



SCENE & HEARD

Thank God for 58 Years!

God's enduring faithfulness to the FEBC radio ministry was the recurring theme of the 58th anniversary open house last June 3.

Dubbed "*O Diyos, Napakabuti Mo ... Salamat Po!*" (O God, You are So Good ... Thank You!), the program gathered more than 1,750 people who joined the FEBC family in reminiscing how the Lord has



graciously provided for the broadcast operations for more than five decades now. The audience also watched a mini-concert by Gospel singers/musicians Bill Aujero, Bob Bartz and Bobby Duclayan and live production by the "*Tanikalang Lagot*" (Unshackled) drama team. They also had the opportunity to learn more about income-generating ventures through various livelihood seminars lined up for them.

One well-wisher commented, "Happy anniversary! *Nagpapasalamat ako sa Diyos sa inyong mga programa. Marami kayong natutulungan. Labis po ang kaligayan ko sa tuwing nakikinig ako sa inyong mga programa*" (I thank God for the programs. You are able to help a lot of people. I am always delighted to listen to the programs).

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Rev. Philip Chen is the new executive director of FEBC Taiwan. He took over from Rev. Jonathan Ma, who served in that capacity for five years. Among those who led in his installation service last July 8 are (l-r) Mr. Andrew Shen (FEBC Taiwan Board chairman), FEBC Hong Kong Exec. Dir. Rev. Raymond Lo, Rev. Carlos Peña, Rev. Jonathan Ma, Stephen Wong and Daniel Rao.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dan Andrew S. Cura

I am sharing with you some facts about Unreached People Groups. They are those living in the fringes and outer reaches, often not easily reached by missionaries and Christian workers. FEBC is a missionary radio ministry committed to reach out to them with the Gospel message.



Ministry to Unreached People Groups

FEBC ministers to over 100 different Unreached People Groups (UPG) in Asia. Far East Broadcasting Associates (Feba), the sister organization of FEBC, broadcasts to approximately 100 UPGs throughout Africa, India and the Middle East.

What are "Unreached People Groups?"

"Unreached People Groups" (UPGs) are an identifiable group of people distinguished by a distinct culture, language or social class who lack a community of Christians able to evangelize them without outside help. Their only opportunity to hear about salvation is through an "external witness." Of the six billion people in the world today, an estimated 1.2-1.4 billion have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. UPGs are also referred to as "Hidden People" or "Forgotten People."

What is an "External Witness?"

Historically, an "external witness" was a western missionary committed to sharing Christ with a people group, but these days indigenous missionaries and "gateway" groups are also reaching their non-Christian neighbors.

Do any other "external witnesses" exist?

Yes. Radio is an external witness. Many regions that are inaccessible to man – either geographically or politically - can easily be reached by radio waves. Radio has a proven record of leading hundreds of thousands of unreached people to the Lord, such as the Hmong of Vietnam and Laos.

What is a "Gateway" People Group?

Gateway people live in close proximity to other minority groups. When gateway people are exposed to the Gospel and become believers, they become a conduit to surrounding UPGs. Two examples of "gateway" people are the Khmu of Laos, who are successfully evangelizing neighboring Laotian minorities, and the Chin, a minority group living in Burma, who are reaching out to the Shan, also of Burma.

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FEBC Korea Marks Golden Anniversary

More than 700 guests attended “Homecoming Day,” the 50th anniversary celebration of HLKX, the flagship station of FEBC Korea, last May 20.

A mini-concert that followed the dinner fellowship featured the FEBC Korea Children's Choir, Legacy Quartet and Ms. Kay Werho, top Korean Gospel singer and FEBC music consultant and program host. Also, congratulatory messages were given by former Korean President Chun Doo Hwan, Seoul City Mayor Lee and mega-church pastor Rev. David Yonggi Cho.



Dr. Billy Kim, FEBC Korea director, greeting the crowd of well-wishers.

At the same gathering, FEB International Executive Director Rev. Carlos Peña presented a plaque of appreciation to FEBC Korea. The evening concluded with skits and entertainment by the staff and the presentation of door prizes.

Reaching Out to Cagayan Valley

By Caloy Diño, *Director*, Domestic Broadcast Service

Very soon, the people in Cagayan Valley, as well as those in some parts of the Cordillera Autonomous Region, will be able hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Cagayan Valley Missionary Radio Project, already being set up in Santiago City, Isabela, is expected to be on air by the second quarter of 2007.



The proposed transmitter site.

Significant Partnerships

The new station is a partnership with the local churches, ministerial fellowships and mission organizations working in the area. FEBC Philippines will build and operate the station while the churches will take the lead in mobilizing financial support. We will also provide the programming direction in consultation with the ministerial fellowships. Individual volunteers, churches or missions groups will be responsible for program production.

Broadcast Operations

When the station is in full operation, the Gospel broadcast will be available to over four million people belonging to more than 20 tribal groups in the two regions. The programs will be produced and aired in the following languages and dialects, which are the heart languages of the people.

1. Ilocano
2. Itawit (Itawis) – Southern Cagayan
3. Isinai (Isnay) – Bambang, Dupax and Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya
4. Ibanag (Ybanag) – Cagayan and Isabela
5. Ifugao – Benguet & Banaue
6. Ilongot (Bugkalut) – Eastern Nueva Vizcaya and Western Quirino
7. Ivatan – Cagayan Valley
8. Itneg – Mountain Province
9. Gaddang – Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya
10. Kalanguya - Nueva Vizcaya and Ifugao
11. Kankanaey – Mountain Province
12. Yogad – Echague, Isabela
13. Palanan (Palaneny) – Eastern coast of Isabela
14. Pangasinense – Pangasinan

The transmitter and studio will be built on a one-hectare property in Santiago City. All studio equipment will be designed using digital audio technology. The main studio will be arranged for

multi-purpose use; it will accommodate panel discussion and listener-call-in interactive programming. The control room and the editing studio will be



FEBC President Dan Cura (left) meets with leaders of various ministerial fellowships in the Cagayan Valley area.

interchangeable to provide flexibility in case of emergency. A small transmitter building and a large antenna tower will be built on a riceland adjoining the station. The transmitter, control and monitoring equipment will be located in the transmitter building at the base of the antenna tower.

All in all, the entire project will cost P 13.8 M.

Full Speed Ahead

Last May, a series of meetings with representatives of some ministerial fellowships in the area were held in Santiago City. Some of our ministry partners are the Solano-Bayombong Ministerial Association (SBMA) of Nueva Vizcaya, Association of Ministers of the Gospel in Santiago (AMIGOS), Quirino Ministers Fellowship, Cagayan Provincial Ministers Association (CPMA), Tuguegarao Movement for Evangelical Churches (TMEC) and Cauayan Ministers Association (CMA). The pastors and church leaders of the said groups are in full support of the project and are excitedly praying about the prospect of making the Gospel available in their region through our radio broadcast.

Within the next few months, staffing of the station will begin with the new Station Manager taking care of day-to-day operations. A programming oversight council will also be formed and will convene on the fourth quarter of this year. It will be composed of the Station Manager, heads of the region's major ministerial fellowships and myself. Toward the end of 2006, program producers will be selected and trained to prepare them for broadcast by next year.

Our Mandate: Reach all People Groups

Our Lord Jesus commanded us to “go disciple all peoples. ...” (Matthew 28:19). Indeed, we cannot rest until every person from every tribe and ethnic group in the Philippines shall have been given the opportunity to hear the Gospel in his or her heart language through radio. The Cagayan Valley Missionary Radio project is just another step in that direction. Let us continue to pray that the Santiago station will be faithful to its calling to proclaim the love of God and His amazing grace, and may it be fruitful in bringing the people of Cagayan Valley and the Cordillera regions to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



FERDS Executive Director Mrs. Miriam Perez delivers textbooks for Wasid Integrated School to Mr. Dante Taipan, principal. The book donation was part of the activities by the FERDS team in Nagtipunan, Nueva Vizcaya last June 28. A total of 146 Bugkalut families in barangays Wasid, Tamsi, Matmad, Kadikitan and Tenupyakan received PM radios tuned in to 702 DZAS, which is heard in the area early in the morning and from 6:00 pm onward.



Ms. Samouen Intal (third from left), FEBCambodia Director, poses with some of the pastors and church workers who received bicycles from FEBCambodia during a radio distribution outreach in Banteay Meanchey province, along the northwest Thai border last April. In addition to the bikes, the staff also gave away four wind-up radio sets for each of the 53 churches represented during the outreach.

Ministry to Unreached People Groups

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How is an indigenous missionary different from any other missionary?

Indigenous means “native to a specific area,” so an indigenous missionary is a person who shares his faith with his own people. He has a great advantage over foreign-born missionaries because he understands the language and culture and is thus more effective in leading people to Christ.

Why do UPGs seem to respond so favorably to the Gospel?

One of the reasons for the massive growth in Christianity among minority groups is the sense of dignity and worth that indigenous broadcasts offer them. People from these groups grapple with persecution and discrimination most of their lives, but when they hear a radio message spoken in their own language, it validates them. Many minority groups see the broadcasts as their only means of Christian instruction and fellowship.

Are there many more UPGs that have not yet heard the Gospel?

Definitely, and this is why FEBC presses on, one language and one people group at a time, grateful for the partnership of those who support this ministry, in order to follow Jesus’ commandment to “go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.”

Do you ever hear from UPGs who listen to FEBC broadcasts?

Almost every day. Consider this letter written by a Hmong man from Burma.

Dear FEBC:

I hear your broadcasts every day. Most of the Hmong in this area are uneducated. They don't have anywhere to go. A majority of them don't know how to love, and they only worship evil spirits. Even worse, these people cause conflicts among each other and don't even know how to take care of themselves.

It is only through your broadcasts that we hear good things. You really touch our lives and we are thankful. Since your program tells us to be better people, our children will grow up and become better people, too, and they will also listen to your programs. They will also learn to love.

Your program will allow them to have an education, a place to go, and teach them how to love and worship only the Lord. We pray that God will strengthen you, and we pray that you will always be able to broadcast to us.

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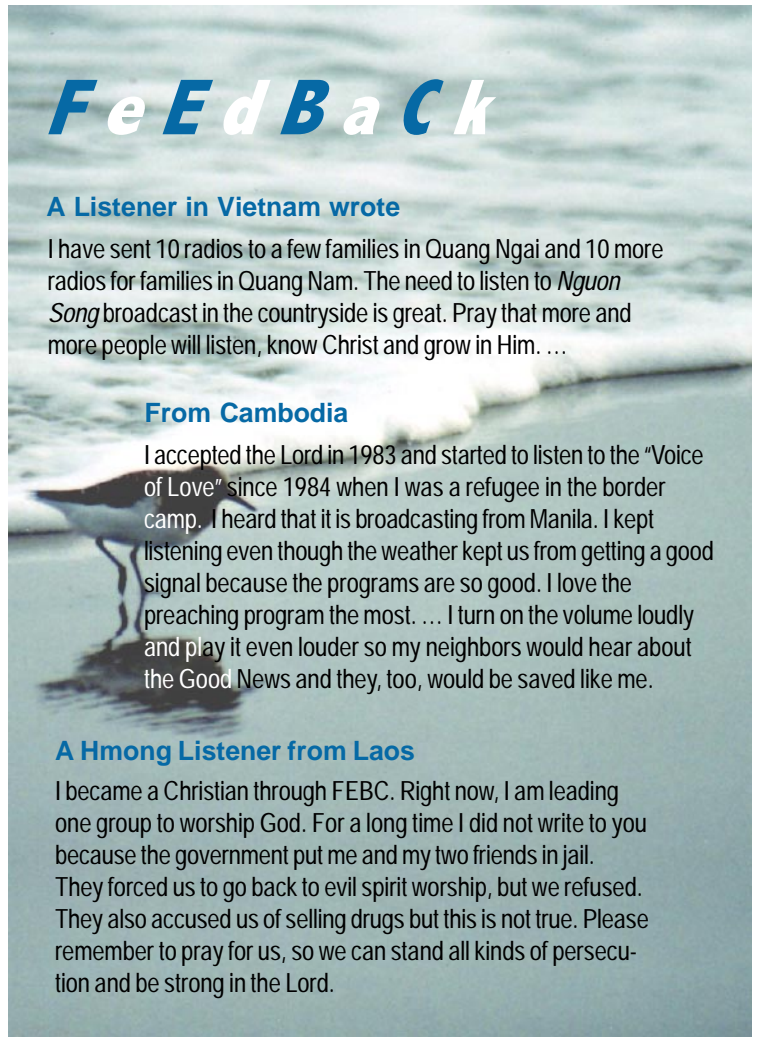
Milestones

- DYVS Bacolod Station Manager Bro. Ralph Belzunce, DYVS Bacolod Station Manager, was elected as the new chairman of the *Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas* (KBP) Negros Occidental and head of the KBP Community Advisory Board!
- WIND FM, the flagship station of FEBC Mongolia, celebrated its fifth anniversary last May 2. In a survey earlier this year, the station was rated as the second most popular station in Ulaanbaatar, out of a choice of almost 20.
- Last June, Heartline Radio (FEBC Indonesia) distributed 1,000 wind-up radios to earthquake victims in the city of Yogyakarta, upon the request of the government. They are also raising funds to purchase medicines, food supplies and other items needed by the victims.

Wa People of Myanmar



- Around 1M in the world – about half of them living in the remote parts of the Shan state, northeast of the country and another half living in the adjacent southwestern border of the People’s Republic of China
- Traditionally known as poppy (opium) farmers; in China, they have moved on to grow other crops
- Population composed of widows and orphans due to past conflicts, with infant mortality estimated at 50%
- No established educational system, and literacy rate at 3%
- Generally practiced animism and until the 1970s, were known head-hunters
- Predominantly Buddhist today, with a small number of Christians
- FEBC broadcast - 15 minutes daily



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A Listener in Vietnam wrote

I have sent 10 radios to a few families in Quang Ngai and 10 more radios for families in Quang Nam. The need to listen to *Nguon Song* broadcast in the countryside is great. Pray that more and more people will listen, know Christ and grow in Him. ...

From Cambodia

I accepted the Lord in 1983 and started to listen to the "Voice of Love" since 1984 when I was a refugee in the border camp. I heard that it is broadcasting from Manila. I kept listening even though the weather kept us from getting a good signal because the programs are so good. I love the preaching program the most. ... I turn on the volume loudly and play it even louder so my neighbors would hear about the Good News and they, too, would be saved like me.

A Hmong Listener from Laos

I became a Christian through FEBC. Right now, I am leading one group to worship God. For a long time I did not write to you because the government put me and my two friends in jail. They forced us to go back to evil spirit worship, but we refused. They also accused us of selling drugs but this is not true. Please remember to pray for us, so we can stand all kinds of persecution and be strong in the Lord.



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