



Media for Change



One Community

Ten years ago, my dream was to reach the Arab World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the production and distribution of video programs. A rather limited and crazy dream at that time as there was hardly any TV airtime available for Christians in the Arab World.

We began to produce programs, proving to many Arab Christians that more was possible in the Arab World than they had ever envisioned. Presently, our programs are on-air over 24 hours per day in the whole Arab World, and each day we produce programs with our 53 Arab staff and some from Cyprus, England, the Netherlands and the USA.

The Lord our God has greatly blessed us, and through us the many millions of Arabs who watch our programs each week. In this issue of our newsletter you will read some testimonies of people who found Christ through our programs.

How has all this been possible? Well, yes, thanks to the blessings of our Lord... but humanly speaking, through people like you, who pray and donate to our work. Arab Vision is a community of Christians who work together for evangelizing the Arab World. Your prayers and support for our work make you part of this community. We feel deeply blessed by that!

Abu Banaab

Great response from Tunisia



The viewers of our first Tunisian Christian TV series are already responding! Arab Vision produced the programs earlier this year in partnership with Focus Media, and for the first time featured Christian presenters from Tunisia itself. That was a great comfort to one of the viewers who called to say that he had been feeling scared because he thought he was the only Tunisian following Christ in his country; but now he is so excited to see other Tunisian brothers and sisters on TV.

Many others echo the same feelings of excitement and interest in the program and what it says about Christ; they also would like to receive a copy of the Bible. Some say that they watch the program with their friends and discuss things together afterwards.

"They have so many questions and want to meet someone to discuss many issues about the Koran and the Bible," reported a team member who answers the phone calls from viewers.

Not everyone is as positive though. "One lady was so upset and shocked at how we could change our faith to Christianity," the team member continued. "She was insulting me and trying to persuade me to return to Islam."

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Arab Vision believes that these unique TV programs - by local Christians and in the local dialects - will make a big impact for the Gospel in the Arab World. "Our commitment is to our Arab brothers and sisters in these countries," said the International Director. "They are the ones who have been praying for such an opportunity for many years, and they have the vision to continue producing many more programs in the years to come."

The second part of the Tunisian series is due to be produced this month - an additional 26 episodes. Tunisians in Europe have also been expressing their excitement about this series and asking for the broadcast schedule in order to inform their families back in Tunisia to watch.



Visit www.arabvision.org for more details on the broadcast times and schedule on satellite.

NEW! Bible Teaching TV Series **Especially for converts from Islam**

Arab Vision has started the production of a major teaching and discipleship TV series for those who are not able to join a local church in the region. The series entitled "School of Christ," is being produced in partnership with a local Arab church. It will comprise 170 programs of 45 minutes each and will be broadcast on satellite TV to ensure vast numbers of viewers throughout the Arab World.

The setting of the programs is one of a classroom where the teacher is stimulating his students with a number of quizzes and provoking discussion on topics such as the character of God, the person and work of Christ and the role of Christians in society. The teaching material has already been used in an actual classroom setting. In this TV version, viewers from all over the region will be welcomed into the classroom.

"This series will be a lifeline for many Christians scattered throughout the Arab World who do not have access to a local church," explained the project manager. "There are also many Muslims who have come to faith in Christ but are restricted from attending a church or receiving proper Bible teaching. With these programs, we want to bring God's Word directly into their homes."

A special website is also being set up to complement the series and provide much more information and interaction with the viewers.



Who's counting?

Iraqi TV Project in Numbers

5

Iraqi presenters hosting the program

35

programs making up this initial series

80

interviews recorded with Iraqi Christians from various backgrounds

80,000

US Dollars needed for this phase of the project

4,000,000

displaced Iraqis around the world (source UNHCR statistics, April 2007)

27,499,638

population in Iraq (based on July 2007 estimates)

Iraqi TV Series In production now...



The eagerly anticipated Iraqi TV production got off the ground last month, with over 80 interviews being recorded with Iraqi Christians from different backgrounds. The interviews are one of the main sections in this unique TV series presented by Iraqi Christians residing in Europe.

The other main section features five Iraqi presenters answering questions and discussing various Biblical and practical life issues in each episode. The series, made up of 35 episodes, will be available for satellite broadcast in October, and a local phone number is

being set up in Iraq to receive calls and SMS text messages from the viewers.

The Iraqi interviews were conducted with Iraqi Christians from different backgrounds who have immigrated to Europe recently. "They are all very enthusiastic," reported the project manager during the recordings. "One lady shared that she has been praying for a TV program in the dialect of Iraq for over six years. Another Muslim background lady is taking a risk by participating in the program. However, she feels very strongly that this is a way to help Muslims in her country understand the truth," he added.



Experience it personally Arab Vision Trips

If you are interested in what you have read in this newsletter and want to experience first hand what God is doing in the Arab World, why not consider coming over for a visit?

We would be more than happy to organize a Vision Trip for you and your church. What would be so special about it? Well, besides all the fascinating sightseeing and experiencing the local culture, food and hospitality, we could arrange for you to –

- Meet Arab Christians and hear the stories of those who converted to Christianity
- Talk with missionaries and ministry personnel
- Visit churches - from house groups to historic ones dating back many centuries!
- Learn more about Christianity and Islam in the Arab World
- Attend one of our TV production sessions and visit our premises
- Offer practical help – painting, construction, decorating...
- Have a break! How about a camel ride or camping overnight in the desert?

Want to find out more? Don't hesitate to write to us at the e-mail or postal addresses given below. We look forward to welcoming you to the Arab World!

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