

#### November 2014

Thank you so much dear friends, for your prayers and support during this busy season of ministry! Chris and I have just returned from a three week trip to Asia celebrating two anniversaries - 30 years of marriage and 15 years of full-time ministry with FEBC! The trip was full of joy as we celebrated our marriage and as we saw what the Lord has been doing all across Asia.

First Days in Manila 1999



This Thanksgiving we could not be more thankful for our faithful friends, prayer warriors and financial partners. God gets the glory, but you get the thanks because you have been faithful through over 15 years of our ministry with FEBC.

30 Years Together, 15 in Ministry



#### How to Help with our Medical Bills

We are praising the Lord that Chris has started to get better. As the tumor swelled in response to the radiation treatment, the doctors warned us that Chris would start to feel worse. Looking back, we feel she turned the corner in September and started to feel better. She experienced facial spasms but they are now few and far between. Her balance continues to be an issue, especially in these winter months. Unexpectedly, she has lost almost all the hearing in her right ear. We have decided to try a special hearing aid to see if it can help Chris pick up sounds from the right side. Many of you have asked how you can help us to meet the bill for Chris's acoustic neuroma treatment and we have the numbers from this year:

\$1,800 to Mayo Clinic \$1,000 for the MRI \$3,300 for the hearing aid \$6,100 Total

You may donate on-line using the web link at the top of this page and note " medical expenses" in the leave a comment box. Mail checks to:

FEBC, PO Box 1, La Mirada. CA 90637

In the check memo field: Wests #184 - medical. Any surplus raised will go to our regular support account.

## **Guy's Ministry Update**

Guy has completed all of the major project monitoring trips that were scheduled before became the International Service Coordinator. He also traveled to Indonesia to recruit a team leader for the Project Managment Services team, to the Philippines for short wave ministry planning and to Singapore to meet with Asia by Media working group partners. Throw in a couple of trips to California and you can see the schedule was truly out of hand. He is praising the Lord that he will be home through the holidays and that he can start to dedicate more time ministry coordination responsibilties that are a major part of his new role as International Service Coordinator.

#### With Bob and Barb Bartz in Indonesia



The great news from all the travel is that Bob and Barb Bartz have agreed to relocate to Indonesia so that Bob can take on the leadership of the Project Managment Services team while Barb will assist part time with IST administration work. Guy and Chris are rejoicing at the chance to be able to work with their friends again after a few years apart.

The next two months will be busy with Guy working almost full time on the ISC role. He has to get ready for our annual meeting in early February and the IST planning retreat that follows. There are a lot of things to plan and prepare in a very short time.

## **Project Report - Lampung**

Since last report the transmitter site work in Lampung has been completed. The radio link between the studio and the transmitter is working and the new Nautel Transmitter has been installed and is on the air. The current phase of project work in Lampung is now complete and the station has a much more powerful signal. Station manager Aris has been waiting a long time and is happy that he can once again cover the whole of Lampung, especially the dense downtown areas of the city.

Engr. Karyono Prepares the Antenna



## **Twin Cities Project**

**FEBC** Engineers from **USA** and ReachBeyond (formerly HCJB) joined our Mongolian chief engineer Tomoroo and his technical team to commission two new transmitter sites and a radio studio. One transmitter is in Darhan and the other is in Erdenet. The Erdenet station rebroadcasts the main WIND FM signal from Ulaanbator. The station in Darhan includes a small studio, office and production space and will soon be producing local programming for their market to augment the WIND FM network feed.

This project has been a serious group effort between the three partners in this ministry initiative. We have all shared in the funding and the technical assistance needed for the project.

Guy will continue to monitor this project and assist with technical questions over the next few months. FEBC Mongolia still has one studio to build and Guy may make a spring visit to Mongolia to meet with our local field leader and to help with the second studio install.

The Ribbon Cutting in Darhan



## **Cambodia Project Update**

This last several months have seen a lot of completed action items at the Family FM 99.5 transmitter site outside Phnom Penh. The site is now connected to the countries power grid for the first time ever. A newly installed generator will be the backup instead of the only power source which will make the site more reliable and cheaper to operate. protection, underground Lightning new wiring new breakers and boxes plus a new automatic transfer switch complete a full replacement of the failing power system at the site.

Family FM 99.5 staff have supervised a lot of work done to renovate the TX building. New air conditioning systems were installed and the transmitter room and the technician's room have both been renovated. We are praising the Lord for his answer to our prayers that the transmitter would be released from customs. It was only a month late and

the total tax and importation bill was only half of what we were expecting resulting in a savings of almost \$20,000 that can be allocated to other improvements.

Checking out the New Transmitter



Congratulations to Field Director Sopheary Hem and the staff for planning and hosting a great dedication event at the project site. We had attendees from our FEBC funding fields, a major Christian trust donor, the FEBCamboida board of directors and His Excellency Minister Khieu Kanharith, Ministry of Information of the Kingdom of Cambodia. It was a blessing to everyone to take the time to thank the Lord for what he has done. The minister told Sopheary, if you have only one light, you keep it turned on to illuminate the people of Cambodia.

# **Family News Update**

Our biggest family news is that Matthew, our eldest son, was accepted into a two year long electrician apprenticeship program in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He had applied over a year ago, so it was a super pleasant surprise! He is loving his new position and enjoying working on so many different projects. James, our youngest, also decided on a job change. He has traded in his cart pushing job at Walmart for a sales position at Microcenter selling computer parts, etc. "I get paid for talking to people - I love this job!" said James after his first day. He is continuing his computer studies

community college and is happy to be working in his field. Lauren is still on track to graduate from community college with her associates degree in history this December. She is hoping to be able to start studying public history at a 4 year college soon. Toni, Matt's wife, is set to graduate from UNI with a degree in Biology this December as well. She will be looking for a job in the Cedar Rapids area. Chris continues to work at a learning center in Castle Rock and loves teaching the children how to read.

Lombok - Better than Snow



# **Prayer Points**

- -Praise the Lord for all the work done in Cambodia and Indonesia over the last few months. May the Lord use the stations powerfully.
- -for Chris as she adjusts to the "new normal" with her acoustic neuroma
- **-for Lauren** to finish well at school this semester and for wisdom as she plans her next steps
- **-for stamina** to do what the Lord has called us to do

- -for God's continued provision for our finances as we serve Him through FEBC
- **-for wisdom** as Guy takes on the duties of International Service Coordinator
- **-for wisdom and perseverance** as Toni starts job hunting

## Listener Response - Mongolia

FEBC-Mongolia offers a series of programs that dramatize the story of Jesus' birth, with daily broadcasts on multiple FM stations, including secular ones. This year, more than 20 stations will be airing a drama series entitled "Who is Jesus?" which will be played for eight days leading up to Christmas Day.

During this time of year, we are thrilled to hear from listeners who come to faith in Christ for the first time, such as Miss Shinetseteg, a college student:

"I've been listening to the drama series without interruption. Before, I hadn't been interested in Jesus. Now I see there is hope and faith in His message. I had wanted to know more about Jesus in the past, but had been told that Christianity was a foreign religion and cult. Thus I was skeptical. But now my attitude towards Jesus is different after listening to your programs. I'm pleased!"

God's Spirit is working in the hearts of listeners, and we have heard and seen the fruit. We pray that the seeds of truth planted again this Christmas will be nurtured and encouraged in the lives of the Mongolian people.

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