

# From Muslim teacher to Christian broadcaster.



Saladin had been a Muslim for 38 years. But late one night in Malawi, Africa, while kneeling down for his nightly prayers to Allah, Saladin saw a vision that changed his life.

“As I was on my knees, I saw a multitude of Muslims who were weeping, and I saw my brother, my uncle and other relatives. They were filled with sorrow. They were crying, saying, “Saladin, rescue us!” Saladin was confused. Since he was also a Muslim, he didn’t know what they needed rescuing from. But as he continued to pray, Christ appeared to him, and convinced him of the truth – Jesus is Lord and God! He woke up and wrote down what he’d just seen. Shortly thereafter he turned his life to follow Jesus, leaving Islam to become a Christian.

Before accepting Christ, Saladin was the secretary of the Muslim council in eastern Malawi, and the vice president of the Muslim Teachers Union. As a Christian, he stepped down from these positions and immediately faced persecution.

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“After I accepted Jesus Christ, I was rejected by my family and treated as an outcast. The Muslim Teachers Union told me I was going to be killed according to Sharia law. Some sheikhs (elders) convened a meeting to plan my assassination, but I told them that I wasn’t there to attack them, I was there to preach about the living Jesus, the one true, living God.”

After being a Christian for a while, Saladin reached out to others for more Christian teachings. He met Amos Siyabu, the director of FEBC Malawi. Amos supported Saladin significantly. He gave him an audio Bible and a radio, so he could tune in to FEBC Malawi’s broadcasts. Now, when Saladin meets with people, he uses the radio and the audio Bible to share with them that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Saladin is the leader of over 200 radio listener clubs, an organized network of small groups who meet and tune in to FEBC programmes together. This is a key part of the ministry in his overwhelmingly Muslim region of Malawi. He continues to boldly proclaim the Gospel wherever he goes, despite the persecution he faces.

You can support ministry like this by writing ‘Africa’ on any donation form. Thank you.

## A confident widow, thanks to you.

Duong Champa is 62 years old. She lives in Siem Reap and became a Christian by listening to *Voice of Love Radio* (FEBC Cambodia).

“Six months into our faith journey my husband passed away, but I still had a lot of responsibilities. As a widow who put her faith in God alone, I faced persecution. It seemed like an awful thunderstorm was raining down on me at times. I felt hated and ignored. I lost my hope.”

Hearing God’s word through the radio empowered Duong to stand strong in faith.

“The best part of my life is that God has made me a sub-village head! This means that according to the official rules, I get to oversee many villages. I have now met with over 200 different families and it has been a wonderful and humbling experience. I have official responsibilities. I also share the gospel with them, and tell them how to be saved. Six families have recently turned to God, including those who persecuted me in the past.”



*Duong Champa: “Thank you Jesus for strengthening my confidence in you.”*

***“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27***

## Keep on Leading in Ukraine.

A New Zealand worship song is being sung over Ukraine, and you might know it. “Keep on Leading” by Auckland’s *Edge Kingsland* is a beautiful song of prayer and promise. That prayer to *God*, and promise *from God*, is inspiring Ukrainian people in the midst of the war today.

In our recent Winter appeal for Ukraine, we focused on 2 Corinthians 4, supporting FEBC Ukraine to **“not lose heart”** (verse 1). You contributed to Ukraine so the broadcasts can **“set forth the truth plainly”** (verse 2).

Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers. Please enjoy the NZ worship song in Ukrainian by visiting our **YouTube Channel @febcnz**. You can see *Dima* and *Darina* from FEBC, play and sing this song of blessing over the nation.

When many people left *Mykolaiv* in southern Ukraine, *Dima* and *Darina* stayed in order to serve the mission and make videos that present the ministry and the needs of the nation.



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# Broadcasting from anywhere, to everywhere.

4-5 million *Hmong* people scattered across Southeast Asia can hear Christian wisdom, thanks to you and FEBC. But they don't just listen. They watch too. They see the person, watch his face, experience his warmth and tones. This is real Christian outreach radio on social media, and over 100,000 people routinely tune in.

In such remote ethnic enclaves very few people have access to Christian programming in their own heart language. This is why *Phairot* (pronounced pie-raht) wakes up before dawn to broadcast FEBC's program in the *Hmong* language. He sets up tripods and cameras, all live-streaming on different social media platforms like *Facebook Live*, *Instagram*, *TikTok*, and more.

'Mee' is a woman who lives in a small village in the north of Thailand and listens every day. "Not everyone has power all the time in the villages, but almost everyone has cell signal. . . Many people even have more than one cell phone!"

'Mee' and her friends will listen together and then discuss what they've heard. The Bible is a new concept for her village. Reading through it can be confusing without a guide, and for an hour every day they are able to hear Gospel messages from *Phairot* on how to interpret the Bible and live as true Christians. When asked what Mee and other villagers thought of the broadcasts, they said, "We love all of it. . .we just want more so we can continue to read the Bible and apply it to our lives."



With the right equipment, ethnic broadcasters can set up anywhere.

## Brief Stories of Hope



### CAMBODIA

Mobile media studio progress.

FEBC Cambodia has ordered the new Ford Transit van, and the first ever Mobile Studio for Live Broadcast could arrive before Christmas. Our vision is to reach many more people in the streets, schools and markets of Cambodia, and invite them into meaningful conversations on topics they care about. A mobile media studio allows us to talk anywhere, and produce high quality audio and social media content aimed at young people.



### INDIA

More producers, more programmes, more outreach. Your support has trained a further 163 Indian Christians to produce outreach broadcasts for listeners all over India. *Developing Local Producers* is a project New Zealand funds to equip non-professional broadcasters to write and produce their own radio programmes for a vast secular and Hindu audience. New programmes are regularly being produced in Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, Koya, Kuvi, and Tamil languages.



### INDONESIA

FEBC Indonesia has just launched a brand new 24hour Christian media channel online. Radio Yaski offers music, programmes, YouTube links, podcasts and more. 'Online radio' offers listeners a huge selection of Christian ethos content to choose from, anywhere, anytime.

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# Q&A

Do you have a question about FEBC ministry?

Q. Does FEBC broadcast in New Zealand?

A. Sort of.

Thanks to the internet and digital technology, our broadcasts from any studio in any country can be streamed and heard wherever there is internet, anywhere on earth.

FEBC doesn't need to use FM or AM in New Zealand, but people in New Zealand from many other nations can hear our broadcasts in their own languages online.

This is why we have printed our **International Listener Cards**. *Listener cards* help people in New Zealand easily find the FEBC online channel in their language. You can share these with your neighbours and offer them the good news in: Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Filipino, Korean, Hindi, Khmer Cambodian, Bahasa Indonesian, Russian and Ukrainian.

We would love to send you whichever cards you would use. Please just make a donation to cover the cost of printing and postage, and we will send them to you. Call 0800 433 226, or email Leana here: [hello@febc.nz](mailto:hello@febc.nz)



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# Stay on Mission.

A biblical devotion to inspire passion for Jesus and prayers for the nations.

**This month's scripture is Revelation 19:6-9.**

The Apostle John's vision is both spectacular and real. I have no doubt that the sound of the believers shouting "*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Almighty reigns*" will be unlike anything we have ever heard before, incredibly loud and stirring.

At the end of this age when the new heaven begins, Christians will give loud glory to God because "the wedding of the lamb has come" (verse 7). This promise of a great party to celebrate the coming together of heaven and earth, God and humanity in the perfect new reality (Revelation 22:3-5), is just the beginning of what Christian believers have to look forward to (e.g. Isaiah 25:6-8; Matthew 26:29; Luke 13:29; 14:15; Revelation 19:7).

But another key word stands out in this text that speaks to mission-hearted believers about the work we have in this age before Jesus' return: "invited." This is the same word Jesus used twice in the parable of the great banquet (Luke 14:16,17). It is equally translated "called," and it tells us that we the church have a 'ministry of invitation' in the world. By voice, friendship, service, leaflet, television, radio, internet... we have a limited, ever-decreasing number of days to *invite people to Jesus' wedding party*.

Please pray for millions of listeners around the world, that they would not only **listen to the programmes** on the radio, but that they would **hear the call of God** on their lives, the beautiful invitation to eternal peace with Jesus Christ.

*Kia kaha, take courage,*

Matt Perry



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