

Arab Vision news update - September 2014

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Dear friends,

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, Let him in constancy follow the Master. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

These words from the well-known hymn "To be a pilgrim", written by John Bunyan, come to my mind as the Muslim annual pilgrimage to Mecca, the Hajj, is soon to take place. The Bible calls us to be pilgrims, sojourners in this life, constantly and valiantly following our Master, whatever may happen.

Millions of Muslim pilgrims are at the moment making their way to Mecca. For many it is an incredibly significant, once in a lifetime experience. The Hajj culminates in the feast of sacrifice; the Eid al Adha will fall on 4 October. Let us pray together that many of the pilgrims will have a supernatural revelation of the Lord Jesus as the Light of the World and the Prince of Peace.

Women's programs



The priest of a large Anglican church in Cairo and his wife organised a conference for women with a special focus on daily life issues: marriage, raising children, domestic violence, etc. During the meeting they showed drama sketches from our program Search for the Future to help women discuss their own problems, which is often rather difficult to do in a shame-culture. Because the women recognised so much of their own situations in the video sketches, the meeting became remarkably open

and women freely talked to each other. They asked for a second meeting to which all their husbands would be invited, in order to face and discuss their common problems.

The conference had an unexpected impact. It was quite astonishing that most husbands agreed to attend the next meeting, watch the videos and talk about the issues. We hope that that meeting will cause openness between spouses that they haven't experienced before! We are happy to see that so many of our programs are used again and again, both on TV and on- the- ground.

Christmas Program



We want to encourage our brothers and sisters in the region with a beautiful Christmas program at this time of turmoil and pain in the region. Contributions from all over the Arab World, including music and singing, traditional Christmas cooking, testimonies, traditions and habits, will be filmed, as well as a strong invitation to accept the Good News. Last year our Christmas program was broadcast 15 times by various broadcasters.

Please help us now to prepare and produce this Christmas programme that will bring the message of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world to all Arabs. **US\$12,500 or €9500** is needed!

Thank you in advance for participating in this! All bank details are in the attached newsletter or you can donate online: www.arabvision.org.

Working with Arab Vision

Arab Vision is looking for someone with business management experience to work in its main production house in the Arab World. It is a unique opportunity to help us improve our efficiency and quality at a critical time in the history of the region and of broadcast technology. It is a volunteer position requiring good communication skills, preferably a basic knowledge of the Arabic language and culture, and a willingness to live in the Arab World. Email us at contact@arabvision.org.

You can also work for Arab Vision from your own country. If you are based in the UK, in the USA or in the Netherlands, and you feel you want to contribute more than prayer and money to our ministry, please contact us through the response form on this website. Our national boards will be in contact with you about how you can serve the Arab World through Arab Vision.

If you are based in any other country in the world, we need you as ambassadors for our ministry! Making churches, groups and individuals aware of our media work in the Arab World, and get them involved, will be of tremendous support. Please ask for our materials, like brochures, newsletters and promotional dvds, to help you help us.

Particularly in Canada, Australia, and Norway we would like to start a national support organization like we have in the UK, USA and the Netherlands. Please contact us if you are interested to help.

"Never before did I have such a unique opportunity to learn about a healthy marriage," said an illiterate husband in Egypt after having watched our program on family life. You can read his wife's feedback and her request for prayer in the [pdf of the September newsletter](#), plus much more on our current productions and a series on Jesus' Parables in the Kabyle language.

On behalf of the whole Arab Vision team we wish you God's blessings!



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