

## Kurdish Programs on TV Soon

Arab Vision is moving full steam ahead with the final editing phase of the first ever Kurdish Christian TV programs. Several satellite channels have already submitted requests to broadcast the first 13 episodes which were filmed by Arab Vision's crew in Iraq earlier this year.

Each episode of this unique production runs for 30 minutes and contains a Kurdish testimony, music clip and an evangelistic message. With a potential TV audience of millions of Kurdish viewers, these broadcasts will play a key role in the building up and encouragement of the young Kurdish Church, as well as sharing the Gospel with those who have not yet heard.

Our TV crew is scheduled to film episodes 14-26 early next summer with a number of Sorani-speaking believers from all over the region. Preliminary arrangements have already been made for this second production phase.



## From his wheelchair

The story of a young Arab man who was left permanently paralyzed from a horrific car accident has just been filmed for one of our testimony series from the Arab World.

He was an active and popular 19-year-old, about to start his university studies and confident of a bright future. He had little interest in God, much to the dismay of his Christian parents. But then everything changed with that accident. The doctors expected him to die quickly, but miraculously he survived and...turned to God!

Now, he is a 25-year-old paraplegic with severe physical limitations and weaknesses, but his faith and commitment to God are amazing everyone around him. He shares in the program what God told him: "You are going to speak about me to many people through the media...all from your wheelchair."

Our production crew members have been very touched by the testimony of this 'Joni Eareckson Tada' of the Arab World. The producers decided to extend his story to two episodes, to ensure many Arab viewers hear it and find the secret of his happiness and hope in the midst of his tragedy.

As we come to the end of 2009, Arab Vision has created and adopted a new strategic plan to prioritize and focus its work and projects for 2010-2014. Significant time and effort were put into the preparation of this plan, and there is a sense of excitement and enthusiasm for what's ahead, as Arab Vision's international director explains.

## Exciting plans for next 5 years

**I am excited because together with our board and staff we have discussed, studied and prayed for what our focus should be in the years ahead. Even more than in the previous years, we will ensure that the content of our programs is really suitable for our Arab Muslim audiences.**

**We have also decided to put more efforts in our audience follow up department. That is the heart of our work, and deserves careful attention.**

**We are making all programs we produced in the past twelve-and-a-half years available on the internet, so that even older programs are used again. We expect completely new audiences on the web for our streaming videos.**

**And we feel strongly that we want to also encourage churches in Asia, Africa, and in the Western World, to reach the Muslims in their lands. We will therefore start to produce programs in English, in which Arab Christian leaders explain to the rest of the world about Islam, the Arab World, and how to reach Muslims with the Gospel.**

You can access the new Strategic Plan 2010-2014 document by going to the 'Who Are We' page on our website - [www.arabvision.org](http://www.arabvision.org)

**"I wanted to call and tell somebody the news that I have accepted Christ!"**

A voice message left by a young woman calling our program

## Good News!

Dear friends,

Here in the Arab World, Christmas is not among the most popular feasts, although more and more shops, restaurants and hotels have found out that Christmas decorations and music 'sells'. The Lord of Christmas is kept outside by most.

But we have good news! The number of Muslims turning their life over to Jesus Christ is increasing. In the past years, we have heard great stories of congregations that exist wholly of former Muslims. Even in a land like Saudi Arabia, one of our contacts reports that thousands of converts are meeting each week. Christian TV programs, broadcast by satellite TV, have played a preponderant role in helping these people change their mind.

We have just produced 14 episodes of TV programs in Moroccan Arabic. In each program, we show the true conversion story of a Moroccan Muslim who became a Christian. It is very interesting to see how often Christian TV broadcasts played a giant role in their conversion.

The Lord our God is certainly blessing our work. But we also continue to struggle financially. May we ask you to consider supporting our work with your special Christmas gift? That would be so deeply appreciated!

The fact that we struggle financially did not stop us from creating a new Strategic Plan (2010-2014) that helps us to be focused in our work; focused on reaching Muslims and teaching Christians in the Arab World; and a new focus of blessing the rest of the world.

We have so many excellent Arab evangelists, who know about Islam and how to reach Muslims with the Gospel. Besides our programs to reach the Arab World, we will soon also start producing programs to support you and the Churches in your country, to better reach Muslims.

May our Lord bless you in this Christmas season!



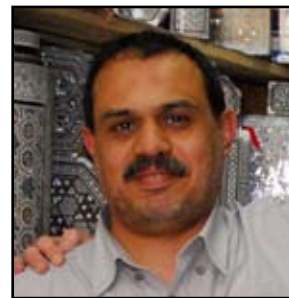
Abu Banaat  
Arab Vision International Director

PS For your urgently needed support, see page 4 of this newsletter for details of how to donate

## From the Viewers

"I have been watching your program and loving it very much. I want to read more and find out how to become a Christian. Please pray for me."

**A Palestinian man**



"My life changed when I got to know the Lord Jesus. Now I'm looking for a church and someone to baptize me."

**A Libyan woman**

"How can Christ enter my life? Can you tell me? And how can I be sure that He has done so?"

**An Egyptian man**



## Producing Now...

### YOUTH PROGRAM

The first 13 episodes of this special youth program are in the final stages of production and about to be sent to three satellite channels for broadcast. This program also has a special website for young viewers to visit and submit their feedback and questions.



### 24/7 INTERNET STATION

As we go to press, Arab Vision's new 24/7 internet station is poised to commence its broadcast on the net. Initially, this will be in the form of repeated 3-hour daily blocks, but more tailor-made programs will follow in the weeks and months to come. More details on page 4.



### TESTIMONIES OF ARAB WOMEN

The final 4 episodes of this series are being filmed now. This program continues to generate plenty of honest response and questions from Arab women throughout the region. It has a dedicated website where viewers can respond to forums and chat with the program presenters.



# NEW: Psalms clips for the Shawi People

The editing phase of the six psalm clips in the Shawi language of Northeast Algeria has been completed, and all involved are very excited about seeing these programs distributed among the Shawi People. The format is basically a three minute 'video clip' of high quality production (like song clips) for each psalm identified by Berber believers as suitable for their Islamic culture. These psalms have been translated into their own heart language/mother tongue. They have been carefully chosen to carry a basic pre-evangelistic message especially for Muslims, focusing on the need to live a righteous life before God, the failure of man in sin, and the way of forgiveness that God offers.

Each clip was reviewed and approved by the principal language advisor for our partner organization, with only some very minor adjustments being made. This is the first originally created Biblical production to be presented in video form in that language, and as such, we believe it will help open up an interest and desire to find out more about the Holy Bible. Master DVDs are now being prepared for mass distribution, and Arabic subtitles are being added for the actual satellite broadcasts.

This project has a second phase as well: adapting it for the Kabyle audience. We plan on adding the Kabyle elements of voicing and music to the main edit and incorporate some visuals from that region, as this project is relatively easy to adapt. Our principle partner and supporters have contributed towards the Kabyle adaptation costs already, but we still require \$9,400 to complete it.

If you would like more details about this project and how you can contribute toward it, write to us at [contact@arabvision.org](mailto:contact@arabvision.org).



## Your Help Needed

### A Christmas Gift

BE PART OF THE OUTREACH TO THE ARAB WORLD

As you and your family remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas, why don't you also consider how you can help others hear this Good News? *That* would be the greatest gift you can give them! You can be an important part of Arab Vision's outreach by supporting one of the projects listed below. More details and other projects can be found on our website. We encourage you to pray for these and adopt one you can support financially.

#### 24 HOURS OF INTERNET BROADCAST (\$186)

Our TV programs will soon be on a 24/7 internet channel, reaching a potential audience of 24 million Arabs who have access to high speed internet. Your donation of \$186 covers the cost of broadcasting Arabic Christian TV programs for a full segment of 24 hours on this channel.

#### JOURNEY THROUGH ART (\$225)

A Moroccan Christian uses his art to share his testimony with the viewers. He paints pictures on the canvas that illustrate his faith in Christ, and explains them verbally at the same time. We are in the process of filming the second series of this creative production, so your donation of \$225 will help fund this production.

#### REACHING MUSLIMS IN THE WEST (\$300)

Many Christians in the west have questions about Islam and how they can effectively share the Gospel with their Muslim neighbors and contacts. This new TV series will be made by Arab Christians (in English) to educate the viewers about Islam and how to reach Muslims. Your contribution of \$300 will help produce an episode.

#### DISTRIBUTION FOR BROADCASTING (\$700)

Our programs are distributed to a number of Christian satellite stations covering the Arab World. Some of them are not able to pay the cost of receiving these programs. Can you help with the distribution process? A donation of \$700 covers the costs of copying and delivering 13 full episodes to the station for broadcast.



You can make your donation securely online at [www.arabvision.org](http://www.arabvision.org) or by direct bank transfer (details on the back cover). For more information please e-mail us at [contact@arabvision.org](mailto:contact@arabvision.org)

# Moroccan testimonies on air

Fourteen dramatized testimonies of Moroccans coming to faith in Jesus Christ are now being broadcast on two popular Christian satellite stations covering North Africa. Each episode features dramatized reenacted scenes to visualize the testimony, with the voice-over of the Moroccan convert narrating it.

A local Moroccan telephone number is being promoted in the program to invite feedback and questions from the viewers in the country. Those who have access to the internet can also send an e-mail and visit the program's specially developed website - [www.shehada.org](http://www.shehada.org)

"We are glad the programs are completed and on air now," reports the project manager. "We are aware that many of the young actors and helpers from the region that contributed to the project were much affected and encouraged by being asked to be involved in such a project."



"One actor was himself a Muslim convert and was excited to be able to play a part. It was amazing to see how God provided motivated people to help do the work in the four different countries we filmed in," he concludes.

Please pray that many Moroccan viewers will be drawn to Christ through these testimonies. Write to us if you would like more information on the broadcast details.

## WHO'S COUNTING?

Arab Vision's brand new internet TV station is scheduled to commence its daily broadcast as we go to press. The number of people in the Arab World with access to the Internet has grown exponentially during the last 5 years, and along with it, the potential reach and impact of this station. Here, we look at some figures to make sense of the overall picture.

**3** staff worked on technical development

**6** terabytes\* of programs uploaded

**24** million Arabs have high speed internet

**186** dollars, the broadcast cost for 24 hours

**1000** hours of Arab Vision programs utilized

**8760** hours of programs broadcast in a year

\*Equivalent to over 6 million megabytes

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We would also be happy to e-mail you a PDF version of this newsletter if you'd rather receive it electronically from now on. We welcome all your comments and suggestions on how we can best keep you informed and updated on what God is doing through TV in the Arab World.

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