



The forgotten man...

The Light of the world

Join us in a week of prayer!



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Arab men under pressure in a changing society

We have produced a number of programmes focusing on the sexual abuse of Arab women, physical violence, women's rights, and equality of men and women. Quite frequently, however, we get surprising response from Arab men:

"I am calling you because I have been watching your programme Hope for Tomorrow. I am from a Muslim background and I have just started to read the Bible. I am learning much through your programme and my thinking has really been affected by it." - Ahmed, Egypt

"I have been reading the Gospel for about a year now and I am studying the life of Jesus. The life of Jesus is very beautiful!" - Yusuf from Morocco



Most of the Arab societies are patriarchal, but changes are taking place, often on the side of the women. But we can only achieve something if we include the men in these processes.

Arab Vision is preparing a project addressing the roles of men in society, family and church. It will consist of 26 clips of about 3 minutes each, and will aim to equip Arab men for their roles in a changing society.

Subjects include roles of men in marriage and family; showing emotions, dealing with authority, midlife crisis, sexuality, view of God in the family, etc.

You can read more financial details on page 7.

"I am the Light of the World"

I am sure that you are familiar with William Holman-Hunt's painting "*The Light of the World*". He actually painted the same picture three times and the last one can be seen in St Paul's Cathedral in London. It is a dark painting but you can see Jesus is knocking on an overgrown door.

- The door has no handle; it can only be opened from the inside.
- The presence of ivy growing on the door suggests it has never been opened.
- Only if the occupant responds to Jesus' knocking and opens the door, can light come in. Jesus will not force his way in.



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When Jesus made his proclamation "*I am the Light of the World*" (John 8:12) he was addressing the crowd during the Feast of Tabernacles. Each evening during the Feast, four huge torches were lit up, illuminating the entire temple. More and more torches would be added during the week and it is said that the light was so intense that it could be seen from Galilee, 75 miles away. But the light did not last, whereas Jesus is the Light of the World for all time.

This year, and in time for Christmas, Arab Vision will produce 13 short clips on the theme of Jesus spreading light in his daily life, when he healed the sick, liberated people from darkness, fed the hungry and gave dignity to the marginalised.

Jesus is still the Light of the World, and he calls us to be a light to the world as well.

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Week of prayer for the Arab World and the work of Arab Vision 8-14 December

We would like to ask you to join us in prayer for the Arab World and the work of Arab vision, during the second week of December. As a team we have prepared these daily prayer requests and it would be a great encouragement to all of us, to know that many others are praying with us, and for us.

If you follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/Arab-Vision) or you receive our digital newsletter, you can also watch video clips related to these points of prayer and thanksgiving.

If there is anything you would like to share with our team, please feel free to do so, by sending an email to contact@arabvision.org or posting a (private) message on Facebook.

Will you join us?



Sunday 8 December – Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 9:2 - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

There are many reasons **to thank God** for the ministry of Arab Vision. TV and social media reach people in parts of the Arab World where there is no freedom to present the gospel openly. Where literacy levels are low TV is an excellent medium, particularly for reaching women and children, with a clear explanation of the Gospel, and for encouraging and teaching believers.

Middle Eastern society is more oral than the West. So, TV images and dialogue overcome the problem of low literacy; while at the same time meet the preference for speech over the written word.

Monday 9 December

Galatians 3:28- There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Some years ago we had a dream to produce a programme series on the Christian heritage of North Africa. In the West, Christians owe much to the Early Church, its Fathers, and its martyrs, who were mainly based in present Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, and Egypt.

The stories of Tertullian, Cyprian, Augustine, Perpetua and Felicity, and others, are now being produced and will be presented in many languages, among them the languages and Arabic dialects of North Africa.

Please pray for the production process, for additional funds needed, wisdom for choosing the angles, and that these films will be eye-openers for Christians worldwide, as well as for the majority of non-Christians throughout North Africa.



Tuesday 10 December

John 17:21- I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

The Arab Vision Social Media team is a committed group of believers who feel called to use Social Media to reach out to the Arab World. We long to see people's lives changed so deeply by the work of Christ that they will begin to affect change in the societies in which they live.

We are currently working on four pages creating content and doing follow up with individuals who respond on our pages. All of this we cover in prayer and ask the Spirit to give us wisdom and guidance for God's glory.

Wednesday 11 December

Ephesians 2:19-20 - Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Many of the refugees draw comfort from watching media programmes that bring hope and that enable their children to learn, giving them a motive to keep going.

Christian programmes which present love and care, appeal to many of the refugees who have been uprooted from their homes and lost so much.

Please pray for us as we produce more programmes that can bring hope and show God's love to the refugees.

Thursday 12 December

Romans 15:5-6 - May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians in the Arab World need all the encouragement they can get as they often face misunderstanding, hostility and even outright persecution. Whenever we can, we want to

encourage the church to stand strong and continue to glorify God.

Please pray for the impact of the Koinonia programme, a series of teaching videos to strengthen and revitalise the faith of Coptic believers in Egypt.

Pray also for the many isolated believers who cannot attend a local church. May they be strengthened and encouraged by watching our programmes online and on satellite TV.

Friday 13 December

2 Corinthians 9.8 - God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

In this special week of prayer, first and foremost, we want to express our thanks to the many people who have supported Arab Vision by prayer and donations, to enable us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through modern media, especially through satellite TV and internet/social media.

Our motto *Media for Change* has served us well. Many of our enquirers are seeking change in their lives and through personal contact with our follow-up team, they share important life questions and are helped to find truth and the Gospel. Please continue supporting our ministry by your ongoing prayers and by becoming a regular donor.

Saturday 14 December

Isaiah 41: 18 - I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.

As follow-up workers we connect with many people. They share their hearts with us, their concerns, struggles, hopes, and dreams. Many of these people feel like their lives are deserts in need of living water.

As we follow the Spirit's leading we have the opportunity to pour water into many souls and many people respond with thanksgiving for what they receive. Their lives are impacted, transformed, and new faith and connection to God is formed. We give God the glory for what He accomplishes in and through us.



Empowering Yemeni women

In 2019 we appealed for donations towards our project *Empowering Yemeni women*. We are grateful that we received £1,000 through donations from individuals and £8,000 from two trusts for this series. The clips are now being posted on Facebook pages and hundreds of women are already responding. In our next newsletter we will tell you more about the impact of these clips.

Some TV channels in the Arab World mentioned the clips in their programmes and the scriptwriter has been invited by Abu Dhabi TV to talk about the programmes. Thank you for all your contributions to make this series possible.



Now needed:

Prince of Peace

Social media campaign for Christmas

During the Christmas weeks we will do a special campaign on our social media pages to reach out to those who do not know Jesus yet. At the moment we are brainstorming about content. We would like to have an actor present Jesus and create situations where he interacts with others. All the people in the clips are present day people, who are lonely, struggling with issues, etc. Jesus connects with them and brings his peace, as he is the Prince of Peace and the Wonderful Counsellor. We need £13,000 for the production of the clips and £2,300 for the Facebook campaign and follow-up.

The forgotten man

A new series of programmes about men in the Arab World. (See page 2) We would like to ask your support for the first phase of this project, the production of 26 short clips. We need about £450 to produce each clip, and £3,500 for Facebook campaigns and follow-up for six months after the production is finalised.

A legacy for Arab Vision?

Would you consider including a legacy for Arab Vision in your will?

The whole subject of making a will is a topic which is very easy to put off. I know this from personal experience! However, if you have made a will, the process of adding a legacy is not difficult, as you will already have given thought to who will inherit your estate.

You could decide either to leave a percentage of your estate to Arab Vision or a precise amount. Either way, this can be covered by a codicil i.e. an alteration to your existing will, without needing to prepare a fresh will.

If you did decide to do this, just specify to your solicitor that the legacy should go to: Arab Vision, 23 Mill Lane, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2AS. Reg charity no 1154993

If you wanted to leave legacies to a number of charities, it is worth contacting Stewardship. <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/giving/legacies> . Tel: 020 8502 8560

Stewardship is a Christian charity. It offers a service whereby you can leave a lump sum, a fixed amount or a percentage of your estate to Stewardship who will then distribute it according to your instructions. The advantage of their service is flexibility. If you wish to change the charities, you only need to contact Stewardship. You don't need to change your will.

Finally, do make sure you make a will. It makes your intentions clear and can save your family and friends a lot of heartache.



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Account no: 49415760,

Alternatively, cheques can be sent to: Arab Vision, 23 Mill Lane, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2AS