

# PRAYER and PRAISE POINTERS

FBH International

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- 1 Tuesday** — We begin asking for prayer for Nathan, in Mexico. On Sunday, April 22, his dad, Paco, suffered a fatal heart attack. His mom, Marilyn, is still recovering from cancer surgery. Nathan now faces both grief and increased responsibility.
- 2 Wednesday** — Yemenis have been living in a war zone for 3 years now. Pray for the believers who are choosing to stay (though many are fleeing) to be a light in the darkness. Life is hard and security is a mirage as fighting continues around them.
- 3 Thursday** — Uri in Moscow wrote: “I am not a Christian, but I listen to your broadcasts. I need your advice. My wife is pregnant, but my mother wants her to have an abortion.” Pray for wisdom as the followup team ministers to this family.
- 4 Friday** — “Disciple This!” is the work of Ron Mahler, our newest HopeStreamRadio producer. Response to his first program was strong, with both believers and unbelievers commenting positively. (And, yes, he’s distantly related to Gustav.)
- 5 Saturday** — Today, Ron leaves for a whirlwind trip through the Maritimes. As he travels East, he’ll make stops in Kingston and Ottawa to present the work in assemblies there. Thank God for the opportunities he has to share what God is doing.
- 6 Sunday** — Valentina in Ukraine wrote: “FBH programs for families are the best! Because of you, there is peace and love in my family. We try to live according to God’s rules. Thank you, friends, for your advice.”
- 7 Monday** — Nathan, our Spanish producer, reports that the assembly where he is an elder recently baptized 12 people and just commended its first international missionary. Vero, a vibrant young woman, will be serving the Lord in Honduras.
- 8 Tuesday** — While we often think of the Arab World as an area united under Islam, there are unreached people groups which are quite distinct. One of these is the Kurmanji of northern Lebanon. Let’s remember these people who are often forgotten.
- 9 Wednesday** — Svetlana Sarapulova has begun working with her husband, Eugene to help with follow-up. His daily program receives the largest number of responses. Ron stayed with them in Moscow. Please pray for this couple and their 4 children.
- 10 Thursday** — Dr. John B. MacDonald of Vancouver produces “Living Theology” a program that seeks to equip and encourage believers as they become more like Jesus. We’re grateful for his thoughtful and reasoned approach to the Christian life.
- 11 Friday** — Today we pray for Stephen March, our incoming operations director. Before he joins us in mid-July, he will finish his obligations to his current employer and then has a week of camp ministry at Li-Lo-Li in New York State.
- 12 Saturday** — Vadim, from Chernovtsy, Ukraine wrote to tell about a new church in the city and the how he has found the FBH programs to be a great resource. He encourages visitors to the church to listen to them.
- 13 Sunday** — Today Ron is speaking at assemblies in the Halifax/Dartmouth area and reconnecting with friends of the ministry in the region. We’re praying that the Lord’s people will be encouraged by reports of the work and ministry of the Word.
- 14 Monday** — Mr. A is an older man in the Middle East who began getting in touch with the AWM workers to attack Christianity. Over the last 4 months the Lord has revealed Himself and now Mr. A believes that Christianity is the true way.
- 15 Tuesday** — From Tatiana in Moscow: “I am not a Christian, but I like to listen to you. I would like to ask you to pray for my daughter. She is only 13, but she thinks about suicide all the time.” Youth suicide is a big problem in Russia. Pray!
- 16 Wednesday** — Ray Marshall heads up our social media efforts and recently reported that we had more than 1500 visits to HopeStreamRadio in one week. We are glad to get the good news and invite you to pray for Ray and the work he does.

- 17 Thursday** — Our Spanish radio program has given Nathan lots of contacts to follow up. As a result of these, he's been able to travel to conferences and other events which give him opportunity to both minister and talk about the work.
- 18 Friday** — From Natalia in Ukraine, "Thank you for your broadcasts that led me to the Lord. I am so glad that I am a Christian now and I talk about my Saviour to everyone who does not know Jesus. I learn from FBH programs, every day."
- 19 Saturday** — At this point, Ron expects to be on Prince Edward Island and will be speaking to churches in Charlottetown and Summerside as well as making contact with several faithful supporters of the ministry on the Island.
- 20 Sunday** — Syria and Lebanon's Alawi people are largely unreached. They are very secretive and have mixed Islam with reincarnation which leads to persecution from their Muslim neighbours. Pray with us that they will find Christ.
- 21 Monday** — Rustam in St. Petersburg wrote: "My wife wants to leave me. I know this is my fault. I was raised in an orphanage and always had problems. Recently I began to listen to your broadcasts and I try to follow your advice."
- 22 Tuesday** — Aaron Basko, producer of "Living On Purpose," has completed his cancer treatments and his prognosis looks good. He is grateful for the prayers of the FBH International partners who have lifted him up in this time of trial.
- 23 Wednesday** — Mobile phone penetration is now approaching 70% in Latin America. This creates huge opportunities for Nathan to engage with people all over the region as signal availability spreads. Thank God for technology!
- 24 Thursday** — From Vladimir in Eastern Ukraine: "Thank you, friends, for your amazing broadcasts! Because of you, we serve the Lord now. We are thankful that God saved not only our family, but our house, too, when war was in our region."
- 25 Friday** — Ron's trip is winding down as today he heads for Frederickton for his last presentation on Sunday. Pray for him as he does that and then faces the long drive back to Ontario on Monday and Tuesday.
- 26 Saturday** — Please pray for a young Yemeni man who accepted the Lord seven months ago through Maarifa online. He spent some time in prison and has lost his job, his family, and more. Yet he holds fast to his faith in Christ.
- 27 Sunday** — FEBC is creating special programs to address the problem of domestic abuse. This is a big problem in Russia and we pray the broadcasts on that topic will help many. We've heard they've had a positive impact on abusers, too.
- 28 Monday** — We'd like to invite you to pray specifically about meeting the financial needs of HopeStreamRadio. We're praying that those with a vision for this aspect of the ministry will get behind it practically as well as prayerfully.
- 29 Tuesday** — Bobby Halek, our incoming president will begin working with us on September 4. He has speaking engagements over the summer and then will dive into our busy fall season with us. Pray for Bobby as he prepares to make the shift.
- 30 Wednesday** — Petr in Western Ukraine wrote to tell us that he listened to our programs on FEBC even though he was not a believer. Eventually, the Lord touched him and he came to faith. He closed his note: "I'm so glad that you exist!"
- 31 Thursday** — We end the month thanking God for His faithful provision. We will face more expenses in our next fiscal year (beginning July 1), so we are especially grateful the Lord's people have been responsive to His prompting to help us.

*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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