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IT IS THE END OF AN ERA

AND

A NEW ONE BEGINS

I am not talking about politics, but about the communications strategy we have been using with our supporters since before 1999. For 18 years this World Wide West Page communication has gone out to friends and supporters of our ministry in this same format as the basic tool for communication of our ministry activities, prayer points and family updates. The format is almost dated enough to be "cute" but now that everyone expects instant communication this letter has outlived its usefulness.

Instead of the World Wide West page, which has come out quarterly of late, we are going to substitute several different methods of communications:

Current Events and Prayer Points Communications - will go out via the **FEBC_Guy** secret facebook group. You will need to email me your facebook name or friend me at guyjwest and ask to be a member of FEBC_Guy.

Monthly Email - I will be emailing out a short monthly letter with synopsis of the ministry and family news from the previous month. This will replace the World Wide West Page.

Our mailing costs almost \$400 each time it is sent. Since it isn't working to provide adequate communication we will discontinue it. **Please, if you would like to remain in touch provide an email address** so we can add you to the monthly email list and continue to keep you informed. We are considering an annual mailing, but probably no more often than that.

Quarterly Report - This is more of a corporate style report containing details of ministry work and funding. This is required by several supporting churches and will go out via email to major supporters and

How it all Started 18 Years Ago



churches quarterly. You may ask to receive this report via email if you are interested. For most folks following the monthly email and or FEBC_Guy facebook group will be more satisfying.

Happy New Year !

The old year's crazy travel schedule ran through mid-December for Guy but he will enjoy some time working from home in January and part of February before taking off on international flights again. He needs that time to catch up on station design work and writing strategic plans and trip reports. Chris has started her new job at Mathnasium and is getting up to speed in understanding their math teaching system. Pray for her as she goes through another work transition.

Guy's Ministry Update

The 2nd half of the year was filled with local and international travel, meeting old friends, writing lots of documents, acoustic and electrical design work and all the usual chores associated with managing a team of 10 full and part time professional missionary staff. Guy has been in Cambodia, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Singapore twice each and added countries Philippines and Myanmar since our last update. He has even been to California to work with and consult our staff at FEBC USA. Guy says that one of the gifts of a life of service to Christ in international ministry is that you are always on your way to meet old

Mandarin Broadcasters Daniel and Sandy Wu



friends and it is always a pleasure to renew the relationships. He hopes that in heaven it will be even sweeter and generate fewer frequent flyer miles.

Visiting and Working with FEBC HK

Last year Guy was in Hong Kong to work with the FEBC Chinese Ministry staff a total of three times. Two of the visits were in the last quarter. It has been rewarding to get to know these great Christian workers face to face. Guy's work in the 2000's provided louder stronger signals for our Mandarin broadcasts but the projects were located in Bocaue and Iba, Philippines not where we could meet the Hong Kong based staff.

The first and last trips of the quarter were multi-purpose visits with the major activity being to support FEBC International's executive leadership group, called Excomm, at two face to face working meetings. These meetings happen a couple of times a year and are the method for dealing with serious and/or complex issues that are hard to work through on the monthly leadership conference call. As International Service

With Jeff Anderson at FEBC Hong Kong



Coordinator Guy acts as executive secretary for the Excomm which includes working ahead of meetings to prepare the agenda and the briefing documents and after the meeting to prepare the official minutes.

Jeff Anderson, FEBC USA's new missionary candidate was able to travel with Guy to Hong Kong to get up to speed on what FEBC is like. Guy and Jeff met with a number of staff and discussed how FEBC Hong Kong trains and evaluates their program producers. The visit was part of a major effort to review FEBC training programs and methods and include the human resource department systems that support the training. Finally, Guy and Jeff met with the staff who collect listener contact data to get ideas of how to standardize FEBC's listener data collection and reporting. This type of data is a measure of ministry effectiveness and is very important to track.

FEBC Myanmar Visit

Guy accompanied Ed Cannon on a visit to FEBC Myanmar in early December. Our Myanmar field director Yankee and his wife Sunda record programs in Burmese language and Yankee manages the production of five of tribal language broadcasts. Yankee recently had surgery to restore his voice after being unable to record for over a year. Praise the Lord he will be resuming his programs.

The main point of the visit was to spend time with Yankee and his staff in order to capture their ideas and expectations for the growth of their ministry. It is hard to grow a ministry without a strategy. The other benefit of a strategic plan is that it helps our development staff to raise the funding that will be needed as the ministry grows.

The Tun Family with Guy and Ed



FEBC Indonesia

FEBC's work in Indonesia continues to grow and supporting their technical needs is a big job for the Engineering Service Team. Guy and David Creel have been choosing new broadcasting and recording equipment to upgrade the flagship station in Jakarta. Some of their equipment is old, but mostly they need different gear for production and broadcast of new types of programs that are even more effective in reaching people for the Lord. Guy expects to finish his part of this effort during February.

FEBC Philippines

FEBC continues to broadcast using short wave from the sites in the Philippines that Guy helped renovate. The programs include 49 different languages which could be heard by almost two billion people. The engineers in the Philippines handle all of the responsibilities of scheduling, broadcasting the programs and maintaining all of the facilities and equipment. Guy visits them twice a year to encourage them and to deal with any program delivery problems that crop up.

Transmitter Hall - Bocaue Philippines



Kicking Off 2017

FEBC International is celebrating how the Lord worked through the ministry in 2016. Highlights included the launching of 7 new radio stations and a new record 13 million downloads of Mandarin programs by our Chinese listeners. We are excited to see God moving in Mongolia and in Kyrgyzstan. We hope to keep up the pace in the year ahead.

For Guy each year starts out busy with routine items that come up each quarter and then gets busier as we begin to prepare for FEBC's annual meeting of all the field leaders. This year those bookends on the first quarter will enclose engineering work for Cambodia and Indonesia and important work on FEBC's database systems as Guy works to equip FEBC fields to share Jesus.

Family News Update

Family life here in Colorado has been busy as we have gone through several transitions. Chris left her job at Kumon in September and started working at Mathnasium, a math tutoring center, in October. She misses teaching reading, so she is also tutoring a reading student. Learning a new system to teach is always challenging, but it is all starting to come together. James started working full time as a software tester for the State of Colorado's Medicaid roll out. He (and his mom) studied hard to pass his human resources class. Now he has just one more class to take before he graduates with his Associates Degree in Computers. Lauren has completed her B.A. in history from the University of Colorado - Denver. She has so enjoyed hanging out with engineers over the years, that she decided to take a contract to hire job with Arrow Electronics as an Admin Assistant. She hopes to gain project management experience and is excited to begin working

Selfie Photo Op with Jazz



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at an International Company. We were happy that Matt, Toni and my brother spent Thanksgiving with us. It was great to show them some of the fun things here in Colorado. Then the day after Thanksgiving, Guy's Mom fell while decorating for Christmas and broke her leg. After surgery to put in a rod and screws and a month in rehab, she is back home with us and getting around very well. While Mom was in rehab, her new puppy, Jazz arrived. She is super cute, keeps us all busy and gets lots of love! Life is starting to get back into a routine and we are hoping to stay in touch more regularly.

Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord** - a new regional station in Cambodia is now on the air.
- Praise the Lord** - we are airing a new tribal language, Kim Mun, into South East Asia.
- Praise the Lord** - for the jobs he has provided for the kids.
- Pray for unity** at FEBC's annual meeting.

Listener Response - SE Asia

Some months ago a programmer visited an isolated village and one person believed. The programmer showed the lady how to listen to the radio program 2 times a day in her own language so she would grow in her new Christian faith. Three months later the programmer visited again and found the lady was strong in her understanding of Jesus and the Christian's Way through the programs. She is the only Believer in her village and there is no Church in her area for her to attend.

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Far East Broadcasting, P.O. Box 1
La Mirada, CA 90637

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