

You have impact!

Dear friends

The aim of our work in the Arab World is to transform people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Is that possible? Yes, it is!

Each year, tens of thousands of Arabs respond to our programs. Hundreds of Muslims have throughout the years testified to the life-changing impact of these programs. They became Christians. They were baptized. And they joined other Christians in churches in the Arab World.

Arab media sometimes discusses our programs that aim to change society. In one instance, one of our programs, distributed to political leaders, affected a change in legislation for more protection of women and children against violence in the home.

The Christian broadcasters all testify to the high technical quality and the depth of the Christian content. These programs are among the most popular Christian programs in the Arab World.

Many programs of Arab Vision have been exemplary for other producers. We have been a leader in producing programs with female Christian speakers, Christian music programs, programs against female circumcision, programs for parents and teachers of handicapped children, Christian programs about family problems, and other critically important topics.

If you have an interest in this change in the Arab World, join our team by prayer and by financially supporting our work! Your involvement impacts people.

The Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

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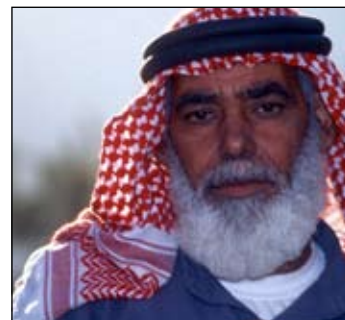
Meeting real needs in the Arab world

Follow-up team busy answering requests for help

Each month, thousands of Arabs contact us after seeing our programs. Of those, about 500 people contact our follow-up team by phone to ask for prayer or to ask questions about the Christian faith. In addition, a lot of feedback is received through "contact us" forms or via emails.

This response from Saudi Arabia is just one of many we receive each month:

I am calling to ask you for help and advice. I am a Muslim person and I have a deep faith in Christianity. I watched your program for years. I know Jesus is the true way; He is the truth. I love Him, worship Him in my heart, read the Bible, pray and talk to Him.



One of the goals of our follow-up team is to arrange face-to-face meetings with those in need. That is the best way to help people. Our team often refers people to pastors, pastoral workers, or other professional counselors.

As the programming all over the Arab world, as well as Europe, Australia and the U.S. increases, the responses will also increase, and more and more Arabs will be reached at their area of need. Pray for our audience response team please, that their work will be effective, and please the Lord.

Helping a woman with family problems

One of our Arab viewers in Switzerland (yes, even in Europe, Arabs watch our programs!) was in deep emotional distress and in the middle of a family crisis. After watching one of our programs on television, she called our follow-up team. It was immediately clear that more intense counseling was needed. As a result, she was connected with a more experienced counselor.



The amazing thing is that, unknown to our follow-up team member, the counselor to whom she referred the woman had previously lived in Switzerland and was able to direct her to a church and other people in Switzerland who were able to help her best in her areas of need.

The woman called the follow-up team back a short while later to thank them for all their help and mentioned how her life changed because of them.

"I would like to thank you for your strong and very useful program which covers very important subjects. Only few Christians speak about these subjects."

Man from Syria.

Defending human rights for Arab Christians

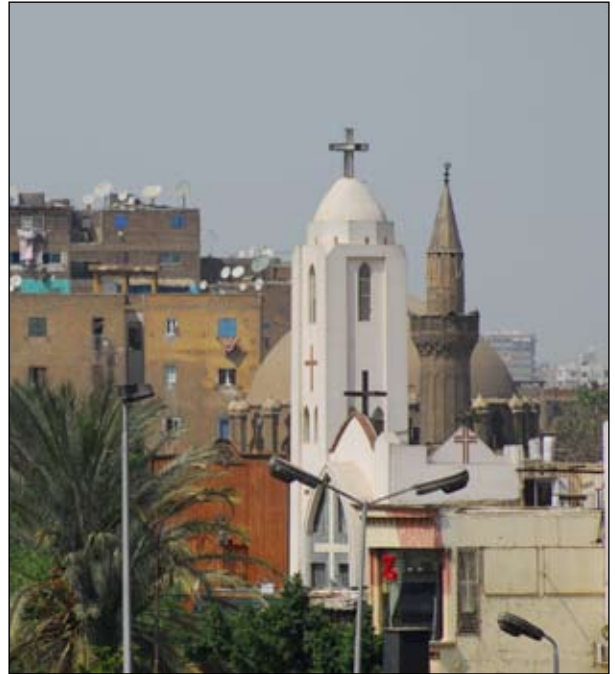
Although Egypt and other Arab states have signed the United Nations Charter for Human Rights, too many Arab regimes have chosen not to apply this to their Christian citizens. In Egypt, for instance, Christians are treated as second class citizens. The latest major incident, the brutal murder of six Christians in front of their church in Nag'a Hamadi on 6 January, attracted wide international attention. Christians in Egypt face discrimination in education, employment and military service, problems with church buildings, violence against their property, unjust police practices and intimidation, and as we saw, even murder. In particular, the situation of Muslim converts to the Christian faith is especially worrying.

Arab Vision will, therefore, in 2010 produce a TV series of 13 documentaries that focus public attention on human rights violations against Christians, and they call the audience to action for implementing an acceptable set of human rights principles in the Arab World.

We will focus on specific human rights issues:

- + Abolishing notification of religion in passports, ID cards and other documentation
- + Encouragement of governments to have one law concerning the building and repair of mosques and churches
- + Right of children to citizenship of their mother's nationality
- + Right of children to study religions other than Islam in school
- + Improving access to employment, education and social benefits among religious minorities in the Middle East and North Africa.

Pray, please, for the impact of these programs, and that we will find the funding needed for this strategic project. For more information, write to contact@arabvision.org.



From the viewers



“I am very happy because this is the first time I see a program about our brothers in Christ, how they live and how they came to know the Lord. I am very happy that the program is in my dialect and it deals with stories that are from our cultural context.”

Latifah from Morocco

“I want to thank God and thank you for your prayers. I was suffering emotionally and was sick, but God healed me to the extent that I have nothing to complain about now. ”

Woman from Dubai

“It shows people who accepted the Lord from my country and in my dialect. We really have a need for programs like this.

This really encourages the thousands of believers from Morocco.”

Abdalla from Casablanca



Moroccan Muslim turns to Christ

"I did not have a very happy childhood because my mother was a very hard woman and my father died when I was very young. I had to go to work, even though I was very young. When I finally did go to school, I was much older than the other students.



I was particularly fond of reading and I read a book about the life of Jesus and I admired him greatly and saw him as a hero. I began to compare the life of Mohammed with that of Jesus and I came to the conclusion that Mohammed could not be a prophet of God. I stopped praying and fasting and felt very guilty about this, but I couldn't talk to anyone about this. Deeply troubled, I attempted to commit suicide and was very annoyed at my failure.

Shortly after my suicide attempt, I had to go to a funeral and this caused me to return to religion. I read all kinds of Islamic books, but I also read a book that talked about the meaning of the Gospel.

I started going to internet cafes to look at Christian websites and I left messages for people to contact me. I was delighted to meet a Moroccan Christian through this.

I was afraid that my family would find out about my newfound faith, but I am so happy to start this new life and I now have many Christian friends."

Journey through Art

In 26 beautiful programs, 26 Moroccans explain why they decided to become followers of Jesus Christ. Their stories are illustrated by a slowly 'growing' painting. These artistic programs are attractive to Moroccans; they are not used to hearing about Moroccan Muslims who became Christians.

Testimony from Morocco

The 13 testimonies of Moroccans who turned from Islam to Jesus Christ are real stories, told by the converts to the Christian faith, but reenacted by semi-professional actors. We get great response to them! Pray please that many viewers will also make a U-turn in their life!

www.shehada.org

On this website you can watch the 'Testimony from Morocco' programs. Those watching the programs on TV are given a phone number they can call and they are pointed to this website. Have a look and watch our programs here.

Your help needed

24 HOURS OF INTERNET BROADCASTING (\$186)

Every hour of the day, our TV program can be seen on the internet. Anywhere in the world, Arabs can watch our programs online as streaming video, as if they are watching a TV channel. To maintain this costs us \$186 per day. Your help is appreciated.

30 HOURS OF AIRTIME FOR TRAINING KABYLE PASTORS IN ALGERIA (\$4500)

For broadcasting important training programs for pastors in Algeria, we need to buy some airtime. Algeria has seen a great revival in the past 20 years among the Kabyle berbers. Many of their churches have pastors who were not trained at all. They need these training programs we produced.

TV PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (\$\$ as you please...)

We are in rather urgent need to invest in new equipment. We have a long list of needs. Our cameras have been used so much in the past years, they are now really worn out. If you have an interest to seriously contribute for this urgently needed equipment, email us so that we can send you a whole list of needs. contact@arabvision.org.



Searching for Jesus

Peace be to you. This is the first time I write to a Christian channel. I want to give my thanks. I am a Muslim Moroccan. I saw the episode about a Moroccan man who left Islam and became a Christian even though his family was against him. But he was very committed to Jesus and this made me think about searching for Jesus.

Your decision has impact on the Arab World

Your support for our work has real impact in the Arab World. It helps changing lives and societies, in accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please, donate today. On page 4 of this newsletter you can see the easiest way to do this. And partner with us through your prayers as well!

You can make your donation securely online at www.arabvision.org

A day in the life of an Arab woman

Generally speaking, when an Arab woman gets married and has children, her husband goes off to work and she stays home with her children. The potential is there for her to have a very isolated life revolving around her children and home. To keep herself entertained, she watches TV and, as a result of this need, we broadcast programs of interest to her. She would like to watch wholesome shows, no violence, so our kind of programming definitely appeals to her. Some of the programs cover women's rights, children's rights, handicapped children, and most also point clearly to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In addition, some of the programs are aimed at teens. These shows are high energy, with moral lessons and also have a small segment in which an adult leads discussions and Biblical values and insights are communicated. Some shows are about parenting, how to teach Christian parents to raise children in a Christian context in an Arab world, some are testimony programs where the host prays with viewers. These really touch the women's hearts.



The Lord answered my prayer...

I have come to know Christ through your programs. While I was watching one day I had a wonderful experience, while the guest in the show was giving a testimony about a girl that her parents wanted to force into marriage. This testimony was exactly my story too. When I heard your advice on how to ask Christ to help through prayer, I also prayed to Jesus and asked that He would free me from this forced marriage that I was facing. Not too long after, the Lord answered my prayer. I have tasted the answers to prayer, and I did pray again especially on one occasion when I had a twisted ankle, I prayed and asked Jesus to heal me and he did it instantly. Today I acknowledge that Jesus is my Lord and Savior because I have seen by myself what he could do.

17-year-old girl from Algeria



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Job Opening

We are seeking to recruit a new Managing Director for our company in the Arab World that is producing our own newsletters and websites, beside many other printed matter and websites. That company also handles the distribution of our TV programs.

Applicants should be fluent in English, have managerial experience, and also have some working knowledge of graphic design and/or web design. Obviously, we are looking for someone who is committed to the goals of Arab Vision.

On www.arabvision.org you can find more info on this job. Click on 'job openings' to find the complete job description. Write to contact@arabvision.org if you have an interest in discussing your application.

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