

A Call to Prayer

Tanks trundling through the streets, people demonstrating and calling for freedom, western governments uncertain how to react to changing and uncertain times; this is a time of great potential change throughout the region. The church has been praying and we trust this is one of those opportunities that will see Kingdom initiatives flourish.

We are thrilled that our AV staff are safe, if shaken. The staff on the ground in Egypt have been through anxious days but rejoice in God's provision and protection.

Communications from the contacts within the Egyptian church call for our prayers and solidarity at this time. So, please pray for the church that these changes will create a wonderful gospel opportunity.

Pray, too, that those in power in the west will listen to what is being said across the region and not simply make decisions in light of western interests.

Pray, too, that this will turn into an extraordinary missional opportunity for the national churches to communicate the message of love and hope to their people with clarity and freedom.

Finally, pray that many will discover life in Jesus for themselves.

Arab Vision International Team

Dreams Become Reality - Right Before Our Eyes

Amazing changes are occurring in the Arab World and we are seeing it happen before our own eyes; at the beginning of this year we could not even dream of the masses in Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Bahrain and elsewhere taking to the streets demanding real change in their countries. It is beautiful to see how after years of severe suppression, the young people of those countries no longer accept the outdated regimes their lands have been suffering from for decades. In the meantime, the churches in those lands are not so sure that all will be better; many fear a bleak future.



In Tunis, Muslim extremists decapitated a priest; in Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood seems to have taken over the leadership of the opposition movement; will Bahrain become a better place for Christians with Shiites taking over?

If the events of the last weeks teach us one thing, it is that the Arab World will be a volatile and unstable environment in the years ahead. The dictatorships are feeble, the opposition movements are inexperienced, and after decades of relative stability the amazing changes, that

are presently happening, lead the Arabs into unknown terrain.

For our media ministry in the Arab World these are tense days; our personnel is shocked by the sudden changes in the region and they are worried for the future of the Church in the Arab World. They also worry about the future of our work. Your prayers and financial support are urgently needed, especially in the present circumstances.

Producing Now...

Our highly anticipated parenting series, is in production now. We are excited to see this program completed and then proclaiming the power of Biblical principles and values to guide in the struggles of parents throughout the Arab world.

It requires a great deal of hard work and team work to see a 52 program series of this magnitude and scope come to fruition. We are empowered by our belief that the series will touch the lives of thousands of Arabs from all backgrounds and traditions.

Please remember the production team, and program host in your prayers for guidance in the development. Of course, also pray that these programs will impact families all over the Arab world in a practical, personal, and powerful way.



...I sent an email to you some time before asking for counseling and prayer. Today, I write to say thank you, for your prayer that was answered by God, and for the prayers of other believers. - email from viewer

New North African Programs Scheduled for 2011

The broadcast of our programs in this region have resulted in many from North Africa responding to the Gospel, especially in the Kabyle region of Algeria. We believe that these programs will again strengthen and build the Churches of North Africa and also reach out to all Arabs in North Africa with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The two new upcoming program series being planned by Arab Vision are a production of 13 bible-study TV programs produced in the Algerian Arabic language to be broadcast in Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco and the second program series to be an overview of the life and teachings of Jesus, focusing on the work He accomplished in salvation, and the different phases of His ministry, with a primary focus on Christ's parables and their interpretations.

Production of the 13 bible-study TV programs in the Algerian Arabic language is slated to be completed later

this year. These programs will be presented by Mr. Abdelkader Belaidi, and will be broadcast in Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco.

The second program series will be produced, in 2011, in the Kabyle language of Algeria. The Kabyle people are extremely interested in any programming which is produced in their language, and this will add a perceived value to the program content. Some of the parables to be examined are: The Divided Kingdom, The Sower, The Growing Seed, The Mustard Seed, Pearl of Great Price, The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son, and others.

This program's topics are designed to help Christians grow in the knowledge of who Christ was and understand the meaning of His parables and the methods of His teachings. They will also serve as a tool of evangelism to help non-Christians discover salvation.

Please pray for the realization of these two series. Also, pray that we would be able to secure funding for the second series, so we can deliver the glorious promises of Christ to the Kabyle people.



From the viewers

"I thank God, because my son was born earlier than his due date and he was in the nursery of the hospital and his case was critical, but now he is better."

Female from Egypt



"Please pray for me, as I'm very tired physically and psychologically, because after the test I discovered that I have cancer, so please pray for me please."

Female from Jordan

"Please pray for Ramy son of George, my son in law, to get to know the Lord and also for me – Om Fadi."

Female from Iraq



"I'm Maged, I called 10 or 15 days ago for a family problem and I wanted to thank you because God solved it in a simple way and in ways more than I expected."

Male from Egypt

"Hello good evening, I'm Hanan... Please pray that the Lord may accept me as His daughter. God be with you."

Female from Algeria

Arab Vision - Media for Change for Arab Women

Women within the Arab World face exceptional challenges as they are denied social interaction, educational and economic opportunities in unprecedented numbers. The region is exceptionally young - more than 50% of the population being under the age of 25. Due to their second-class standing in a patriarch dominated non-Christian society, many Arab Christian women face formidable challenges as they live in relative isolation and confinement. Illiteracy rates are at 60% and more depending on the country. The majority of women will never develop marketable skills needed to get or keep quality jobs.



program presents Biblical teachings in a manner that provides Christian counsel and encouragement to marginalized women living within the Arab World. These programs have proven to have a peripheral benefit in increasing the number of Christian believers in the region through television programming aimed at general audiences of non-believing Arab women.

This new proposed series is highly anticipated as a follow-up series to the extremely successful powerful programs for women we have

produced in the past. Our goal is to produce 70 to 80 of these 28 minute programs. This requires a great deal of dedication and focus to develop a series of this size and content. Approximately 65% of the content of each program will focus on Biblical counsel and exploration of topics, and the remaining time is devoted to prayer for viewers and individuals in the studio audience.

A brief summary of the topics to be discussed include: women's empowerment, self esteem issues, violence and abuse, child rearing/parenting, finding a spouse, effective communication in marriage, self improvement, homemaking, psychological and emotional health, and rights awareness.

In spite of the above, there is hope. Many Arabs see a backlash to the fundamentalist and totalitarian regimes across the region - reacting critically to censorship of newspapers, radio and television broadcasts. Across the region, Arab women, children and youth (Christian and non-Christian, alike), most of whom live in isolated settings and have limited alternative forms of entertainment, constitute the majority of television viewers across the region - and they set television viewing trends for their entire family.

Since 2007, Arab Vision has produced a series of highly successful women's programs. Hosted by a prominent female doctor, the

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Your help needed

KURDISH TV PROGRAMS (US\$725)

A pastor in Northern Iraq (Kurdistan) would love to produce a TV series of 13 episodes about the message of Jesus Christ. US\$8,700 is needed for this project. Your contribution is highly desirable!

SONY HD CAMERA (US\$7,500)

Our production center in Cairo must upgrade its equipment to meet the criteria for High Definition programming. At present, the center is trying to purchase one new Sony Hi-Definition Z-7 camera at a very affordable price. This is a small sized, full featured professional video camera which can be used in many outdoor scenes and well as functioning as an ideal studio camera unit. Your contribution towards the purchase of this camera will go along way to ministering hope within the Arab World.



Search for Intercessors

Without the help of the Lord God, our work would stagnate and be totally meaningless. And our Lord responds to your prayers. Will you join us in praying for our ministry? If you sign up, you will receive our prayer letter by email every other week. You can register via our website www.arabvision.org

Please, also prayerfully consider what how you may want to financially support our work. Your generosity is highly appreciated - and effective!



You can make your donation securely online at www.arabvision.org

Sout Houreya: A Call for Freedom?

Many millions of people world-wide have recently sat in front of televisions, glued to images of Arab people chanting slogans and crying out for more freedom and democracy. First Tunisia, then Egypt; then in rapid succession Yemen, Jordan, Algeria, Bahrain, Libya and others, the cry for freedom is heard loud and strong. But a serious question still remains unanswered...



As we watch news coverage of the demonstrations and see popular uprisings taking root in places across the Arab world, one thing is lacking. There is no one single definition, image, or vision of what "democracy" means in an Arab context. Farmers look forward to one vision. Businessmen long for something else. Islamists have a vision far different than the vision held by nominal Muslims. Christians have another perspective. Views of democracy in North Africa differ from what is being sought by those in the Levant or the Gulf states.

Looking at Egypt, as only one example, the need for a single definition of democracy is glaringly apparent. The military has been given charge of rewriting the country's Constitution. Yet, the military is anything but a democratic institution. It is led by Muslims for the protection and preservation of Islamic constituencies. Accordingly, military leaders assembled a panel of Muslim leaders, including noted extremists from the Muslim Brotherhood, to cast a vision for democracy. The panel does not include any women, Christians, or those from rural communities. Because of its regional leadership position, the model developed in Egypt can have an extensive impact on the definition of "democracy" within the region as a whole.

To address these issues, Arab Vision is working with several civil society groups and donor organizations to produce a ten program documentary series to aid in the development of a common vision for Arab democracy and help the Arab people, themselves, identify the essential questions that they and their leaders must answer as they look toward their shared future.

Topics to be considered include: 1) Why Government Exists; 2) Developing a Political Culture; 3) Civil Society: Why and How; 4) Governmental Formation; 5) Transitioning from Authoritarian Rule; 6) Civilian and Military Relations; 7) Human Rights and Equality; 8) Federal and Community Governance; 9) Community Development; and 10) Economic Development and Class Structure.

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Questions & Answers

Six Arab Christian women were asked for their response to this question, "What will be the biggest change(s) you foresee happening in the Arab World over the next year?"

"Hmmm... pressure on Israel."

"That it will be more developed, for better."

"It will be worse."

"Many revolution movements will happen at many countries, more and more as infection."

"There is a problem that everybody is protesting asking for their rights and they keep asking and while they are busy asking they are not producing or doing their duties, so more mess."

"There will be a political, social awareness in the nations but it will be manipulated by outside forces."



To be Determined...

These freedom seekers who rise against oppression carried the weight of tomorrow's future on their shoulders when they first marched into Tahrir square with optimism and determination. Their struggle is guided by an unseen hand and empowered by the blood of their kinsmen who have died without having tasted true freedom. They are centrally focused on becoming free men and free women. The crowds who gather are as diverse as the nation itself; rich and poor, old and young, Muslim and Christian, men and women. They have overcome 30 years of fear and oppression to stand in Tahrir square.

As they thrust off the yoke of oppression, a sense of strength and empowerment sweeps the nation. Their demands become more concise and their activities more focused.

These days there is a precarious calm in the streets, an anxious anticipation of what the future of Egypt and the Arab World will hold. Will the forces of oppression or the power of freedom dictate its course; this is the question which is still to be determined...

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Arab Christians proclaiming the Gospel on TV in the Arab World