



How long, Lord?

Strengthening the Kabyle church

Every ten minutes a girl dies...

Strengthening the church

The church and I – for Kabyle speakers in Algeria

Our Algerian co-worker and his wife miraculously survived a serious car accident in which both of them were injured. He is now recovering from a double leg fracture. While he is not able to move much, we are using the opportunity to prepare a social media plan for reaching out to Kabyle speakers in Algeria and beyond. In Morocco, for example, there are groups of Berbers who perfectly understand the Kabyle language of Algeria.

For Algerian people who have become followers of Christ but are not able to join a local church, we recently produced a teaching series in Kabyle about *What is the church according to the Bible?* and *What is my role in the church?*

The level of persecution of Christians in Algeria is high. The country ranks # 17 on the World Watch List of Open Doors.



Project Hope:

We want to help spread hope in times of crisis and despair. As filming on location in the region is still complicated at the moment, we are producing short messages of hope and encouragement in the Netherlands with people from a variety of Arab backgrounds: Syrian, Libyan, Algerian, Iraqi, etc. We will use these short clips on our social media platforms to reach out to people in need for a listening ear, a prayer, or support in other ways.

With your support we can spread these messages of hope right across the Arab World. A gift of US\$10 per month from just 50 readers would enable us to complete the project. Please support this message.



How long?

How long will this Covid-19 pandemic last? How long before we get back to normal? How long before there is a vaccine? How long will we keep on saying "How long?"

The cry "How long?" occurs frequently in the Bible. Habakkuk, grappling with the problem of apparent unanswered prayer, prays *"How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?"* (Hab 1:2).

In Revelation 6:10 those who have been martyred for the word of God call out loudly *"How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"*

Most of us have, at some time, echoed a prayer like these in the midst of some relentless situation, but do we not also express such a prayer as we consider the state of our nation and of our world, the suffering of Christians, the resistance to the gospel and rejection of God's ways?

As Christians we need to look around us and long for the Lord to act in justice and grace. Yet, at the same time, we have the sure and certain hope that He will act in demonstration of his justice, love and power. Paul says *"we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God"* (Rom 5:2).

In supporting Arab Vision you are sharing that glorious hope with the peoples of the Arab World. Together we have so much more than the end of the pandemic to look forward to because *"in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the **home** of righteousness"* (II Peter 3:13).

How long? When God promises something it is as good as done – so sure are his promises.



Rev. Bill Lovell
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Media for Change

Sandy Tales

In cooperation with Jesus.net we are working on various voice-overs for Sandy Tales, the ancient Bible stories told in sand drawings. Recently we finished Our Father and the story of the Samaritan Woman in Egyptian and Yemeni Arabic. We are also going to work on voice-overs for Algerian Arabic and Kabyle. The Sandy Tales are excellent clips for sharing the good news on social media.



Mark my Words, Sudanese

But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise.?'" – Matth.21.15 (NIV)

Mark my Words consists of very short clips with a Bible verse, spoken by children. We have produced and broadcast 365+ clips in Egyptian Arabic, one Bible verse for each day. Recently we finalized around 100 clips in Kabyle, and 150 in **Sudanese Arabic**. A sister organization is producing clips in the Coptic language, which will appeal to the Coptic Orthodox families in Egypt and beyond. These clips are great to use on our social media platforms and are also used by SAT-7 on satellite television.



"I often think about the negative things people say about Christianity, because your attitude is very polite. You changed my idea about Christians!"
a Muslim woman from Egypt

You and I – the light of the world

Jesus says that He is the Light of the world and at the same time he says to his disciples, “You are the light of the world”. How do you work out that assignment in practice?

The series *You are the light* consists of very short clips, less than a minute, providing ideas how Christians can follow the example of Jesus in daily life. Each clip has some practical suggestions to encourage people to put faith into practice. Clips are being used on social media.



Support our Follow-Up team

We have seven people on staff in our follow-up/social media ministry, supported by several volunteers. Their workload is huge, and we need to add more people to the team, not least because we are increasingly focusing on specific people/language groups. The greatest need is to add staff whose first language Kabyle or Yemeni. We would need an additional US\$500 monthly to realize this. Your regular gift, however small, would be a huge encouragement for the team.

Halaa is a Yemeni woman, married with no children. She is afraid that her husband will take a second wife. We told her that with God everything is possible and life does not consist exclusively of marriage and children. True happiness comes from within. We invited Halaa to contact us, whenever she feels the need.

11 October - International Day of the Girl Child

Every 10 minutes an adolescent girl dies as a result of violence... according to UNICEF.

For millions of girls, violence is a threat and a present danger both at home and in public spaces. It often comes from people close to the girl - parents, teachers, and family members. It can take many forms, including physical, sexual and emotional violence.

Girls are subjected to harmful practices, such as child marriage and female genital mutilation. Education plays an important role in breaking these cycles of violence and discrimination and media productions are an essential ingredient in this process.

Over the years we have produced many programs about these topics. Here are some examples.

Hope for Tomorrow, two seasons. Some episodes deal with physical violence by parents, others with the impact of sexual abuse during childhood.

Children of the Arab World – let me play, an episode about early marriage.

Documentary on FGM - 3 videos showing the religious and social perspective on FGM.

Combating violence in Egyptian schools - A four documentary series, advocating the elimination of violent behavior in schools across Egypt.

Children of the Arab World Deserve a Better Life – the right to protection from violence and abuse - Experts give advice on reaching victims of violence. A child psychologist shares how parents can discipline children without using violence.



Created Free - Documentary about gender discrimination. Girls speak about how they have the right to an education, to work and fulfillment.

Browse through our [social catalogue](#) to find more information on these and other programs. If you are interested in using these programs in Arabic or in a different language, please write to contact@arabvision.org



From our Follow-Up team

A 23-year-old woman got in touch with us. She was married at 15, and after 8 years she was divorced due to betrayal and family issues. She is now studying and working, but feels depressed. We talked about how to release all the negative energy.

Muna* is 20 years old and was married when she was 16. She now has two children and lives with her husband's family. Her husband is abroad. Muna feels that she has no goal in life, she never goes out, and all day long she is working in the house. She said she'd rather be dead. We talked to her about protecting herself from negative words and encouraged her to get out of the house and live her life.

*not her real name

Join us for the Week of prayer!

We would like to invite you to join us for a week of prayer during the first week of Advent: Monday 30th November to Sunday 6th December 2020.

During that week we will pray specifically for the work of Arab Vision, the impact of the programs, the ministry of the Follow-Up team, and so many other things. Please make sure you receive our digital project updates and/or our prayer letter. [Sign up on our site](#) or let us know in a different way.



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