

Bible School on TV

The first episode of Arab Vision's 'Bible School on TV' premiered on a popular Christian satellite station two months ago, and already Arab Muslim viewers have been responding with their comments and questions.

The series is produced in cooperation with a prominent local Arab church. It uses a classroom setting, with an experienced Bible teacher going through the fundamental doctrines of Christianity with his students.

"Of course, this program is not just for the students in the studio classroom," the project manager explains. "Arab Christians need these teachings to build their faith; some of them do not belong to a church. But we also know that there are many Muslims in the Arab World who have come to faith in Jesus Christ, who will never have the opportunity or freedom to attend a church or a Bible school. It is too

dangerous! So with this program, we take the Bible school to their homes, thanks to satellite TV."

The program is broadcast every Sunday, with two additional repeat broadcasts on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Production work continues at the same time as the broadcasts to ensure that new episodes are ready on time. The most recent batch of 35 episodes was recorded just after the first episode went on air.



Students Respond

Viewers are already responding from all over the Arab World to the 'Bible School on TV' broadcasts. One from Algeria says: "I am from a Muslim background but I accepted Christ through your broadcasts. I congratulate you on this new program because it is very helpful, especially for us in North Africa."

Another viewer from Saudi Arabia echoes similar sentiments: "God bless you for this program. It helps us a lot because we cannot declare our faith openly here and there are no churches for us."

While a lady from the United Arab Emirates simply says: "May God help you to continue these programs."



Using the popular and powerful medium of Arabic poetry, designed to impact through art, emotion and intellect, Arab Vision is creating a first in Christian television broadcasts for North Africa.

Tunisian Christian Poetry Series

Poetry carries a strong emotive message in the Arabic language. Take the Koran as an example: its classical Arabic language has a strong rhythmic and poetic nature which makes it easy to memorise within the oral culture of the Arab world. It moves and motivates its audience through its poetry and meaning. We have the opportunity to harness this same dimension of the language for the Gospel.

A Tunisian church leader has experienced much turmoil in his life: turning from Islam to communism, then to Christ, and experiencing imprisonment along the way. He has written a series of poems expressing the power of Christ to meet real needs. His writing is in Islamic language and form, yet conveys a strong Christian message. This man still lives in Tunisia and is taking some risk in exposing himself in this way. He believes firmly that the Lord has called him to do this.

Production has already begun and the first pilot program was recently screened at a special conference. Each poem is being filmed with the author and actors in dramatic settings, with music to augment the mood and meaning. The goal is to produce a total of 24 poetry programs, each running for 15 minutes and including an interview with the poet. In addition to making the series available for broadcasting on various Arabic Christian satellite stations, the programs will also be distributed on DVD and on internet sites.

"I'm so tired and just waiting for God to come and fix my situation."

An Egyptian viewer asks for prayer after his second marriage fails

Why worry?

Dear friends,

If we listen to the news about our economies and the expectations for 2009, it would be easy to worry.

How will things go next year? Will we survive the economic crisis? Will we be able to continue serving God in the Arab World by making evangelistic TV programs?

The one command that the Bible repeats more than any other, is: Fear not!

I believe that fear and worry, more than economic problems or radical Islam, are able to hold us back from fulfilling our God-given ministry.

Our Lord is with us, and we have faithful friends praying for us and supporting our work financially.

We are in the hands of God and in His Kingdom, not in the grip of economy nor the fear of a downturn.

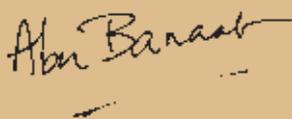
Having said this, we also believe 2009 will be a very interesting year for our ministry. We aim high, and work for further growth.

May we invite you to participate in our venture of trusting God and doing his will in the Arab World?

Please pray for our work. Take a few minutes right now!

And after having prayed, also consider what you can do financially to strengthen the testimony to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Arab World.

May the Lord give you a festive month – because He came to earth for us.



Abu Banaat
Arab Vision International Director

From the Viewers



“I am a 15-year-old girl in secondary school. My father doesn’t respect me at all and he always hits me very hard. I am so tired of living in this house. Please pray for me.” **Viewer from Egypt**

“I am a 33-year-old Muslim man and I want to let you know that I accepted Jesus in my heart.” **Viewer from Algeria**

“I follow your programs continually for over ten years, but in secret without the knowledge of my family, because we are Muslims.” **Viewer from Syria**

“I am a 29-year-old Muslim woman and I always pray to Jesus Christ. I am happy in Jesus. I want a copy of the Bible of Christ.” **Viewer from Tunisia**



Producing now...

TUNISIAN TV SERIES

Part four of this unique series, in which Tunisian Christians share their faith on TV for the first time, is scheduled to be produced as we go to press. Already, many Tunisian viewers have been responding to these broadcasts and expressing their joy at seeing fellow Tunisian Christians on TV for the first time.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is a big problem in parts of the Arab World. Stories of husbands beating up their wives, and fathers disciplining children in a very tough way are very common (see the first viewer quote at the top of this page). In a series of three documentaries we will address the topic of violence at home.



YOUTH PROGRAM FOR ARAB CHRISTIANS

This is a special TV program that will encourage Christian youth in the different countries of the Arab World to stay true to their faith, play an active role in society and realize that they are not alone. Research work has begun to identify what they like, show interest in, struggle with, and want to see on TV. The goal is to make attractive programs for them.



Help us spread the Gospel in the Arab World

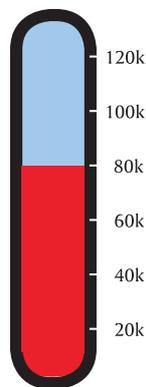
GOD HAS BEEN BLESSING THE MINISTRY OF ARAB VISION OVER THE YEARS. IF YOU READ THROUGH THIS NEWSLETTER, YOU WILL SEE PLENTY OF EVIDENCE OF LIVES BEING CHANGED THROUGH THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL. OUR TV PROGRAMS ARE PENETRATING THOUSANDS OF ARAB HOMES, AND GOD IS USING THEM TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM THROUGHOUT THE ARAB WORLD.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP PRODUCING PROGRAMS AND TO REACH MORE ARAB MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL. WOULD YOU CONSIDER ADOPTING ONE OF THESE PROJECTS AS YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO THE ARAB WORLD? SEE THE DETAILS ON THE BACK PAGE ON HOW YOU CAN SEND YOUR DONATION. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE QUESTIONS.



Making a Difference

We still need to raise more support for this popular TV series for Arab women. Earlier this year, we set a target to raise US \$120,000 by the summer of 2009; this will enable us to produce 80 episodes. We are over halfway there, so your donation toward this project will help us continue with the production.



Many Arab women have been responding on a daily basis to this program, and a dedicated team works around-the-clock to answer the viewers' calls, pray for them and offer practical help and support.

The program is hosted by a respected and much-loved Arab Christian lady. She talks from her heart to the women throughout the region, sharing with them practical advice, counselling, Biblical principles, and ultimately, inviting them to respond to the Gospel.

Tunisian TV Series

As the 4th batch of episodes are being recorded this month for the Tunisian TV Series, we need to raise US \$12,500 to cover our financial commitment to this co-production with our partner missions agency. Since the first episodes went on air over a year ago, we have received very encouraging monthly reports from the audience response team in Tunisia: several Tunisians have made clear commitments to follow Jesus Christ and others have revealed that they have already been secretly believing in Him.

The Tunisian presenters of this program are fully committed to sharing Christ with their own people through TV, even though there is a significant element of risk involved.

Your support will help them continue reaching many Tunisian homes with the Gospel, and encouraging the secret believers in that country.



Urgent Equipment Need

The heat and dust of the Arab World are killers when it comes to our TV equipment. Add to them the high volume of programs we are constantly generating, and you can start appreciating the reality that these equipment won't last forever! Most of our programs are used over and over again by a variety of channels and organizations; that means a lot of digitizing, copying, quality control and mastering.

We have an urgent need to replace some of our DV Cam recorders particularly. Recently, they have been causing many problems, resulting in damages to productions that cannot be fixed or are very time consuming to fix. Can you help us this Christmas by contributing toward the cost of one of these replacements? The units we need are priced around US \$2,500.



Bible School on TV

This new series went on the air a couple of months ago, and viewers from all over the Arab World are responding with their appreciation (see articles on page 1). So far, 65 episodes have been produced this year. The goal for this project is to produce 170 episodes in total, each running for 45 minutes.

The production cost for each episode is US \$3,000. We are grateful that a donor organization has pledged to cover around half of the total amount needed for this project. But maybe you or your church could adopt an episode or two to help us raise the rest of the money needed? Your donation will help get God's Word and good Biblical teaching to many Arab men and women who do not have the luxury of attending church or Bible school.



Visit www.arabvision.org and click on the 'A Christmas Present' link to read more about these projects and how you can support them.

Deliverance!

Many people in the Arab World live under spiritual or psychological burdens. They struggle with superstition, occult practices and pressure from culture, religion and family. Many of them try out whatever will work to get rid of this burden, but often this just drives them deeper in the dark.

A new TV series called 'Deliverance' wants to offer these people hope through Jesus Christ. Arab Vision has recorded 13 personal stories for this production. Some people were bold enough to tell their story on camera, while others were only willing to tell their story if we would record them in a non-recognizable way: further evidence of how problematic and sensitive this issue is.

Based on these real stories, three people with years of experience in the ministry of deliverance from bondage, gave biblical teaching in a studio recording during the first days of November. This is the very first series by Arab Christians on this topic to be broadcast all over the Arab World and Europe on Christian satellite. We expect that the programs will have tremendous impact and that they will give hope to many people living in bondage. Visit our website to read more about this production and how you can be involved in supporting it.



WHO'S COUNTING?

How many people receive this newsletter? How many are sent by e-mail? How else does Arab Vision communicate with its supporters? Who is involved?

Here are some figures to give you an idea. We are very grateful for the many who are interested in our work. Thank you for being a part of it! If you want to be added to any of our mailing lists, please contact us. Feel free to also recommend us to your friends!

5 people involved in producing this newsletter

585 receive our biweekly e-mail prayer updates

3175 copies of this newsletter mailed internationally

5700 visit the Arab Vision websites each month

13200 receive our bimonthly e-newsletter

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New Website

Our website has just had a major face-lift. Why not pay it a visit to see what's new? In fact, visit it regularly to read about the latest news from our production studios, response reports from our viewers throughout the Arab World, and up-to-date daily prayer needs.

You can also order our free promotional DVD and a special prayer DVD for North Africa. The address is www.arabvision.org.



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Arab Christians proclaiming the Gospel on TV in the Arab World