

May 2015

The year is off to a good start for ministry and for family life. Guy has been able to return to a more normal travel schedule this year. His first major trip included Indonesia, Cambodia and ended in Thailand for FEBC's annual conference. Everyone is enjoying having him home more and he has needed the time at his desk to get up to speed in his new role as International Service Coordinator.

TX Site Staff - FEBCambodia



The year will get busier for us from mid-June through the end of July. We are planning to travel to visit supporters and friends in Iowa and in Georgia. It has been two years since we have been able to visit in the South so there are a lot of folks to see. We will start in Iowa then journey to Georgia and then back to Iowa at the end where we will enjoy Matt and Toni's renewal of their wedding vows.

We will be visiting quite a few of our favorite churches in Iowa and Georgia. Keep an eye on your church bulletins to know when we are in town. We will also service have two non-church scheduled. The first is an Evening Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church in State Center Iowa scheduled for Sunday, July 5th. The other event is a reunion potluck brunch of former members of Grace Church to be hosted at Maranatha Baptist Church in Lilburn, Georgia on Saturday July 18th at 9:00 AM. We will also hear from two other missionary families from Grace.

FEBC USA Pres. Ed Cannon Kicks off ICC



Your Help with our Medical Bills

We have been humbled by the outpouring of support that has come in to help with Chris's out of pocket medical expenses caused by her acoustic neuroma. You provided just over \$6000 which met our need for financial help. We thank you for this demonstration of Christian love and partnership in our ministry. All through the experience of the diagnosis and treatment of her brain tumor the Lord has flooded us with love and care. He has worked through our friends and supporters to provide all that we need just as he promises he will.

Guy's Ministry Update

Guy now leads the International Service Team (IST), but you may not know what the IST is. To give you an understanding of the scope of what the International Service Team does, this prayer update is focused on the missionaries and the work of each of the IST subteams.

Programming, Audiience Relations, and Research Team

The Programming, Audience Relations, and Research Team or PAR Team, led by Eila Murphy, provides training and support in the key skill areas of programming that make our broadcasts effective in reaching our listeners. The PAR Team provides basic training in how

Eila Murphy - PAR Team Lead



to write and record program materials, methods of audience research, training in follow up and training in program evaluation. When our broadcasters effectively reach our listeners we influence them towards a relationship with Jesus.

Project Managment Services Team

The Project Management Services Team, led by Bob Bartz is a new team for the IST. The PM Team has two goals, the first is to train our field's staff in the basic disciplines of project planning, management, accounting and reporting. The second goal of the team is to ensure that our projects are professionally run so that the many donors, partners in ministry, and supporters who join with FEBC in major projects continue to work with FEBC in future efforts at expanding the reach of the Gospel across Asia.

Bob's wife, Barb, leads the IST admin team. The Bartz will be relocating to our old digs in Indonesia some time in June. We are really enjoying having them back on the FEBC team in Asia.

PM Team - Bob and Barb Bartz (left)



First Response Radio Team

Mike Adams is the team leader of the First Response Radio or FRR Team. Mike builds and coordinates emergency response radio teams all over Asia that respond to major disasters with life saving communication. When earthquakes and typhoons strike or volcanos erupt, the affected areas can lose all of their broadcast infrastructure making it impossible for the governments and relief workers to effectively communicate with affected communities. FRR teams mobilize

FRR Team Lead Mike Adams in Nepal



with a studio, antenna, and transmitter package that is transported in 3 hand carried cases and provides a complete FM broadcast station. FRR teams have special training for doing programming that is effective in emergency situations and the teams are trained to network with other NGO's and international relief groups before the disaster so that they can have a quick and effective response. FRR itself is a network, but FEBC, and the IST are the hub of the network.

IT and Business Services Team

The IT and Business services team is another new group within the IST. Guy and his former boss Luke brought in Vaughan Hagberg to lead the IT Team. Vaughan and his wife Alida Hagberg were neighbors of the Wests for years when they all ministered in

Vaughan and Alida Hagberg and Kids



the Philippines. Guy expanded the role of the IT team to include basic business services this year. Three of the missionary wives, Barb Bartz, Vicki Creel and Brigit Adams are all part-time administrators helping keep the basic business underpinnings of the FEBC Intl. Association in order. From ensuring email servers work, to recording minutes, keeping accounts, and consulting with Field Leaders about how to make sure their

ministries can survive computer crashes and hackers, the IT and Business services team is the glue that makes sure our back office for the association stays together.

Engineering Support Team

Until he can recruit a new leader, Guy will continue to head the Engineering Services Team. Since he has worked as the team leader for several years you already know that it is the team that helps with new station design, equipment choices, installation, repair and even procurement and shipping of new equipment for the FEBC Fields. This work remains unchanged, though the EST is no longer involved in project management now that the PM Team has been created.

David Creel and Owen Gabbie at Work



One new news item is that we have welcomed David and Vicki Creel back to FEBC. David was an engineer for years at our Saipan site and has come back to FEBC from a period of secondment to augment the engineering team. Owen Gabbie, a technician from FEBC New Zealand rounds out the full time team. The EST gets their support in purchasing and logistics through Troy Majeska who is also the studio engineer of FEBC USA.

Family News Update

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers for our ministry and our family. We have lots of good family news to share. Adjusting to life with a brain tumor is going very well. I had my follow up MRI last December and the results were really great. My tumor is now smaller than when it was when it was diagnosed! I will not need a follow up MRI until January 2016. Thank you so much for your donations that allowed me to purchase hearing aids. As a result of the tumor I have lost 70% of the hearing in my affected ear. The hearing aids have really helped me, especially in the learning center where I work.

Matt and Toni are renewing their marriage vows this summer. We are looking forward to a wonderful time with celebrating with family. Lauren graduated from Community College and is now a Junior at University of Colorado Denver majoring in history. She will be spending her summer doing two digs in Colorado and will spend 6 weeks in Crete interning at a dig. James is still passing his computer classes at his community college and enjoying his job at Microcenter selling electronic gadgets. We are glad to able to spend time with family, helping out where we can.

At the Zoo with our Extended Family



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Prayer Points

- **-Praise the Lord** for developing strong relationships on the IST.
- **-Praise the Lord** that Lauren is having success in her schooling. Pray for her as she interns in Crete.
- -Praise the Lord for the excellent response to the treatment for Chris's brain tumor and for the gains she has made in coping with her balance issues
- **-For wisdom and stamina** as Guy leads the International Service Team
- **-For God's continued provision** for our finances as we serve Him through FEBC
- **-For a wonderful time** of celebration with extended family as Matt and Toni renew their wedding vows

Listener Response - SE Asia

I have found true happiness. For all of my life I have had deep sadness of heart the whole time. But when I came to know God he gave me peace that overflows. There's been many miraculous things that God has done for me and blessed me with especially safety in my life; when I have asked, he has answered according to what it correct. I feel that in my life from now on I am not alone because I know that Jesus is along beside me, and wherever I go I am confident with all the steps I take. I am sure of the name of the son of God called Jesus. I don't need to carry sins any more now because God has forgiven my sins. I want to thank the Lord for his great love towards me, his daughter. I listen to the Big Wide World program.

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