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One of our latest productions is a series about young people in the Bible. We want them to be role models for young people today, particularly those who struggle with their identity, their role in society and their place in the church.

Each episode will begin with a short, animated sketch, e.g. featuring Joseph, showing how he lost everything and ended up in prison, or Samuel who was dedicated to God and called by Him. Another example could be the young servant girl of Naaman, who had the courage to share the good news with her boss, even though she did not know the possible repercussions.

The second part is a present day 'Joseph', struggling with anxiety and uncertainty. The third part draws out lessons we can learn from the Bible character and how to apply them to daily life.

These clips will be used on our Facebook page for young people. We will run a special social media campaign, challenging youth in the Arab World to discuss the lives of these young people in the Bible and how they can be role models for them.



We need £225 per episode for production and the same amount for the Facebook campaign and Follow Up team. Could you help us fund this project?

The show goes on...

COVID-19 has dominated the UK news agenda for more than 3 months. In the rest of the world there is a mixed picture. As I write this, New Zealand is close to eliminating the virus while in Texas and Florida, the number of new cases is increasing daily.

The picture in the Arab World is much less clear. Widespread poverty prevents many people seeking tests and treatment. Medical facilities are far less advanced, while Syria, Yemen and Libya are being torn apart by civil wars. In more stable countries, state censorship makes it very difficult to know the exact impact of the coronavirus.

What I can say is that our teams in the Arab World have largely managed to continue the ministry. The production team has been hampered by movement restrictions. Some location filming has now had to be shot in studios, requiring some creative efforts to complete the production. Most of the staff are working from home but a handful are permitted to go into the office - essential for the editing staff. The Follow Up team routinely work remotely but their weekly team meeting now is conducted via Zoom.

The pressures caused by the lock down have certainly increased the number of contacts through social media. Anxiety, fear, feelings of insecurity and depression are common themes expressed by both men and women to our Follow Up team.

All our staff will value your prayers. The production team need to be flexible and creative to complete the programmes, while the Follow Up team are giving out all the time and need strength and encouragement themselves so they can be a blessing to all the enquirers.

Thank you for supporting us.



Ian Sutherland
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Our Follow Up team is as busy as ever... here are some stories and quotes from people all over the Arab World who have recently been in touch with our team on social media platforms.

I am afraid God will not forgive me...

"When you talked to me about Jesus who carried our sins, I felt great peace. I always feel guilty because of my sins, even when I pray. I am afraid that God will not forgive me. Will you please send me a Bible and help me understand its message? Thank you." - Umm Laila

I feel shackled....

"I would like to become a Christian. I feel so shackled by the rules of our religion. Can you please send me information about the life of Jesus?" – Abdullah, Chad

Now I know that God is near...

"I have now completed the course on the Life of Jesus. It really touched me to know that God is near and that the door to forgiveness and repentance is open. I would like to attend a church. Could you please help me find one in my country?" – Zahma

Fear of death...

"Thank you for taking the time to talk to me. I now feel more at ease. The fear of death and disease has become less. Please continue to pray for me." - Alya



I am not alone...

Marwa is a 29 year old lady from North Africa. She contacted us through one of our Facebook pages. Marwa used to work as a teacher but lost her job. She felt empty, lonely and depressed, without opportunities, relationships and significance. She told us that she lost her faith in God and had no hope.

We were able to encourage her, we talked to her about her past and she came to the conclusion that there is hope. Gradually she began to face her issues, knowing that she was not alone. Now she has begun to pursue her dreams. We are still keeping in touch with her.

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Abdullah lives in North Africa and he has committed his life to Jesus Christ. When he shared his story with one of his cousins, his heart was changed as well. He is now sharing the Gospel message with many people and would like to join a theological college. We have sent him online Bible study materials.

Media for Change – Updates on current programmes

Watch the first four episodes of the *Heritage Project*

The *Heritage Project* is a docudrama about the roots of Christianity in North Africa, a joint production with International Media Ministries. We would love to make this series available in the languages of North Africa, to show people that the early North African church played an important role in the development of Christianity. In July the first series will be produced with a French presenter, and arrangements for finalising that series in Moroccan Arabic (Darija) are in process as well.



The first four episodes in English can be watched on <https://watch.redeemtv.com>

Baby on Board

Nine episodes have been produced about pregnancy – its facts and folklore. The series provides clear information on how to enjoy this special time in a healthy way. SAT-7 will broadcast the series.



It was not the first time that freelancers who worked with us, commented, *'No one has ever talked about these issues. No one dares to challenge these traditional views'* (read: misconceptions). *'I learned so much from this production that I really don't need to be paid, my fees are the lessons I learned!'*

The first episode has been subtitled and can be watched on Arab Vision's YouTube channel, in the playlist Women in the Picture.

Help, my child claims to be an atheist

A series of 13 episodes where young people discuss the doubts about their faith. It is set in an open atmosphere of a family discussion. Clips have already been released to social media and will soon be broadcast on SAT-7. Watch a subtitled episode on our YouTube channel, in the playlist Strengthen the Church.

Maaki (God with you)

Maaki is a series of 13 episodes showing the lives of refugee women. Filmed in the Middle East and Europe, the series will soon be broadcast on satellite TV. For some of the episodes, filmed in Jordan, we did not get permission to broadcast them or use them on social media. In the end the women's husbands or the women themselves felt it was too dangerous to share their stories on screen.



Please pray for them and also for the women who did give permission; that they may be protected and experience no negative consequences of sharing their life-story.

You can watch the subtitled episode about events in Azhar's life and God's faithfulness to her on Arab Vision's YouTube channel, in the playlist Women in the picture.

Project Hope

"I can't sleep; I am scared and feel depressed."

Basma, a teacher from Yemen, got in touch with us through one of our Facebook pages. She is certainly not the only one who struggles with fear and insomnia in this time of crisis.



Every day our Follow Up team talks to numerous people in the Arab World who struggle with the psychological, spiritual and economic consequences of the corona crisis.

Fear of illness or death, fear to lose loved ones, of loss of income. Fear because the atmosphere at home has deteriorated and there is an increase in domestic violence.

Many people feel depressed and struggle with feelings of insignificance. Sometimes it is already such a help when someone listens to you, empathises, thinks along with you and prays for you. Where appropriate, we can offer psychological help and we can always offer hope and direction from the Word of God.

Amal, a Muslim lady from Algeria, expressed the hope, 'that God will take away the fear from our lives.' But she added something to that hope, 'I trust in the prayers of our Christian brothers and sisters.'

Don't let Amal down! Please pray for her and the many others who are going through difficult times.

The cost of providing Follow Up and producing the content for social media for six months is £9,000. Your gifts to support this work will be deeply appreciated.

We give them a voice...

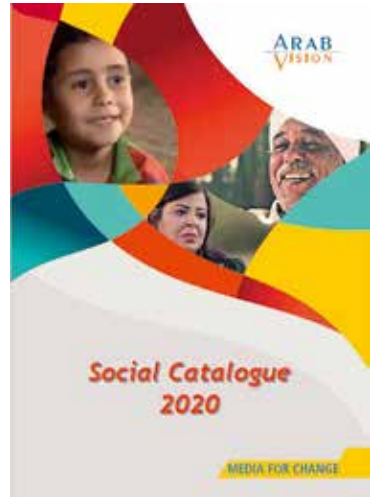
Arab Vision uses media to drive change. Change in people's hearts, minds, and in society. Through our media projects, we are not able to feed people, clothe them or give them a roof over their heads, but we give a voice to those whose voices are too weak, to be heard.

We give them a voice by portraying the situations of women, children, physically and mentally handicapped and minorities in Arab societies. We show the injustice done to them and suggest options for help and for change.

Through the years we have produced numerous programmes focussing on health issues, children's rights, marriage and family issues, domestic violence, sexual harassment, FGM, minority rights, etc.

Most of these programmes are included in our latest Social Catalogue, which can be viewed online: www.arabvision.org/our-projects/

All programmes have been produced in local Arabic dialects, or other languages of the Arab World. Feel free to ask us about these programmes and their availability.



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