

## New Odessa station preparing to spread Christ's love!

As the Russian government continues pushing back against Western influences, everyday conflicts intensify in the post-Soviet world. Caught up in the most intense examples of this struggle, the people of Ukraine are experiencing the impact of global change and internal struggles.

After losing Crimea, Ukrainians fought back against government corruption and suffered from military conflicts in the east of the country.

Located on the Black Sea, the million-strong port city of Odessa reflects the dual nature of Ukraine's current reality. It flourishes with art and passion rooted in Jewish charm and is home to many Russian and Ukrainian comedians. This cultural hub and third largest city in Ukraine has been called "a smile of God."

**"As our country is going through the biggest challenge of our generation, we need the voice of reason, morality, and love in our city. FEBC is that voice. We need you here, friends."**  
- Tatyana, a young Christian in Odessa.

However, it is also notoriously known as "mother Odessa," referring to its role as a long-standing capital of crime.

Despite efforts by the Ukrainian president to combat a shocking amount of corruption and criminal activity,

crime increased 30% last year and conflict grows daily, threatening the stability and progress of this beloved city.

More than 50 people died in clashes recently - some burned alive in the now infamous Union Building.

Today, Odessa is wounded and terrified.

That's why, when the Ukrainian National Media Licensing Commission was deciding to whom they should give an FM frequency in Odessa, they agreed a Christian voice was desperately needed there. FEBC was granted a permission to build a station in that city.

**We are overjoyed! A new station in Odessa is an incredible opportunity to change countless lives for Jesus.**

As we embark on seizing this opportunity to change lives, we invite you to understand and engage with each part of our plan:

### **PART 1:** Build a radio station in Odessa by October 2016

- Confirm a broadcasting location
- Obtain a new transmitter and antenna
- Establish communication lines to receive a signal from Kiev
- Raise funding for operational expenses such as electricity and technical services for 12 months

For this part of the project we need \$34,000. **This is a pressing need!**



While Christ-centered churches are active here, they need help. 96% of the people in Odessa do not know Christ.



We will be broadcasting to the people who are living in fear, bringing them new hope of Jesus Christ.



FEBC will be focusing on the youth of Odessa as we work to change the entire nation for Jesus.

**PART 2:** Continue to develop our broadcast center in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine

Most of the radio programs for Odessa and other Ukrainian stations will originate from FEBC's broadcast center in Kiev. With your help, we have established this studio.

We are diligently working to increase the number of quality radio programs that will draw people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

**PART 3:** Work hard to receive additional frequencies in Ukraine

As we continue to develop our network throughout the country, it is crucial that FEBC becomes the "national broadcaster."

With God's leading and your help, we will saturate the Ukraine with the Gospel, and changing the country, one soul at a time.

Your prayer support is essential.

Local churches are very excited about FEBC's progress in Ukraine.

"We see God's hand in this. He has allowed FEBC to build a station there. We know that wherever FEBC is present, the voice of the local church will be heard. We'll do everything we can to support and use this mighty tool to bring more people into our churches," said Pastor Alexander, one of the leaders of the Ukrainian evangelical movement.

Friends, thank you for standing and working with us during this crucial time in history. FEBC's network in Ukraine is called *Ability*, and we know that God is more than able to change this country.

He is calling upon us to work together for the sake of the lost. Thank you for caring!

In Christ,



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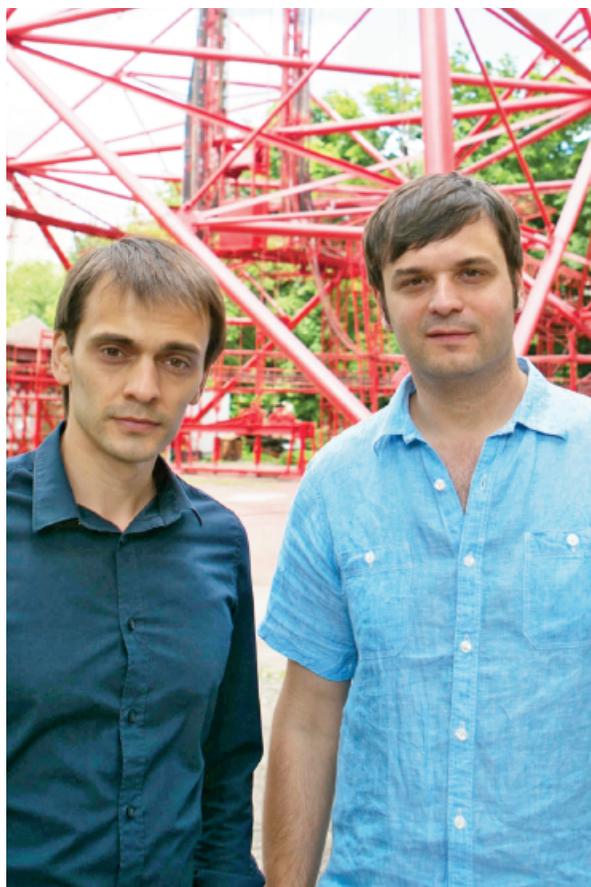
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Millions of Ukrainians live below the poverty line. Alcoholism and drug addiction contribute to the problem. FEBC will be the voice of the church, helping those who struggle find the new meaning for their lives.



We will be reaching sizable Jewish population through the special Shalom project, helping people understand that Jesus is the Messiah.



**Sergey Burlaka & Eduard Kurilenko are our leaders in Ukraine. "As we start the ministry in Odessa, we ask for your prayer support. The task of reaching hundreds of thousands feels enormous, but our God is able."**