

The Creels Spring 2020 Prayer Letter

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

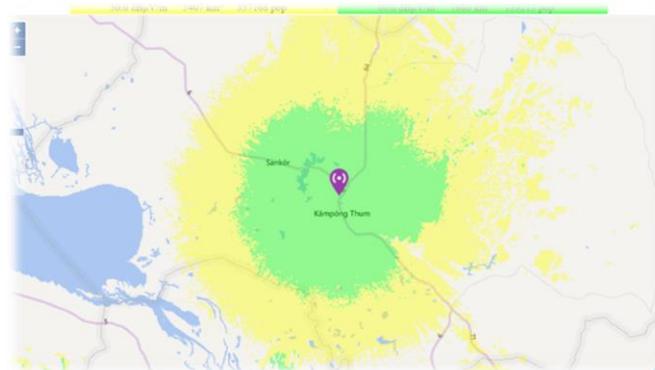
Grace and peace to you! As news of the coronavirus outbreak dominates the headlines, let us not forget that God is with us! He has promised never to leave or forsake us, and He has assured us of His presence and His help. In the midst of this crisis, we can be assured of His love and care.

So, you might ask, “How has the coronavirus outbreak affected the ministry of FEBC? The short answer is, “In many ways.” On a personal level, our planned trip to the Philippines in April for the annual International Council Committee meetings has been cancelled. It is simply not prudent or practical to travel at this time. Alternate plans are being made for a “virtual meeting” of FEBC’s field directors sometime in May. Significant impacts are also being felt by our Asian staff members as cities go into “lockdown” which may necessitate the need for producing and airing programs from their homes. Business continuity planning and implementation is certainly a “hot topic” right now.

But, along with the difficulties, the coronavirus outbreak is providing unprecedented opportunities for FEBC to share the love of Christ with our listeners in some very practical ways. For example, due to the outbreak, most house churches in China are not able to gather for services. The availability of our broadcasts has helped the believers there stay close to God. Our staff in Hong Kong host programs each day where listeners from mainland China can call in with their prayer concerns. This program is linked to our facilities in the Philippines & Korea where it is broadcast live back into mainland China via high-power AM/Shortwave radio and the internet. Our staff have also been able to read scripture, give practical health & hygiene advice, and offer words of encouragement to those in the affected areas. This has been a tremendous encouragement to those impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Even though the coronavirus outbreak has disrupted our travel plans, we are still able to offer remote technical assistance to our fields. For example, David has been assisting our FEBC Cambodia staff with coverage studies for the upgrade of the Kampong Thom relay station. The station had been off the air for several months due to some technical difficulties. Now, with its power being increased from 500 watts to 2000 Watts, even more people in Cambodia are now able to hear the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. The impact is amazing as the following letter illustrates:

“My name is Kim Vanna, and I always listen to Family FM 99.5. I like all the programs...the program my family likes to hear most is “Audio Bible Dramas.” Thank you that through the “Jesus Story” I can know more about Jesus’ work...Thank you Family FM for producing the “Jesus Story” to encourage us and answer some question we don’t understand. May God bless Family FM and provide for your needs.”



KAMPONG THOM CAMBODIA FM COVERAGE STUDY

David has also been helping FEBC Mongolia assess the state of their audio equipment as they prepare for future upgrades. Our broadcasts there continue to have a tremendous impact as shown by the following listener letter:

My name is Tserennadmid. When I was a new believer, I heard about Christian radio station, which was being aired in my area. As soon as I got Galcom radio device, I started listening to FEBC broadcast. I have done it ever since. I am grateful for the study opportunity while I listen to “Thru the Bible” program. Before my only option to hear the Word was the

Sunday church service. Now I am not limited to Sundays only and I can experience God and His presence anytime and anywhere via this radio device. "Thru the Bible" program gives me opportunity for self-reflection also. I ask myself if I am demonstrating the love of Jesus in my life towards the other people. Thank you for broadcasting such spiritual programs for listeners to grow in their faith and to give them opportunity to have closer friendship with Jesus Christ.



FEBC MONGOLIA LISTENER WITH GALCOM RADIO

February was a busy month for us as we participated in three Global Impact Celebrations (GIC's) at supporting churches in Tuscumbia, Hartselle, and Smyrna, Georgia. We really enjoyed connecting with church members and hearing about the great things the Lord is doing through the missionaries and ministries represented.



GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION

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Praise & Prayer:

- Praise the Lord that the FEBC Cambodia engineering team was able to get the relay station in Kampong Thom, Cambodia back on the air and upgraded!
- Praise the Lord for a wonderful tour of the Holy Land in January! (See photos at thecreels.org.)
- We thank and praise the Lord for good GIC's.
- Please pray for safety and good health for FEBC staff around the world. Pray for wisdom as they broadcast the Gospel and encourage listeners during the coronavirus crisis.
- Please pray for wisdom for our engineering team on how to assist our technical staff.
- Please pray for the healing of many people who are affected by the coronavirus outbreak. May they receive salvation and the love of our Lord Jesus.
- Pray for us to have wisdom as we continue to do our work from home.
- Pray for Christians to know how to encourage people to look to God for healing and salvation.

Thank you again for your continuing support of our ministry with FEBC. May the peace of God guard your hearts and your mind through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

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VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND IN JANUARY



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