

FBH International

“Faith by Hearing”

2023 Spring Report

*Preaching the gospel...
...making disciples.*

Battling for Souls

Just over one year ago the Russian army moved into Ukraine as the world watched. It was an action that was a long time coming, based on the political history of the two nations. It was a frightening time. Soldiers were being sent to fight, and die, on the front lines, civilians were living with the constant threat of explosions devastating their homes and communities. Regardless of what the different world leaders wanted to call it, it was war, and it is still ongoing today.

I don't want to dismiss, or marginalize what is happening in Ukraine. We have friends, brothers and sisters in Christ on both sides of the border who are our co-labourers in the gospel. The reality is though, that there is a much bigger battle happening in Russia and Ukraine, one that can't be won with bullets or bombs, it's the battle for the souls of the people living there.

Thankfully, we know that battle was won by Jesus Christ when he died on the cross and rose again. Now, we work to let people know that they can share in that victory by placing their trust in Him. By the grace of God, we have been able to continue this work through the FBH program in both

countries while the fighting continues. In Ukraine, Alex and Nadia have experienced their struggles, including being involved in a scary head-on vehicle collision. Yet through all this, they faithfully share the gospel and get involved with counselling the many anxious listeners who call in, looking for any real hope.

Igor and newcomer Vlad have been doing likewise in Russia, broadcasting the FBH program twice a week. Both are of the age where they could be drafted into the war if their government deems it necessary.

Please join us in praying for Alex and Nadia, and for Igor and Vlad, that God will protect them as they share the most important truth the world has ever known. As they put aside any thoughts of which side is right or wrong in all of the chaos, to fulfill the greater purpose of winning souls for God's Kingdom.

In Christ,

Stephens

**Thanks be to God, who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ (1 Cor. 15:57)**

The Isaiah 55 Principle

Since we started running our 15-second gospel videos as advertisements on YouTube, we have understood that while we cannot fully control who sees them, the Holy Spirit will help to put them in front of those whose hearts are ready to hear the truth about salvation. We believe that as we put God's Word out there, it will do everything He intends for it to do. This, of course, is taken directly from the promise of Isaiah 55:11.

So far, over half a million people have seen and heard the gospel through these short videos. In early February, we started another campaign, this time using a video that was a full minute in length. The challenge with this, is that viewers have the option to skip the advertisement after five seconds. We are praising God that for our first run of this video, 54% of all the people it was presented to watched the entire minute of the gospel message. This is well above the YouTube average of 31% for other types of advertisements, encouraging us that the Lord is getting this message to those who are ready to hear His truth.

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At Home in Sudan From the Arab World



Sudan is the nation to the south of Egypt, and has a population of nearly 47 million people. After years of civil war in the country, there are now between two and five million Sudanese people living in Egypt.

In Egypt, these refugees have had a better opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ, and many have become believers. In the last half of 2022, 19 new believers from various house churches in Egypt publicly declared their faith, by being baptised.

Malik*, who had accepted Christ a year

earlier, has been instrumental in reaching his fellow Sudanese with the gospel. After being saved through our partner's media ministry, he and his wife entered into an evangelism training program, run by Firaz, the director of our AWM response team.

After completing that class, Malik and his family began spreading the word in Egypt among the refugees from Sudan, and then last year moved back to his home country to share the gospel and help establish local bodies of believers throughout Sudan.

Malik's methods are simple. When he began his ministry in Egypt, it was by inviting a neighbour into their home, and sharing their faith with her. She believed, and the three of them began a home church which grew, and then gave birth to another home church, then another. When he moved back to Sudan, Malik started this process over again. As a result, there are now 69 new home churches meeting in Egypt and Sudan.

*not his real name or picture.

Exploring the Bible on HopeStreamRadio

So far, 2023 has been a productive year for new programs being uploaded to our HopeStreamRadio website. Our focus has been on series that look into individual books, or portions of the Scriptures.

Randy Bushey has provided two studies, one through the book of Colossians, and the other is a study of first and second Peter. Randy had previously recorded a weekly series for HopeStreamRadio called "Faith Factor."

Our operations director, Mark Hillis, has produced a six part series looking at godly principles for relationships and marriage, using the example found in the story of Isaac and Rebecca.

Stephen March finished a 22-part study on the parables of Jesus in January, and will be releasing another series on the book of Philemon early this spring.

Finally, Brian Stapley is in the process of completing 100 gospel messages. Brian is the Director-Emeritus of the Boys JIM Club, a camp that trains young Christian boys to be faithful witnesses for Jesus. These messages will be used at the camp for the boys to practice sharing their faith at the various churches they visit, as well as being available through our website.

The main goal of the programs made for HopeStreamRadio is to present the gospel, and then to provide resources to help believers study the Word of God and grow in their faith. Though most are written with new believers in mind, they can also be enjoyed by those who have walked with Christ for many years.

If you are interested in listening to any of these programs, you can find them all at www.hopestreamradio.com

Growth in Latin America

The "Clasificacion A" broadcast with our Spanish language producer Nathan Diaz, has been gaining more traction throughout Latin America. Recently, Nathan was approached by a new radio station in the Dominican Republic, wanting to include the program in their weekly schedule.

There is a shift in social policies in Mexico, as well as in several other Central and South American countries. While many of the issues at hand have been prevalent for decades in Canada and the U.S.A., they are still relatively new to these areas, and people are showing a genuine interest in what God and the Bible has to say about these often sensitive topics.

While our policy at FBH is to not engage in controversial or political subjects, we are committed to reaching people with the truth of who Jesus is, and what he has done for us. Nathan has been able to use the public interest in these topics, to speak on how the gospel fits into them. And, that even though we may not agree with everything that is happening around us, God is still in control. He can and will use any situation to reveal His Son to those who need to be saved.



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