PLEASE PRAY: FEBC'S ETHNIC PEOPLE GROUPS



BRINGING THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHAVACANO PEOPLE...THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

ETHNIC GROUP: Chavacano **LOCATION:** Philippines **POPULATION:** 1,081,000 MAIN LANGUAGE: Chavacano **PROMINENT RELIGION:** Christianity

CHRISTIAN: 95%



MAP SOURCE: People Group Location from IMB.







A NOTE FROM ED

President Ed Cannon

Dear Friends.

I recently visited the staff and director of FEBC's China Ministry office in Hong Kong. They are living through the midst of several stressful situations: severe restrictions against Christians, riots in the streets of Hong Kong, and a serious health epidemic.

In spite of these difficulties, I was immensely impressed by their attitude, centered on God rather than themselves.

"We don't ask God to put an end to these challenging days, because we're seeing so many people turn to the Lord now," they told me. "And for that we're very grateful. When people are anxious, sick or confused, they have a deep need that only God can meet. We encourage them to turn to Him and pray that many will come to faith."

As I was preparing to leave Hong Kong, I spoke one last time to our director there, Raymond Lo. I've always been inspired by FEBC staff, but never more so than when Raymond shared these parting words: "We've known for a long time a storm was coming [to China]; now we are ready to humbly serve God with our raincoats on."

Please pray for our staff in Hong Kong and around the world, who are committed to reaching people at this time of great need.

Thank you for your partnership. Together, we are delivering the only news that has eternal, lasting value: the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Until all have heard,

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Edward W. Cannon President and CEO



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UNREST, PROTEST & THE CORONAVIRUS: UPDATE ON CHINA

These are difficult days for China. Persecution against Christians has grown enormously over the last two years, with many pastors jailed and numerous churches destroyed. Throughout much of the country, minors were forbidden to enter

churches, and closed-circuit cameras were installed to monitor those who come to worship.

Next came the Hong Kong protests, with hundreds of thousands taking to the streets, to voice their dismay at the new extradition law, which would undermine their civil liberties and their autonomy from mainland China. FEBC.ORG



A New Foe

Now the people of Hong Kong and mainland China are struggling with a new foe: the Coronavirus, which originated in Hubei Province and has since traveled around the world. Most offices and schools were closed to prevent the spread of the disease.

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"MY HEART WAS SLOWLY DYING **WITHOUT CHRIST**"

KAZAKHSTAN LISTENER GRATEFUL FOR FEBC

"Years ago I heard the Good News, but then married an unbeliever. We lived together for several years. We love each other and love our three children.

"The seeds of faith were in my heart, but my heart was slowly dying without Christ. My husband and his mother are not believers, and every time I started a conversation about faith, they laughed at me. I felt powerless.

"Then, I found your program and my life was revolutionized. I don't know what's happening, but I feel that suddenly God stepped into my daily existence and everything will be different. Now the Bible study is part of my life and I am becoming alive.

"I still don't know how all the issues in my life will resolve, but I now believe that God will not leave me, and He'll help me...

"I am especially grateful that you responded to me, personally, and even suggested a healthy church in my city where I can attend. I haven't gone there yet. Please pray for me and my family."

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However, FEBC's broadcasters in Hong Kong were undeterred. They continued to produce new, live programs to offer comfort and hope in Christ during this time of great national turmoil.

Special programs include words of encouragement and daily updates on the epidemic, along with tips to remain healthy and deal with the mental stress of the outbreak. Other broadcasts have focused on prayer and seeking God's mercy during this time of fear and unrest.

During this time, our listenership has hit an all-time high! Clearly God is using these programs, providing reassurance at this desperate time.

Close to our Listeners

Most importantly, FEBC broadcasters remain strongly connected to their listeners, and are encouraging them to lean on God and ask for His guidance. One listener wrote:

GRACE TO YOU! BECAUSE OF YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND PERSISTENCE, I CAN FIRMLY FOLLOW THE LORD AND ALSO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD WITH MY CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. AS A RESULT, MORE PEOPLE ARE RECEIVING THE GOSPEL. IT'S SUCH A JOY TO BRING GLORY TO OUR LORD.

Overcoming Fear

During these difficult days and weeks, many in China are still afraid to leave their homes, terrified of being exposed to the virus. That's why FEBC's 24/7 radio and online broadcasts are such a solace to listeners. It is one of the few places where they can go to be reminded of God's love, turning to Him for wisdom and comfort. Another listener wrote:

I SO ENIOYED LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE THAT [FEBC] SHARED ON THE INTERNET **RECENTLY! ALTHOUGH I CAN'T** ATTEND CHURCH OR ANY MEETINGS DURING THIS EPIDEMIC, I'M FINDING PEACE AND LEARNING SO MUCH THROUGH YOUR PROGRAMS. PRAISE THE LORD!

Yes, Gospel broadcasting is crucially important right now. It's reaching people who are isolated and reminding them that God is loving, ever present, and ultimately in charge of all things.

Please pray for FEBC teams around the world as we share the hope and peace of God during these challenging times. Your prayers and support undergird FEBC's ministry. Without you, we could not effectively press on toward the goal of sharing Christ with every tribe and nation. Thank you. And to God be the glory!



FEBC's broadcasts aim to calm the hearts and minds of listeners and point them to God during these difficult days of the pandemic.



UKRAINE: "OPENING A WHOLE NEW WORLD TO ME!"

FEBC began airing programs into Ukraine via shortwave in the late 1940s, but it wasn't until 2013 that the first local FM station began broadcasting the Gospel. Since then, God has provided six more FM stations, reaching many more with the Good News!

Yet there is much left to do.

Our vision for 2020 is to reach 2 million Ukrainians with an introductory presentation of the Gospel, followed by more in-depth conversations with 300,000 listeners.

Initially, we're focusing on three Ukrainian cities: Dnipro, Kharkiv and Kiev (Ukraine's capital).

We will continue to use online tools to talk to listeners and build long-term relationships. This has

already borne extraordinary fruit, and we trust that many will be impacted, just as this listener was:

"AS I LISTEN TO YOU EVERY DAY, I'M LEARNING ABOUT WHO GOD IS AND WHO I AM. HOW I WISH I HAD LEARNED ALL OF THIS TEN YEARS AGO! YOU'RE OPENING A WHOLE NEW WORLD TO ME."

Thank you for your continuing support of FEBC's work around the world, including our outreach to the people of Ukraine who need to know that God loves them.

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For more information or to reserve a seat, call us at 800.523.3480 or email swilson@febc.org.