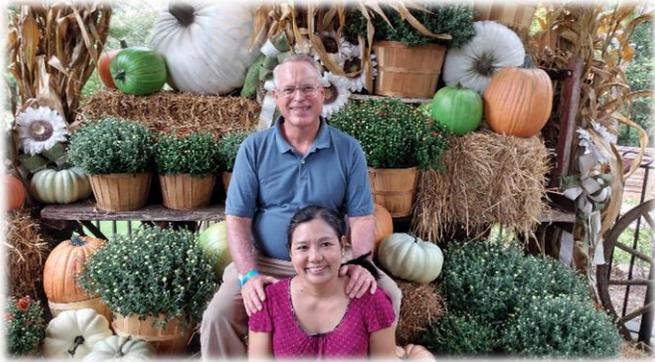


The Creels Autumn 2020 Prayer Letter

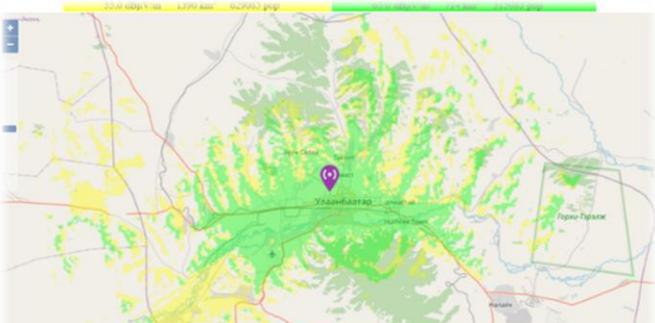
“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:2)

Greetings from Alabama! As we come to the end of summer and begin to look forward to the beauty and cooler temperatures of the autumn season, we hope and trust that you and your family are doing well.



We are both doing well after surviving a bit of a scare. On August 10th, we were tested for COVID-19 due to possible exposure. Vicki tested negative while David tested positive. He was blessed to have no fever and only mild symptoms. We are thankful that he has recovered, that Vicki avoided catching it, and that the quarantine is now over. All-in-all, it was a bit stressful, but we are grateful for the Lord’s mercy, grace, and healing touch.

During the quarantine, David still tried to do some work, knowing that it would help him to re-focus his energies into something fruitful. His main project was doing coverage studies for WIND-FM, FEBC’s radio station in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The city has grown in recent years, so the station wants to increase their footprint. Please pray for wisdom as this project moves forward.

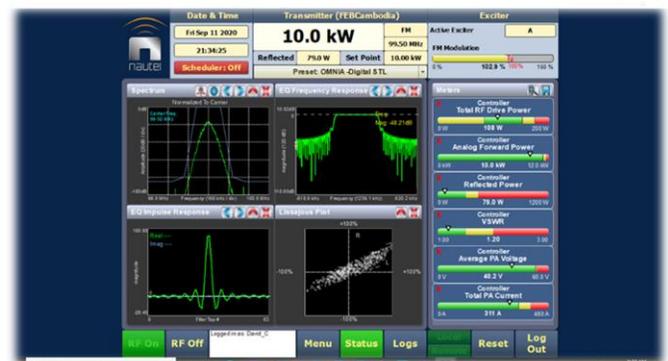


COVERAGE STUDY FOR WIND-FM IN MONGOLIA

This year, Far East Broadcasting Company celebrates 75 years of ministry. What began as a vision to reach China with the Gospel by radio has now become a worldwide media ministry. FEBC broadcasts are now heard in 124 languages, in 50 countries, aired from 149 radio stations, totaling 842 hours of programming per day, 365 days a year. Around 4 billion people are within the coverage area of FEBC’s radio stations. Last year alone, FEBC received an amazing 7.4 million interactions and responses to the Gospel. “And while much of the world has been sheltering-at-home, FEBC broadcasters have continued working 24/7 to reach people struggling with fear, disease, economic ruin, and death.” (febc.org)

This fall also marks David’s 30th year of ministry with FEBC! It is hard to believe that it was 30 years ago when David began his first term of service with FEBC’s shortwave radio station in Saipan.

Over that 30-year period, much has changed, especially the technologies that are employed. Gone are reel-to-reel tape decks, turntables, and cassette decks – all replaced by computers. One of the blessings of modern technology (like the internet) is the ability to work from home. Who would have thought 30 years ago that it would be possible to diagnose & troubleshoot transmitter problems from 10,000 miles away? One of our main transmitter suppliers, Nautel, has developed an Advanced User Interface (AUI) which allows users to remotely monitor and control their transmitters. With assistance from David and other engineers, they are currently testing a new app which can also be used for this purpose.



REMOTE CONTROL OF CAMBODIA TRANSMITTER

Shortly after the emergence of the Coronavirus, FEBC established a “COVID Response Center” (CRC) to help our fields deal with the many challenges presented by such an outbreak. A key part of the CRC was the establishment of a prayer team. It was our privilege to be invited to be a part of this prayer team which meets weekly via a Zoom video conference call. It has been a pleasure meeting with our colleagues as we pray for the needs of each FEBC field. Speaking of prayer, each month FEBC produces the “Prayer Target” which contains a daily listing of prayer needs from around the world. If you would like to participate, sign up at <https://www.febc.org/get-involved/pray/>.

FEBC CAMBODIA

FEBC Cambodia broadcasts the Gospel in Phnom Penh and in Kampong Thom province via two FM stations. In addition, gospel programs are also aired via shortwave from the Philippines to many remote areas of the country where FM is not able to reach. FEBC Cambodia continues to expand the ministry through new media such as mobile apps and social media. David continues to provide technical support to the shortwave staff in the Philippines and to the FEBC Cambodia technical team when needed.

Our staff periodically holds outreaches in the outlying provinces. It is encouraging to see and hear the results. In August, the FEBC Cambodia radio team traveled to two remote provinces where they distributed shortwave radios to 55 families. The team has been working directly with these communities in the prevention of COVID-19 by sharing basic hygiene information.



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LISTENER RESPONSE

“In this season of fear and caution, I give thanks to Krusa FM (FEBC Cambodia) for many good programs which help my family to be strong and understand more about how to prevent COVID-19...After hearing your programs, I know God loves and protects my family. May God bless Krusa FM.” (Mr. Near from Toteung)



PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ Praise the Lord that David recovered from COVID-19 and that Vicki did not catch it.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for 75 years of taking “Christ to the World by Media.”
- ❖ Pray for the family of Viktor Kurilenko, a long-time broadcaster with FEBC Ukraine, who recently passed away from COVID-19.
- ❖ Pray for God’s wisdom for FEBC’s leaders in this unusual time.

For more on our ministry and for some insightful devotions, visit febc.org and our blog at thecreels.org. Thank you for your prayers and support over the past 30 years of ministry and especially in the midst of these difficult times. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

In Christ,

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