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Dear friends,

Two teams of teenagers with their leaders and our production crew are on a quest through Egypt at the moment. To their surprise they will find significant signs of Egypt's biblical and Christian heritage while travelling to Fayoum, the Pyramids, and Aswan in the far south of the country. Meanwhile, the two teams are battling against each other through games and quizzes to beat the other team in finding the clues that will lead to the final solution of the puzzle... who will win?



Please pray for safety during travelling and also for these kids, that they will be able to share about their Christian identity, deeply rooted in their own country, and how they seek to live their Christian identity today.

Hope for Tomorrow - soon on TV and internet

This series of programs about (domestic) violence against girls and women is heartbreaking. When looking for women who were willing to share their stories of abuse and humiliation, we found that the majority of women facing this are experiencing some sort of sexual violence as part of it. In a culture of shame and honour it is extremely difficult to share about this, and we want to honour the women who did



that nonetheless. Obviously, we cannot show their faces nor reveal their names, but what we aim to do is invite the numerous women who struggle with violence and abuse, to open up and to start talking. That can be done anonymously. We don't give instant answers in these programs, but we invite women to seek help. Counsellors and follow-up teams are on stand-by to listen.

Please pray for women as they watch these programs on TV, or on YouTube. Pray that many women who are in need will find the programs and make use of the ways of contacting our follow-up teams. Broadcasting days and times will be published on our website arabvision.org as soon as we know them.

Between Christmas and Easter - proclaiming the Gospel with power

Once more we produced a beautiful program featuring the powerful message of Christmas. This year we focussed on a Middle Eastern flavour, especially in the oriental music and instruments we used. Please check out our Arab Vision channel at YouTube (playlist strengthen the church) for a short video-clip of the program to get an impression!

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the production of the program. We received donations from the Netherlands, the UK, and the USA. The Christmas program was broadcast by Sat7 several times and they also decided to broadcast last year's Christmas program again.



And we are on our way to Easter! On Wednesday 18 February Lent will begin, a time of fasting for many Christians throughout the world. It may be a time of mourning for many Christians who used to live in the Middle East but had to flee their countries - over the years this happened to masses of Syrians, Iraqis, Palestinians, Egyptians...

For so many displaced people we want to compose a special Easter DVD with episodes of our Easter programs produced in the past couple of years. We will subtitle them in English and make them available for you - to give them as a present to your Arabic speaking neighbours, friends; refugees in your country. This DVD will present the Easter message through representatives of different denominations, in a setting of music of different styles and great song. We hope that many individuals, churches and organisations will order the DVD to bless and comfort Arabic refugees who are forced to celebrate Easter away from their home and families.

We would immensely appreciate your donation towards this project. We need £2000 (US\$ 3000) for the subtitling and the editing of this special DVD. Is this something you may contribute towards?

Let me finish this letter with an encouraging statement from one of our viewers: *"I am calling after watching the program. I am Muslim. I want to tell you that I like your program very much. It brings hope and I find it comforting."* (Egypt)

Thank you for being partners in this ministry and on behalf of the whole Arab Vision team I wish you God's blessings!



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