



## Ahlan wa sahlan!

A warm welcome to you at the launch of our *Media for Change* newsletter.

A friend of mine recently told me that he thought we were the best kept secret in the world of mission to the Arabs. On the one hand that is not bad. We must be careful as we face societies and governments that do not appreciate our work. On the other hand, we need prayers and financial support, and therefore we need to show you what we are doing in our TV production ministry.

We have a good story to tell! The good news that many Muslims from all over the Arab World respond positively to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each month, over 2500 Arabs respond to our programs. Dozens of them tell us that they have been found by God through the Lord Jesus Christ through our programs.

This newsletter focuses on some exciting new projects. We are about to produce the first programs in Tunisian Arabic, and we are beginning the production of programs in the languages spoken in Iraq. Millions of Arabs will have the opportunity to understand the Gospel in their own mother tongue for the first time in their lives!

We need your support for these two projects. Prayer support, as well as financial support. Please consider what you can do in order to reach Iraq with the Gospel of the Prince of Peace.

May the Lord of Peace be with you.

*Abu Barakat*

## Christian TV Programs by Iraqi Christians

### *Arab Vision* starts production early 2007

As the violence towards Christians in Iraq escalates, *Arab Vision* is drawing up plans to produce Iraqi TV programs by early 2007. These programs will be made by Iraqi Christians themselves and will focus on sharing the Gospel of peace with their own nation, as well as encouraging their own Christian community to cope with the extreme pressures and dangers it is facing on a daily basis.



"Iraq has had enough of bombs and wars," says the International Director of *Arab Vision*. "For many Iraqis, Islam has brought mostly violence and war, and more than ever before, they are turning to Christ. Now is the time to spread the Gospel through TV in that land."

*Arab Vision's* programs are already on a number of satellite stations which can be received in Iraq, and they generate good response from the viewers there. One of them wrote recently – "I am a man from Iraq. I was Muslim and I



converted. I want to know more about God's love." Many, like this viewer, are responding to the message of hope as their daily lives become increasingly hopeless.

However, previous media experience shows that many more would be attracted and interested to view programs if they are produced in the local dialects and by their own people. With this in mind, *Arab Vision* plans to begin initial production with Iraqis in neighboring Arab countries, but eventually move its production work into Iraq itself.



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There will no doubt be high security concerns associated with having a production facility in the country, but a number of Iraqi Christians are ready to face those challenges for the sake of the Gospel. For them, the danger is not much different to the daily one of simply staying in Iraq as a Christian.

Some of the horrific recent attacks on Christians include two large explosions in a Christian district killing 9 people, the abduction and killing of a Christian doctor north-east of the capital, unconfirmed reports of the crucifixion of a 14-year-old Christian boy in Basra, the abduction and rape of Christian girls in a spate of kidnappings, and the torture and beheading of Father Boulos Iskander in Mosul.

In Mosul again, thirty families received messages on their mobile phones last month telling them to leave within 72 hours or they would be killed. Those who can not leave or choose to stay there need encouragement and daily comfort. One viewer said, "I feel comfortable after watching your program. Your kind encouraging words treats my tension and disturbance."

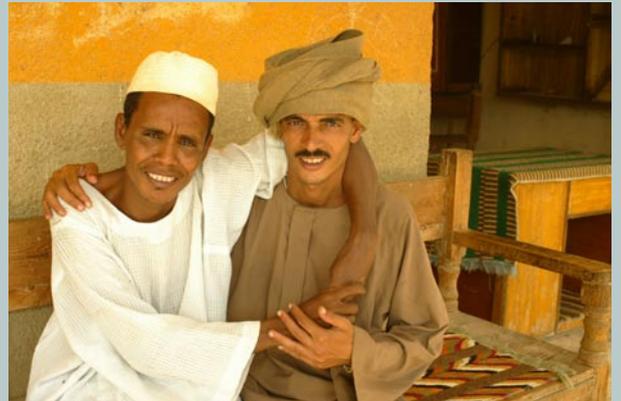


# Your Christmas Gift

Mission is the work of God himself. He began this mission when He created the world. He then sent Israel and ultimately Jesus Christ to the nations. Christmas is a feast of Mission! The Holy Spirit was sent to empower the Church, and the Church was sent into the World for proclaiming the glory of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. Mission is not just one of many activities of the Church, let alone a hobbyism of some individual Christians. It is an essential participation in the work of God himself.

**We invite you to not stand aside, but to participate in our mission. Throughout the year, 24 hours each day, our TV programs with their clear Gospel Witness enter the homes of millions of Muslims in the Arab World.**

We urge you, pray with us for this work. On the homepage of our website, [www.arabvision.org](http://www.arabvision.org), you find a daily prayer. There you can also request our bi-weekly prayer letter.



We also invite you to participate financially. Your regular contribution makes a difference. Each hour that our programs are broadcast, costs about 150 US\$ dollars. Please consider what you, or your church, can do. Can you take responsibility for one or more hours? This newsletter elsewhere tells you how you can contribute financially. Please make this your Christmas Gift for reaching the Arab World with the Gospel – a sacrifice of thankfulness because God gave us His Christmas Gift.

***Thank you very much for standing beside us in God's Mission!***

## Who's counting?

Latest developments in numbers

**24** The average number of hours *Arab Vision* programs are broadcast on satellite to the Arab World each day

**17** Production projects currently being worked on at *Arab Vision's* regional production centers

**878** DVDs distributed in the month of October

**2,500** The average number of responses *Arab Vision* has been receiving from its viewers each month

**737,000** *Arab Vision's* 2006 turnover in US dollars up to the end of October.

# Campaign Against FGM

## TV documentaries on Female Genital Mutilation

Arab Vision is producing four TV programs of 28 minutes each as part of a campaign to eradicate FGM in Arab countries. These documentaries will feature the case studies of three villages which have successfully done away with this widespread practice.

The stark reality is that even if individuals or their parents are strongly opposed to FGM, banning the practice is not a matter of personal choice only. The culture, religion, friends and family often play a big role and add tremendous pressure on the young girls. "No one would marry me without being circumcised, so what could I do?" exclaimed one of them

who had earlier vowed in an interview that she would never let it happen to her own body.

The documentaries, therefore, involve and address the entire community, and are shown on local TV stations as well as distributed by NGOs and health workers.

**We believe that addressing important social and development issues like this go hand-in-hand with the message of the Gospel and evangelism.**

# Tunisian TV Series

## A first for Christian TV

This first ever Tunisian Arabic teaching series will answer some of the frequently asked questions from Muslim viewers from a Tunisian perspective, and openly demonstrate that there are Christians in that country.

The presenters of the series have all committed themselves to this project and are willing to take the risk of going on screen as the first Tunisians on a regular Christian TV series. 26 episodes are being produced, each 30 minutes long. They are scheduled to go on air in early 2007.

Presently, there are about 250 known believers in Tunisia. We pray that this project will contribute to a revival of the church of Tunisia; that on the

ruins of the old churches of Carthage, a vibrant church of living stones will grow again.

Total cost of project:  
US\$ 31,450  
Still Needed: US\$ 11,450



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## New website Much more online

Over the summer months, *Arab Vision's* website, [www.arabvision.org](http://www.arabvision.org), has undergone major renovation. Now you can visit regularly to read daily prayer requests, the latest news and developments from the region, watch and rate some of the new productions and much more.

You can also subscribe on line to receive our e-mail newsletter, prayer letters and other free and special offers. We have also added a secure and easy online donation should you choose to help support some of the projects highlighted in this newsletter.

## www.arabvision.org

Arab Christians Proclaiming the Gospel on TV in the Arab World

# Watch & Score

**Watch & Score**

**Jesus His Name**

Average rate: Good (3.00)  Number of rates: 6



<p><b>What overall score would you give for this clip?</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Excellent (5) </p> <p><input type="radio"/> Very good (4) </p> <p><input type="radio"/> Good (3) </p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bad (2) </p> <p><input type="radio"/> Very bad (1) </p>	<p><b>Which of the following words would best describe your impression of this clip?</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Creative</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Boring</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Average</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Exciting</p>
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You can now watch short clips from some of the recent productions of *Arab Vision* and submit your rating and comments to the producers. This is a new feature on the website. Go to [www.arabvision.org](http://www.arabvision.org) and click on the 'Watch & Score' button in the left hand menu. The clips are subtitled in English, in case your Arabic is not up to scratch!

### Arab Vision Trust Fund

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Checks can be made out to '*Arab Vision*' and sent to our head office in Cyprus

**In the USA**, checks can be sent directly to our American office. *Arab Vision Inc.* is a 501(c)3 organization.

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**In Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand**, cheques may be sent to Interserve. They should be made out in the name of Interserve, with a covering letter declaring that the money is meant for *Arab Vision*. The addresses of the offices of Interserve in those countries are:

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