to people who are skeptical.
- 2 Saturday** — Our Russian programs use interactions with listeners to help the audience understand the relevance of faith. The hosts and guests respond to sometimes difficult situations spontaneously as the Spirit leads. They need grace and wisdom.
- 3 Sunday** — Jack Popjes is a career linguist and translator and a new HopeStreamRadio producer this fall. His program is called “The Why and How of Bible Translation.” Pray for him and listen to his programs.
- 4 Monday** — In the traditionally Catholic countries of Latin America, Christmas presents a welcome opportunity to introduce unbelievers to a more biblical understanding of who Jesus is and the free salvation He offers to all.
- 5 Tuesday** — Grigory Burlaka, who worked with us for many years in Ukraine, passed away in October. His son, Vadim, is now heading the FEBC ministry in Chernivtsy. We’re praying for both him, and the whole team as they adjust.
- 6 Wednesday** — In Egypt, a young Muslim man has begun an ongoing relationship with workers, after his Christian friend was killed in an attack on a church. He is astonished at the forgiveness and peace he sees in the family.
- 7 Thursday** — This evening, the FBH board of directors meets with another candidate who is interested in joining the ministry. Pray for both the meeting and our succession plans as we consider the people God is bringing to our attention.
- 8 Friday** — Igor Popov is now the producer of the FBH programs in Russia. He and his wife have a child with Down Syndrome which allows him to speak with knowledge and warmth about an often neglected issue in Russia.
- 9 Saturday** — Gary McBride is working on his fourth series of programs for HopeStreamRadio, this one on Christian Relationships. At this time of year, family fractures are particularly painful. Thank God for Gary’s partnership.
- 10 Sunday** — This is a good day to express our thankfulness for the hundred plus radio stations across Latin America that broadcast our Spanish program without cost. They willingly make these available for the benefit of their audiences.
- 11 Monday** — Alex Pastushak, and the team in Ukraine, are working on a new, more interactive format of our programs. The goal is for the producers to be close to the listeners, helping them to build a life-saving relationship with Christ.
- 12 Tuesday** — Two men have expressed interest in joining the FBH International board of directors. Pray for the Lord’s leading for them and the ministry leaders as we discuss their joining us in serving the Lord this way.
- 13 Wednesday** — God continues to call some Muslims to Himself through extraordinary means like dreams and visions. Pray for wisdom for follow-up workers who explain to the people who have these what it means to follow Jesus.
- 14 Thursday** — Sergey, a Christian leader in the Tambov region of Russia, was recently fined a third of a month’s salary for inviting people to a church service on social media. The crackdown on evangelicals is intensifying.
- 15 Friday** — Stephen Baker’s current series on HopeStreamRadio is “Jesus Revealed.” It helps our listeners see Jesus through the lives of biblical characters. These are the most consistently evangelistic programs on the station.
- 16 Saturday** — Our Spanish program is unique in that it receives some local support from an assembly in Mexico City. We are thankful for them, and pray that God will continue to bless both the leadership and all those associated with it.

- 17 Sunday** — The studio in Slavyansk, Ukraine, has been damaged in the fighting in that city and repairs and remodelling are underway. We're asking God to provide both the funds and the labour to get this important work completed.
- 18 Monday** — Today we pray for our FBH donors. Firstly, for those who have faithfully remembered the ministry. Secondly, for those who have put off giving to the end of the year. The time is short for the latter, but we are grateful for all!
- 19 Tuesday** — Mazim was a star in his Muslim community. He memorized the Quran, qualified as an Imam, and joined an Islamic missionary group. He has now become a believer and has started a Bible study group at his university in Cairo.
- 20 Wednesday** — The need to keep upgrading the quality of programs in Russia is being addressed through both professional and theological training for the younger broadcasters. We ask God to bless these efforts to increase their effectiveness.
- 21 Thursday** — These days, HopeStreamRadio is running some special Christmas-themed programs along with favourite traditional music. Some of our producers have created extra content for this. We are grateful for them and their work.
- 22 Friday** — According to The World Bank, Latin America leads the world in mobile phone growth. This suggests that our Spanish app has an ever increasing potential audience. Pray for those the Spirit prompts to download it.
- 23 Saturday** — The team in Ukraine often hears from listeners who say things like “I thought I was a good (Orthodox) Christian, but after listening to your programs I realized I only believed superstitions. I just prayed to Jesus for the first time.”
- 24 Sunday** — On this day of great anticipation, especially among the little ones, we look forward to new opportunities to take the message of the babe of Bethlehem who became the Saviour of the world to people who desperately need Him.
- 25 Monday** — Warmest Christmas greetings! Today, we are thankful for the gift of all gifts — God's unspeakable gift — who is the reason not only for “the season” but for all we do as a ministry throughout the entire year.
- 26 Tuesday** — Continue to pray for the discipleship groups that have begun in Egypt in the wake of Muslims not being allowed to visit churches. Two of these are designed to train Muslim background believers to lead studies of their own.
- 27 Wednesday** — As we move into 2018, we join our partner in praying for the two new stations they hope to add to their network in Russia. This is a challenging time for ministry in that land, but they are moving ahead, looking to the Lord.
- 28 Thursday** — Stephanie Nickel is our most prolific HopeStreamRadio producer. An already busy lady, she still creates two programs a week. Join us in asking God to help her juggle her schedule so our listeners can benefit from her insights.
- 29 Friday** — Recently, some news agencies have reported that Latin America is the deadliest part of the world. More were murdered in Mexico than were killed in Afghanistan last year. Ask God to use our programs to bring peace.
- 30 Saturday** — Victor Akhterov wrote: Please pray for FEBC's efforts to promote FBH's broadcasts in both Russia and Ukraine, online. We have some great initial results in Russia, but are lacking expertise, particularly in Ukraine.
- 31 Sunday** — On this last day of the year, we are thankful for the Lord's faithfulness and guidance. In 2017, we saw God work in some extraordinary ways and look forward to what lies ahead as we look to Him for direction in this coming year of transition.

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.

Visit www.FBHinternational.com or www.HopeStreamRadio.com for more information.