

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

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- 1 Thursday** — We're kicking off this month asking for prayer for our financial situation. We have just come through one of our annual dry times and we're asking the Lord for showers of blessing this Spring as we anticipate extra expenses this year.
- 2 Friday** — Children in Yemen are dying of starvation and the pressure on their parents is unimaginable. They are desperate for help and hope. AWM reports that in the last twelve months, more than 350 Yemenis have made contact online.
- 3 Saturday** — Siberia accounts for 77% of Russia's land mass, but has less than 30% of its people. Through FEBC, we reach out to isolated, often neglected, cities and towns where exploitation of people and resources are the norm.
- 4 Sunday** — Glynis Belec, producer of *Finding Hope in God's Promises*, recently became a victim of flooding when the Grand River overflowed its banks. Her office/studio (in the basement of her home) has to be dismantled and reassembled.
- 5 Monday** — Nathan Díaz's mother, Marilyn, had 2 malignant tumours removed last month. This was a surprise, but has brought people together in faith. She is recovering, but still has a long way to go to get back to her normal activities.
- 6 Tuesday** — FEBC has a big goal for this year: an evangelism centre in Kiev, Ukraine. It will give a huge boost to the outreach in a country where many live with addiction, destruction, loss, and grief, not to mention armed conflict.
- 7 Wednesday** — Last month, we prayed for Legacy Ministries Canada's charitable status with the Canadian government. This month, we rejoice in having it. Legacy will work to help FBH develop strategic giving options for our donors.
- 8 Thursday** — One Yemeni woman wrote: "I left Islam because of the contradictions and terrorism... I love Christ from the depth of my heart and want to follow him... I want to live in his shelter for he is my refuge." Lift this sister up!
- 9 Friday** — Unique among our radio programs is Moscow's listener call in segment. This gives listeners immediate contact with our hosts and their guest and provides for authentic exchange of ideas which all listeners find engaging.
- 10 Saturday** — Ask the Lord will touch our English listeners to help support HopeStreamRadio. Our ministry emphasis is on the international aspect of the work, and we look to our English radio listeners to maintain our service to them.
- 11 Sunday** — Today we thank God for the growing effectiveness of our Spanish-language apps. That audience continues to grow at an average of 40 downloads per month. This is a great way to expand the audience around the world.
- 12 Monday** — Please remember Olga, in Ukraine. She is a victim of domestic violence a common feature of life in a country full of frustration and the brutality of war. More than 1.8 million Ukrainian women experience some kind of abuse.
- 13 Tuesday** — We are happy to report that our social media impact continues to grow under Ray Marshall's direction. Site traffic continues to show a big improvement over last year and track listens are climbing steadily. Thank God!
- 14 Wednesday** — Our Arab World partner reports that 449 people made professions of faith in 2017 compared to 151 the previous year. This positive trend is encouraging and gives us cause to both rejoice and redouble our efforts.
- 15 Thursday** — Interesting guests on our Russian programs prompt listeners to call or interact online. Pray for these people who are often called on to defend their faith and discuss sensitive subjects with gentleness and wisdom.
- 16 Friday** — We are pleased to have Kathy step up to take Charles' place on HopeStreamRadio. Each week she'll be filing a report from the Arab World, bringing our listeners up-to-date on what God is doing in that challenging region.

- 17 Saturday** — The popularity of our Spanish Facebook page is growing. At this time more than 11,600 people are following Nathan’s posts. Some of these click to listen to the programs and benefit from both the short post, and the podcast.
- 18 Sunday** — Shocking as it may seem in the west, it was only in December 2017 that the Ukrainian government passed a law against domestic violence. Until then, it was seen as a “private family matter” and the judicial system ignored it.
- 19 Monday** — Ron reports that recent FBH presentations have been well received. Stories from the Arab World tend to grab the most attention, but overall, people are encouraged to hear about what God is doing. He still has some week nights open!
- 20 Tuesday** — It is hard to wrap our heads around big numbers, but these AWM stats from 2017 are so encouraging that we want to share: 4.7 million website page views yielded 58,000 Bible downloads and 65,000 video and book downloads.
- 21 Wednesday** — We were glad to hear that our program in Russia is one of the most popular ones on FEBC, not merely because we like to be popular, but because it means that we are reaching into the lives of a lot of people who have spiritual interest.
- 22 Thursday** — We have several new producers who are in the process of trying to get up and running. This is a challenging time for them. Pray for Jane, Mark, Andrea, Bradley, and Ellen. They have lots to offer and we look forward to their programs.
- 23 Friday** — Ever on the look-out for different ways to reach out, Nathan has been working on 2-3 minute videos to post on the Spanish Facebook page. These programs deal with areas listeners ask questions about, family, church, doctrine, etc.
- 24 Saturday** — Our programs in Ukraine reach the ears of some of the many “internally displaced persons” in Ukraine. As of last October, 1.6 million were still out of their homes and a third of these have abandoned hope of trying to return.
- 25 Sunday** — Today we thank God for our ministry partners in the Arab World, Russia, Ukraine, and Latin America. We could not do what we do without them and are grateful for their fellowship in the Gospel and expertise in their fields.
- 26 Monday** — Fear is a powerful motivator and some of the scariest places on earth are found in the Arab World. Many who reach out are looking for spiritual peace and security. Pray for the responders who share Jesus with them.
- 27 Tuesday** — We often associate alcohol problems with Russia, but drugs also take a huge toll on the country. An ex-drug user recently told our producers how his faith in the Lord enabled him to break free of his addiction and rebuild his life.
- 28 Wednesday** — HopeStreamRadio’s author interviews are among the most listened-to programs on the stream. We thank God for the opportunity to share good resources in print with our audience and to encourage Christian writers.
- 29 Thursday** — While “promotion” is often seen in a dim light in ministry circles, it is an important part of online work. This is something Nathan works hard at to develop our audience in the Spanish-speaking world.
- 30 Friday** — Anna is a Ukrainian woman who bears the burden of trying to help her drug-abusing daughter. Desperate for help, she draws spiritual strength from the programs she hears on FEBC’s station. Among them, Family Bible Hour!

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.

Fish Studio — the studio Nathan owns and operates in Mexico City where our Spanish programs are made.

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

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