

Christmas: Feast of Mutual Giving

What a feast! In His goodness, God became Immanuel - God with us. In the midst of the chaos of the Arab World, we produce TV programs which share this wonderful news. The fact that each month about 2000 people respond to our programs, shows that we do not work in vain.

May we, during this Christmas season, ask you to also share yourself with us? We need your prayers, and we need your financial support for our work.

Our programs fill an average of 24 hours each day on TV in the Arab World. In order to be able to do this, we need about \$180 per hour - Each hour of the day... each day of the week. Can you make some hours of broadcasts available to the Arab World?

Then there is the need to follow-up and respond to the 2000 viewers who contact us each month; we need \$950 per month for that. This Christmas, would you consider taking the responsibility to cover the cost of one month of pastoral follow-up and Gospel-help to these dear viewers?

For 13 TV programs which aim to build up the Christian faith of converts from Islam, we rather urgently need \$10,750. Is this a project that suits your church?

We pray that we will be able to bring light and life to the millions of Muslims watching our programs during this Christmas season. Will you participate in this mission to the Muslim World and join us in this service to Jesus Christ our Lord?

The Lord bless you!

Abu Banaab

Arab Christians Under Threat Arson, kidnappings, torture and murder



Being a follower of Jesus is coming at a price for many Christians in the Arab World. The recent murder of Rami Ayyad, 30, manager of the Bible bookshop in Gaza, and the kidnappings of priests and Christian workers in Mosul are not isolated cases.

Even in places renowned for harmonious relationship between Christian and Muslim communities, extreme fundamentalists are threatening violence unless Christians convert to Islam or leave the area. Many church leaders are gravely concerned about the mass exodus of Christians from the region, as it seriously jeopardizes the very future of a Christian presence and community in the Arab World.

Viewers of Arab Vision programs are also going through difficult times for their faith. Here are a few samples from the latest batch of responses from the region.

Morocco: *I am at the end of my rope. I am very tired. I ask that you help me even if it is only with prayer. Because of my faith in Christ, my father has announced that I should be killed. He even told my uncle who is the biggest religious leader in my city.*

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My mother told me and she was crying and afraid for my life. She asked me to return to Islam. I don't know what to do. I want to run away to another country just so that I can practice my new life with all freedom. The law here punishes evangelists and those who abandon Islam.

I thank you for reading my letter and for praying because you are the only person that I can talk to. You don't know how much I rest when I talk to you. I know our Heavenly Father doesn't leave me. His will is above all.

Iraq: *I watch your program all the time and have now accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Is there anyone who can help me? I am in Iraq and no one wants to baptize me because they are afraid of being killed. I am also afraid and ask for your help.*

Egypt: *Please help us! We are being pressured to convert to Islam by force. Our shop was destroyed and my husband was killed because we refused to convert.*

Would you commit to pray today for these brothers and sisters in the Arab World? These suffering members of the Body of Christ need God's power and grace to keep following Jesus Christ.



Just out!

New DVD on Arab Vision

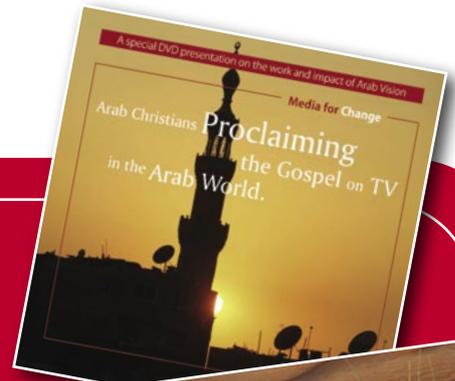
Find out more about the work and share it with friends and church congregations

A Special Anniversary Booklet

Featuring new testimonies from our viewers and beautiful photos from the Arab World

St Francis Magazine

Visit www.stfrancismagazine.info to read the December issue full of new articles on Christianity and mission work in the Arab World



The new DVD and Booklet are being offered as a 'thank you' to all our supporters. Contact us to order your copies. Your donations to Arab Vision are much appreciated.

Who's counting?

A special Christmas donation opportunity

Would you consider making a special donation to Arab Vision at this time of the year? Here are some projects you can contribute towards. All figures are in US dollars.

\$180 for each hour our programs are on TV

\$950 to support the audience follow-up center of our most popular program for one month

\$10,750 additional support needed for the 13 programs of the School of Christ series currently in production

Interested in helping? Please write to us at info@arabvision.org or to the postal addresses on the back page. You can also make an online donation through our website – www.arabvision.org

Unprecedented Response

Arab Vision programs on Miracle Channel

Miracle Channel is one of the partner Christian satellite stations which broadcast Arab Vision's programs into the region. The station reports an encouraging increase in the daily response from the viewers, with an unprecedented total of 39,000 responses during the last 10 months. This represents an increase of around 40% compared to last year.

Arab Vision's partnership with Miracle Channel has been developing for the last 7 years, with the commissioning and broadcast of a variety of programs, ranging from game shows, dramas, talk shows and testimonies of Arabs. One of these program, which deals with difficult social and emotional problems and features personal stories and panel discussions, has become very popular this year.

"Many times, people call in and they just start crying because they have been going through the same problems we have been discussing in the program," the presenter of the program reported. 80 percent of the responses come from Muslims, especially young people who are struggling with their relationship with their parents and want advice.

In the last report, the channel reported e-mails from viewers coming in from as diverse places as Yemen, Oman, Syria, Iraq, Kurdistan, Pakistan, Gaza and Israel to name a few from the total of 47 countries represented! The broadcasts are also available as live streaming on the Internet.

"I think the reason why we get so much response to this particular program is because it is very practical and honest; that's why we also hear from so many Muslims," says Barty Shokralla, director of Miracle Channel. "Arab Vision is becoming an increasingly important production partner as the demand for a wide variety of high quality programs are only increasing."

Visit www.miraclechannel.com to watch live streaming of the programs and find out more about the broadcasts on Miracle Channel.



Miracle Channel's Director, Barty Shokralla

Latest quotes from our viewers



"I got to know Christ a month ago through your program. So I would like to come and share with you what has been happening in my life and get baptized."

30-year-old Egyptian man

"I have known Christ through your programs. Today I acknowledge that Jesus is my Lord and Savior."

17-year-old girl from North Africa

"I gave my life to Christ a year ago. I watch your programs. It is a great pleasure for me to hear you talk about Jesus on TV and in my language."

60-year-old Kabyle man

"I am a Muslim girl but I accepted Christ and became a Christian through your program. Please pray that my faith will be strong."

26-year-old woman from Dubai

"I have a problem. After I confess and repent of my sins, I keep falling into them again. What should I do?"

38-year-old Jordanian woman

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