

POKROVSK, UKRAINE: GRAND OPENING!

By Victor P. Akhterov

“I am so glad FEBC is finally here,” said Pastor Mikhail, as we were walking among hundreds of people who came to FEBC’s concert in Pokrovsk, Ukraine. “People who have experienced war, betrayal, and instability on so many levels are hungry for the truth.”



People need the Lord

He would know, because he has been pastoring a church in a neighboring city that grew from five people to 140 in the past four years. “In a strange and painful way, the war became a blessing for us. So many people are looking for answers now,” Mikhail added.

The main economic driver in Pokrovsk is coal mining. Every family in one way or another is connected to mines. Miners are known to be tough, no-nonsense people, and the residents of Pokrovsk are like that. As I was talking to many of them, I once again realized how important it is to bring the Gospel to our listeners in their heart language, in their style. Often even the accent of the broadcaster matters.

But what matters more is that we provide something real, such as

faith, hope, love, and very practical ways to find a new life in Christ. In the crowd, I met a city councilman. “I hope you are not just another music station,” he said to me. “We are so hungry for something that can really change the lives of our people, something like what this guy is saying,” he said, motioning to the singer on the stage, who had just begun sharing Christ with the young people.

The next day we were having dinner with another pastor and his wife. She ministers to the people who live in extreme poverty in the war zone. “Many people that I work with listen to you, and it is so great to see how their hearts are being transformed, day by day,” she said.

While in Pokrovsk helping to launch this brand new radio station, **Ed Cannon**, FEBC’s International Chairman, observed: “It was a great introduction to the new station. FEBC is here to have a real, honest



Ed Cannon: “It is great to see the passion of our Ukrainian broadcasters to proclaim the Word of God to their countrymen.”



Preaching the Gospel in Pokrovsk

dialogue with the people. When we become friends to our listeners and bring the Good News to them, they respond.”

Thousands of people in Pokrovsk are listening to us already. Pray that by the end of this year many will give their lives to Jesus.



Thousands of new listeners will be impacted by the Good News by Christmas time.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

We need \$1,500 per month to make sure that we don’t only broadcast in Pokrovsk, but also work with listeners who are responding, leading them to local evangelical churches.

PROFILES: Alex from Ukraine, Igor from Russia

Meet the people on our team >>>

Alex Pastushak

Broadcaster, Response team leader

“Thousands of people prayed for my survival when I was 11 years old,” says Alex, now 28. “My friend got a new bike and I asked if I could ride it. Excited, I did not see the car coming towards me. The hematoma in my head was so dangerous that no one dared to operate on me. Finally, one doctor agreed to do it, but he gave little hope to my parents. He said, ‘Please prepare to buy a coffin or, if we are lucky, a wheelchair.’ We were not lucky, we were blessed. Not only did God protect my life, but I was able to walk.”

God has blessed Alex in many other ways, He was able to get a university degree in economics, and then, feeling that God could use him in ministry, he was admitted into a Kiev Theological Seminary.

Today, he is leading several important radio projects, sharing the Good News and doing it as a conversation between himself and his listeners.

In addition to the programming, Alex works with people who have responded to our broadcasts.

“We are putting together a new strategy on how to lead people to Christ through our follow-up efforts. We really need your prayers, so the Holy Spirit would work through us as we share the Gospel in these one-on-one conversations.”

We receive thousands of responses every month, and our main goal is to connect these people to local churches.

Alex also hosts some programs with his wife, Nadya. Together, they create honest, real dialogues about living our lives according to God’s grace. And people respond.

“I came to know Christ through your programs,” said Anna, a Ukrainian listener. “At first, all these religious things were kind of strange to me, and now I cannot imagine my life without Jesus. He is the source for life, my best friend.”



“At FEBC, I am living my dream, sharing Christ through media.”

Igor Popov

Broadcaster

Igor is a host of several FEBC programs - about the Bible, literature, and children with physical and mental challenges.

“My dad was an engineer, and my mom was a French language teacher. As a child, I read a lot, and always wanted to talk about books.

“Soon, like everyone else, I was drafted into the Soviet army. There, facing mindlessness and humiliations that the Soviet army was famous for, I first turned to God in prayer.”

After the army service Igor became a student at Moscow State University, studying journalism. At that time he began looking for spiritual answers, and ended up in the central Baptist Church of Moscow. He met his wife there, and now they have two daughters.

“Our 17-year old just made a commitment to Jesus through water baptism; we are so happy! And our 6-year-old has autism. This challenge sometimes feels unbearable, but it also helps us feel God’s provision and His love every day.”



“It is such a blessing for Nadya and me to be able to bring the Good News to the people of Ukraine. Thank you for providing us with this privilege. We feel your prayers, and are grateful for your gifts.”

Strategic Planning in Central Asia

by Rev. Rudi Wiens

Our broadcasting ministry in Central Asia is growing. We added a 4th FM station in Talas in May 2018. We also added a few new weekly talk-shows. And in July, we held a very useful training seminar in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Our strategic plan for Central Asia should be finalized soon. We already have quite a clear vision for the coming years, God willing.



Strategic planning seminar in Almaty with Jim Wert

To begin with, we see the necessity to make more use of well known and utilized social networks like Instagram, Facebook and others like it. People under 30 seem to gather needed information from social networks today, rather than traditional media. New programming as well as meaningful ways of making our broadcasts accessible and known is a challenge before us. Russia's experience with broadcasting on social media is a great help to us in Central Asia.



In Bishkek's office with Ed Cannon, Chairman of FEBC-International Council



Pre-tuned radio receiver in the hands of a listener in Kyrgyzstan

FM networks are also still very much used within Central Asia. We are committed to making the most use of our FM network in Kyrgyzstan. At the moment, we have 4 FM stations throughout the country, covering at least 1/3 of the total population. Our goal is to add at least 2 more FM stations by the year 2020. It would enable us to speak to almost 2/3 of the total population via daily FM radio.

One recent and successful project has been the distribution of pre-tuned radio receivers within the given listening areas. People really appreciate those simple radios, which give them the opportunity to listen to uplifting and godly broadcasts throughout the day.

Last but not least, we also are praying for other people groups within Central Asia. We hope to develop Christian broadcasts via Internet for people groups we cannot reach by radio. We pray for the persecuted Christians living in Uzbekistan and other countries in Central Asia.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

We do not have full sponsorship for our 4 radio stations yet. We need \$2,000 per month for each FM station in Kyrgyzstan. Any amount towards "FEBC-Kyrgyzstan Acc.#683" (or full sponsorship of a specific FM station) will be greatly appreciated.

PRAYER NEEDS

CHILDREN & YOUNG TEENS PROGRAMS

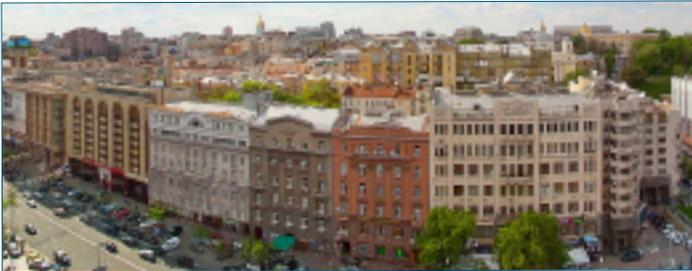
We are developing a series of powerful programs for children. They will include audio and video components, questions, quizzes, and poignant, honest dialogue about Jesus. This project is intended for two audiences, young Russian and Ukrainian teens.

Please pray for this project to be a success.



KIEV EVANGELISM CENTER

Please continue to pray for FEBC's efforts to raise funds needed for the Evangelism Center in Kiev, Ukraine, as we need sufficient space to produce programs, videos, and "live" broadcasts from Kiev, to be aired for our Ukrainian and Russian listeners. We want to move forward on purchasing a building in the first part of 2019. So far, we have raised approximately 60% of needed funds.



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LISTENER STORY

KRISTINA FROM PAKISTAN:

"I cried out to my Father, and He heard me."

Kristina grew up in Russia. A confident woman, well educated, she decided to make a lot of money. She worked in China and the Arab Emirates. She always felt, however, that there was something important missing in her life, and she moved to India to seek enlightenment.

As a result, she began experiencing periods of depression that lasted longer and longer. And then the panic attacks began.

Kristina was desperate, not knowing where to turn for help. Her old friend, who lives in Moscow, listens to Eugene Sarapulov's program, and she told Kristina that this is exactly what she needs.

Kristina began listening to Eugene's daily program, and soon reached out to him, asking for help. At their third online conversation, Eugene said, "Why don't you talk to God as a Father?" That evening, she did.

"I never felt anything like that in my life," she shared. "I broke down in tears, sharing my heart with God. I haven't cried in years. Realizing that I am not alone on this earth and that He actually hears my cries changed my entire life."

Kristina became Eugene's regular listener. She prays every day. She is now working in Pakistan.

"I cannot wait for my vacation. I used to travel to exotic vacation spots, but this time I am coming back to Moscow, to attend church, and worship God with other believers."

Please pray for Kristina and millions of people who listen to Dr. Eugene Sarapulov. Last month alone, listeners tuned into his program more than 4 million times. So many lives are being touched by his program.



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