



## Arab Vision project update February 2017

### 20 years Arab Vision – celebrating God’s faithfulness

*“We realized that there was a great lack of Arabic Christian TV programmes. There were possibilities to broadcast but there were no actual indigenous TV programmes. We stepped into this void and started to make those types of programmes.”*



*“We were the first organization to make Arabic Christian TV programmes in the heart languages of the people in the Arab World on a large scale. People responded very enthusiastically, especially when they saw programmes in their own language. Many people wrote to us that they even joined the church; the churches began to grow in Algeria for instance. ”*

Abu Banaat, founder of Arab Vision in 1997, is remembering the beginning of the ministry during an interview on our anniversary DVD. The DVD contains several interviews plus a selection from 20 years TV programmes produced by Arab Vision; a testimony to God’s faithfulness in 20 years media ministry in the Arab World.

The anniversary production will soon be available on DVD and USB stick.

### A cloud of witnesses – Christmas programme

Last time we wrote to you about our Christmas programme *A cloud of witnesses*: 15 episodes about people who were eyewitnesses during the time of Jesus’ birth. Meantime it has been on TV, both in the evening and in the late morning. On [our YouTube channel](#) you can watch several short clips to get an impression of the programme. Thank you very much for your contributions in prayer and donations for this series.

### Kingdom Person

Our Kingdom Person series has many viewers. The Facebook page connected to this programme has more than 13,000 likes and there is much interaction. Our follow-up team gets questions about different aspects of life, family matters, sexuality, relationships, etc. They need lots of wisdom! Please, continue to



pray for them. The episode about marriage from the first series (with English subtitles) can be viewed [here](#).

The second series of Kingdom Person has already been broadcast by SAT-7 and will soon be broadcast by Miracle channel as well. Some of the themes are: How to become a mature Christian and resemble Christ, how to deal with suffering, and how to integrate spiritual, psychological and theological aspects in living a Christian life. We have posted three videos (with subtitles) from this second series on our YouTube channel: [on prayer](#) (specifically on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer), on [relationships](#) and the third one on [how a Kingdom person](#) influences the world around him.

#### **From our viewers**

Ahmed, 30, lives in Algeria. He watched some episodes of our programme *Just a couple of words* which consists of very short videos in which a biblical topic is explained. Ahmed got in touch with our follow-up team and asked how God could be a spirit and a human being at the same time. We explained to him why it was necessary that Christ became a human being. Then he asked us about the meaning of redemption. At the end of the conversation he told us he would start to read the Bible. (You can watch an episode of this programme [here](#).)

Noura is a young Muslim girl in Egypt and got in touch with us via our Quest FB page after the 11 December attack on the Coptic Cathedral in Cairo when a suicide bomber killed at least 27 people and injured 47 others. She sent us a poem titled "I am the martyr". We thanked her for the great poem in which she expressed her love and respect for Christians. We talked about God's love and she was quite happy to talk to us.

#### **New staff – international director and operations manager**

For quite a few years I have fulfilled a number of functions in the ministry, next to being the international director. Therefore I am happy to share with you that we have found a new international director who began his work on 1 January. At the same time we have appointed an operations manager, to strengthen our international team. Next to having general management responsibilities, she will also work on developing our programmes for North Africa. Both colleagues have extensive experience in media work. Would you pray that the new team-members will soon settle into their roles in the team and ministry? Personally I will continue to be involved in the Arab Vision ministry but I am no longer the international director.

United in Christ,

Umm al Farieq

P.S. a complete programme on Easter and Pentecost of 33 episodes, 9 minutes each, is available for you on USB stick. You can watch [episode 11,20](#) and [26](#) so you can get an impression of the series. (The rest is without subtitles!) If you'd like to share it with your Arabic speaking neighbour or friend, mail us at [contact@arabvision.org](mailto:contact@arabvision.org). A small donation to cover our costs would be appreciated.

