

It has been a very busy year with travel and ministry going strong. The high point for us was when we were able to attend the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville to witness two of our close friends who are Field Directors of FEBC fields

NRB Lifetime Achievement Award Pak. Samuel Tirtamihardja

receive awards.

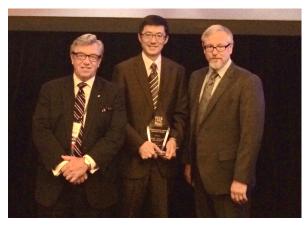


Our good friend Pak. Samuel, who is retiring as Field Director of FEBC Indonesia this year, received a lifetime achievement award for his decades of fruitful ministry. He has been faithful in ministering in a very difficult place and this award was richly deserved. As our partners in ministry you have helped Pak. Samuel have the facilities and equipment that

has helped FEBC Indonesia to flourish.

The other NRB award to an FEBC field was given to WIND FM, the station we all helped to build and equip in Ulaanbator, Mongolia. WIND FM won the award for International Radio Station of the year. Our friend and Mongolia Field Director Batjargal was on hand to receive the award along with Ed Cannon, FEBC USA President and FEBC International Chairman to accept the reward on behalf of WIND.

Intl. Radio Station of the Year - WIND FM Ed, Batjargal and Guy at NRB



Besides the awards won by our friends in ministry we are also celebrating some things at home. Lauren is graduating from University of Colorado, Denver, with a B.A. in History. She has overcome many obstacles in order to finish her program and we are very proud of her. She has just started a temporary job with the State while she begins to search for more permanent employment.

We apologize for the long delay in getting this prayer letter out. In the midst of a hectic time, it seems like the year has just begun, not that it is almost half over. We are working on ways to be more timely and to do more real time on line updates to keep our supporters and prayer warriors informed. In the mean time, thank you for partnering with us in ministry.

## **Guy's Ministry Update**

The first quarter of every year is an especially busy time for Guy. The annual meeting of FEBC International's field directors, called the International Council Conference or ICC is held in February. The International Service Team's annual planning retreat occurs right after the ICC. The work of preparing for and attending these two major meetings takes up most of January and February with follow up items carrying on into March.

This year the annual meeting was organized by FEBC Indonesia and held in Bali. Indonesian field director Pak. Samuel Tirtamihardja (from page 1) is retiring from FEBC after almost five decades of service and having a great retirement celebration was one of the important events of the ICC.

With Bob and Barb - After Church in Bali



Field directors and chairmen of the board of 23 of our 24 fields were able to attend. Guy worked as the support staff person for FEBC's Executive Committee to help prepare the introductions, schedules. session special presentations, business session outlines and FEBC Charter amendments ahead of the The IST admin staff made sure meeting. everything was organized and printed out so that the meetings could run smoothly. The admin team also makes sure that minutes are recorded and assists with the elections process.

# FEBC's 10th Station in Mongolia

On Good Friday, March 25th, FEBC Mongolia has put its 10th station on-air in Sainshand city, East Gobi province.

Sainshand is a city of major railroad community of 30,000 people. With parched Gobi desert landscape and being predominantly Buddhist, and has had history of resisting the Gospel in the past, the Sainshand community now can hear FEBC broadcast 24/7 in their hometown.

### Broadcasting in Sainshand Mongolia



4 major church leaders in Sainshand have signed an agreement to usher the ministry of FEBC Mongolia, which is a reflection of Unity of the Body of Christ.

The Sainshand Mission Church is the host for FEBC Mongolia's studios and will follow-up ministry that the Christian broadcasting generates.

The inauguration service was attended by partnering churches, representatives from Medical University, KOICA – the Korean Volunteer Organization, and by former Mayor of the city of Sainshand.

Sainshand is the last of '3 stations' plan FEBC Mongolia established in 2015-16 with help of Moody Radio in Chicago, Reach Beyond and FEBC International Association.

#### Amateur Radio in Cambodia

Ministry can be fun! FEBC's Engineering Service Team, all of whom are licensed for Amateur Radio, have been able to operate from the station at National Polytechnic Institute of Cambodia. Last fall the EST gathered in Phnom Penh and took part in a major Amateur Radio contest along with Electrical Engineering department staff.

One of the major challenges for FEBC in Cambodia is to find qualified broadcast engineers and technicians. Really its just hard to find anyone with hands on experience of any kind in the technical side of radio. The EST has decided that one of our strategies to help out is to promote Amateur Radio among technical schools in Cambodia.

### FEBC's EST with NPIC EETeachers



Since NPIC is one of the top engineering schools in Cambodia and is quite near our transmitter site, it is the perfect place to start. They have a great Amateur Radio station that was provided by the Korean engineers who helped build the EE Program, but since Cambodians cannot yet get an Amateur Radio license of their own, the EE Department staff and students cannot use the transmitters.

Mike and Guy were able to get Cambodian licenses as US Amateur license holders so as long as one or both are at the station their Cambodian friends can enjoy using the radio equipment and learning the hands on aspects of radio.

#### Web Media Eases Crisis in Russia

In March the Russian government informed our FEBC Russian ministry (Teos) that they would not allow be allowed to renew their licenses for the two high-power AM transmitters we used to broadcast to listeners in Moscow and St. Petersburg. This was not something we had expected. In weeks the broadcasts would be taken off the air.

Praise the Lord for his timing. The FEBC Russia team had just completed their strategic plan in which they were to move away from AM broadcast into web media and local FM over the next three years. Obviously the time frame was shot, but the actions needed had already been well thought out.

Ed Visits Russian Director Victor



The current listener base for the Russian ministries webcast is over 400,000 and growing. Our field director Victor would appreciate your prayers as they continue to grow the ministry

# **Family News Update**

Thank you so much for your prayer support for our family - we have several exciting answers to prayer to share! Chris had her annual MRI for her brain tumor and the results were really above and beyond what we expected - the MRI showed that not only is the tumor smaller than it was when it was diagnosed, but also that their is no radiation damage to the brain at all! If the annual MRI looks good next year, Chris can go to MRI's every two years. Praising the Lord for such an amazing recovery!

We are still waiting for the official announcement, but Lauren has completed all of her requirements to earn a B.A. in History from the University of Colorado, Denver! It has been a long road - we are so proud of her, but we also know that prayer made it possible for her to keep going when times were rough. She has started work as a temporary admin assistant for the State of Colorado Health Financing Dept.(Thank you Aunt Raina!) She is so happy to be out of school and back to work.

James continues to make progress towards graduating with his Associates Degree in IT - maybe graduating December 2016? He worked through a lot of obstacles to obtain a summer IT internship at a local hospital. James has always loved hospitals and is enjoying this opportunity to work in one instead of being a patient. He is continuing to work at Micro Center in sales but is thinking about trying something different.

#### Guy and Chris in the Mountains



Chris spent a lot of time with children this year - babysitting for a MOPS group and as assistant manager at a Kumon Center. She also continues to mentor women from our local church that are pursuing becoming missionaries and is an acitive participant in Community Bible Study.

## **Prayer Points**

- -Praise the Lord that Lauren has Graduated from College
- -Pray for the continued growth of the Russian ministries web radio program
- -Pray that a land dispute in Cambodia will be settled in FEBC's favor
- -Pray for our children since they are all in life transitions

## **Listener Response - Cambodia**

My name is Heang Eng. I live in Kandal province, and I have four children. I have been listening to Family Radio for two months now. I was told about Family FM from teacher Chanthy. She would always tell me to listen because it broadcasted about the Word of God. I would borrow a radio to listen. Later on I received a radio from Family FM's staff when they came to visit our church (listener club program). Now I listen to it every day, and it has many programs that have affected my heart. Before I was often depressed even though I believed in God, but when I listened to Family Radio it really encouraged me. I believe that Family FM gives me and my family hope.

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