## The Creels Summer 2020 Prayer Letter

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:58 NKJV)

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Hope you and your family are doing well despite the many changes that the Coronavirus has brought into our world and into our routines. We are enjoying summer activities, but of course, with appropriate precautions.

Even though COVID-19 has disrupted our travel plans, we continue to provide remote technical and administrative support to our radio stations in Asia. David's latest project has been purchasing "home studio" equipment for a broadcaster who produces programs for an ethnic language people group in Myanmar. The equipment has now been installed and is working well. We rejoice knowing that this project will allow many in this people group to continue to hear the Gospel message. Please pray with us that their hearts will be open! David is also currently working to resolve some technical problems with a transmitter in Naryn, Kyrgyzstan. Please pray for him as he consults with the manufacturer to find a solution. Speaking of Kyrgyzstan, our staff there are preparing to add a sixth station to the network, in the city of Osh. The transmitter has just arrived in the country and will soon be installed. Please pray for success as our technical team in Kyrgyzstan installs the equipment and puts the new station on the air.

Of course, the Coronavirus outbreak has created some challenges for FEBC. Many of our staff around the world are having to work from home. Thankfully, with the advent of the internet, programs can be produced, and in some cases, even hosted from home. As mentioned earlier, the biggest impact for the Creels has been on our travel plans. In lieu of traveling, we are having more meetings with our colleagues via Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.

In this challenging time, we are reminded of the truth of Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." As times get tough, many are seeking the Lord. God is doing some amazing things through our broadcasts! FEBC is seeing a tremendous increase in response from listeners. For example, FEBC Chinese Ministries had a record high number of programs downloaded in March (1,900,000) which is an increase of more than 34% compared to January. Since many are not able to attend their usual house church services, our broadcasts are extremely important to them at this time. FEBC Thailand also saw a large increase in response to their internetbased ethnic language broadcasts with over 40,000 additional responses in March compared to February. Similarly, FEBC Korea saw a large increase in response via text messages with an additional 21,679 responses March/April compared January/February. So again, God is doing some amazing things!



**FEBC PHILIPPINES BROADCASTER** 

In a time when people are frightened and sometimes desperate, FEBC's broadcasts offer real hope and encouragement to our listeners. Our broadcasters are not only offering practical health advice, but they are also praying with listeners and encouraging them to put their trust in God during this difficult time. In Mongolia, churches are still not allowed to meet face-to-face. Although some churches are offering online services, many still don't have internet access. So, a one-hour Live Radio Church Service is being broadcast from our Ulaanbaatar studio. Please pray

that hearts will be touched by the power of the Gospel and that many will come to faith in Jesus Christ.



**FEBC MONGOLIA BROADCASTER** 

FEBC has produced a wonderful prayer guide with specific prayer points for each field around the world. For those on our email list, it is attached. For those on our paper list, just write and let us know if you are interested in receiving a copy.

## Listener Letter



Sun La, a listener from Phnom Penh, Cambodia recently moved to another province to try to escape the virus. She wrote, "I am so worried and bored because of COVID-19. I and my children have been moved together. I am so bored and stressed in my life. Thank you, Jesus,

that I have Family FM (FEBC's station in Phnom Penh) as my family's partner. I thank you for the 'Healing Heart' program which offers lots of encouragement, makes me strong, and helps me trust

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## **Praise & Prayer**

- Praise the Lord for the large increase in listeners during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Praise the Lord that the transmitter has arrived for the new station in Osh, Kyrgyzstan. Pray for successful installation of the equipment and that the station will be on the air soon.
- Pray for the technical problems in Naryn, Kyrgyzstan to be resolved soon.
- Please pray for some of the FEBC fields who are struggling to cope with current challenges.
- Please pray for our FEBC staff as they continue to minister on-air while taking care of the needs of themselves and their families.
- Please pray for many whose livelihoods have been impacted by the pandemic.
- Please pray for love, peace, and order in our country.

In closing, we want to thank you for your faithful support of our ministry with FEBC. Through your gifts and prayers, you are a vital partner in taking "Christ to the World by Media." We are grateful for the Lord's faithfulness as He continues to provide



even in the midst of a world crisis. Thank you! Please let us know if you have any prayer needs. We would be honored to pray with you. May God bless you!

In Christ,

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