

Stories of faith, hope and love from the **Far East Broadcasting Company**.
Together we broadcast *Christ to the World by Media*.

A wonderful new habit for Cambodia.



Less than 1% of Cambodia is Christian. FEBC covers over half the population.

The Khmer people of Cambodia need easy access to the Word of God, so FEBC New Zealand is funding a new Daily Bible Reading programme, morning and night.

Thanks to you, Cambodian households can now listen to this new and dynamic Bible reading spot. Whether they own a Bible or not, and whether they can read or not, the Word of God is present in a drama style, a chapter a day.

This new programme is a collaboration between FEBC, Bible Society, and Faith Comes By Hearing. Working our way from the Gospel of Matthew through to Revelation, a chapter each day will take about one year to read. We have produced this with different voices, male and female, young and old. Music and light sound effects make it interesting and dynamic for the listeners, many of whom don't own a Bible and don't have a local church.

The Daily Bible reading will be on our FM stations, available to most in the country, plus our Social Media channels. This way the spots can be listened to by anyone and shared as much as they like.

Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in Asia, and the church is less than 1% of the 16.9 million (mostly Buddhist) population. Khmer people (98%) deserve access to the Word of God, and our purpose is to make it easily available to as many people as possible. Alongside numerous other programmes that teach and discuss Biblical perspectives, we hope that this one becomes a wonderful daily habit for many, where God's Word does all the talking and whole households begin and end the day with scripture. To support this project please write 'Cambodia' on any donation form. Thank you.



Broadcasting from home during lockdown.

A rescue shop within a yard of hell.

More than 25,000 listeners in Thailand are enrolled in our FEBC Bible Correspondence Course, many of whom are prisoners serving years for serious crimes. New Zealand is now funding this ministry with your support.

On-air programmes regularly promote the Bible Correspondence Course (BCC) as an ideal way to learn more about God, Christianity, and eternal life. Around a thousand people enrol each year, and gradually work their way through this 18 lesson Bible study. Some students are Buddhist seekers, and some are young Christians. All are living in the cultural context of Thailand that is thoroughly Buddhist.

Many enrolled listeners are serving time in prisons all over Thailand. As a result of the broadcasts and the studies, many of our students come to courageous faith in Jesus, and some are now even leading small group churches inside their jails!

Mr S recently wrote: "We the church of Bang Kwang Prison send our love, encouragement, and peace that we share in the Lord Jesus Christ, to you our teachers and all the FEBC team. May God bless you and your families in 2021."



*"...I will build my church,
and the gates of hell shall not
prevail against it."
Matthew 16:18*

Bang Kwang Prison is the notorious 'death row' prison near Bangkok also known as 'the Bangkok Hilton.'

"Some want to live within the sound of church and chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

- Well known missionary **C.T. Studd.**

The BCC teaches Biblical essentials of life and reality. This is composed knowing that people in Thailand are taught the Buddhist worldview, that life is a painful and constant cycle of birth and rebirth. That there is no such thing as a 'self' or permanent soul, and that the goal of life is to attain 'emptiness, nothingness' which is 'Nirvana.' Thailand promotes short term Buddhist ordination for all Thai boys and man.

Like the Bible Correspondence Course, FEBC's daily teaching programmes point people to Jesus Christ for liberty, joy and eternal life. By supporting FEBC New Zealand, you

support FEBC Thailand's ministry through the BCC and radio programmes. Our next plans for the BCC are to launch the course onto a social media platform for easy access by many more young people.



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Many turn to Christ in Ukraine



Staff and volunteers guide hundreds through the pain.

As the border conflict with Russia continues (Russo-Ukrainian War, 2014 -), Ukrainian hearts and households are open to God. Since 2015 FEBC New Zealand has supported the on-air counselling programme 'Wounded by the War,' a multi-agency broadcast helping soldiers, wives and families recover from the traumas of the civil war.

In early 2020 when Covid-19 caused huge anxiety, FEBC Ukraine set up a free-phone helpline. It was quickly overwhelmed with calls. A recent build-up of Russian troops on the Eastern Ukrainian border has further raised anxiety and the helpline has been overwhelmed once again, due to Covid-19 and the war.

This picture (left) is the core staff team who manage the helpline. The phone number is shared on our daily broadcasts (FM and online), and staff and volunteers receive around 1,500 calls a month!

Callers receive prayer, counsel, they hear the good news of Jesus Christ, and they are connected to local churches. The team report that "dozens of people turn to Jesus every month."

Thank you for supporting 'Wounded by the War' and for praying for an end to this conflict and Covid-19. You are a 'peacemaker.'



Eugene from FEBC (right) prays with a soldier.

Pray for India



Please pray for the peoples of India and our co-workers at Feba as the whole country wrestles with Covid-19. No-one is immune from its devastation, including the Feba India team and their families, several of whom have lost loved ones.

In a message to Matt Perry, India's National Director Benjamin said "The picture is very very bad. People are dying. Long queues of ambulances wait with bodies to be cremated.

There is no place in the crematorium, no beds and no oxygen. We have lost lots of pastors and missionaries. Please keep praying."

"Our listenership has increased and we are doing many programs through social media, it has opened new avenues to reach people. Please pray for our teams, working from their homes, that we will keep producing relevant programmes to comfort our people."



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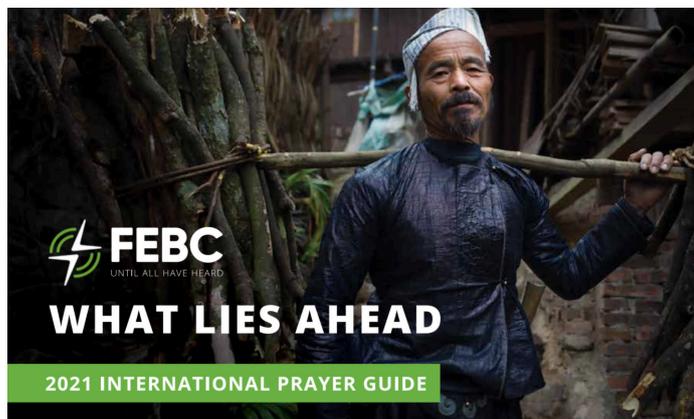
Q&A

What makes a time of global pandemic different to any other time for outreach?

Several people have asked this question. Why is this Covid season different for your ministry? What difference does a pandemic make to the churches international mission? Here are a few thoughts in response?

- Because the world has been forced to 'distance' ourselves, more people than ever before are seeking the help and wisdom of Christian media programmes. Suddenly, eternal life and hope for tomorrow is a welcome message!
- 2020 and the global Covid-19 pandemic has shown us that life and access to other people can change very quickly. So this stirs an urgency within us to make the most of our freedom, and our broadcasting facilities while we can.
- The pandemic has made millions of people more aware of their mortality, and has inspired new longing in people for purpose and hope. Our stations are busier than ever before with interest in God, and inquiries for help (resources and counsel)

We have just produced a new International Prayer Guide. Download it from our website, or email us for an attachment. Please join us and pray insightfully for numerous nations including India, Myanmar and China.



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Prayer for Listeners

This month's scripture is Matthew 5:1-2 (- 9:38)

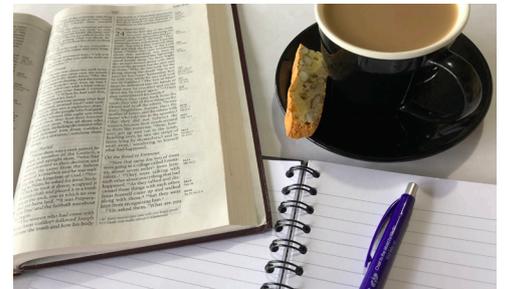
Early in the Sermon on the Mount we're told that Jesus taught, preached and healed people from all around the region we know today as Jordan, Israel and Syria. The teaching and preaching was possibly the most incredible call to spiritual and ethical goodness ever spoken. People were amazed at his refreshing and authoritative message.

Notice who Jesus spoke to, and who was listening. 5:1 says Jesus "saw the crowds," 5:2 says he taught his "disciples." Jesus taught his closest followers while large crowds of various people listened in. These crowds were a vast mixture of Jews and Greeks with all sorts of religious and worldly ideas, and yet there they were hearing about the highest standards of righteousness in the world! (5:3-12,20 etc)

Many FEBC listeners are just like the crowds, listening in from a safe distance, hearing incredible truths. Please pray that listeners would:

- be amazed at the fresh thinking of Christianity,
- be awestruck by its authoritative messages,
- be thrilled and convinced to stay tuned,
- stay connected with other seekers and disciples,
- realise their spiritual poverty and enter the Kingdom of Heaven (5:3)
- & that the harassed and helpless would follow Jesus, the good shepherd (9:36)

Take courage,
Matt Perry.



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