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The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. – Isaiah 9.2 NIV

Hope for Tomorrow: millions of people are watching



Our programme *Hope for Tomorrow* deals with some very sensitive issues which are usually not discussed on TV. In the Arab World, no secular channel would dare break the taboos surrounding issues like trafficking, incest, marital infidelity, early marriage, emotional and physical violence, etc. When our second season of *Hope for Tomorrow* was produced, some Muslim freelance members of the crew could hardly believe that Christian TV channels were willing to broadcast these

programmes. *Hope for Tomorrow* is now on TV (Miracle Channel) and online via its Facebook page – and it certainly does not go unnoticed!

Our follow-up team had received specialised training beforehand to help them respond to these highly sensitive issues, but they were amazed by the overwhelming response to the episode about incest.

It was watched 5.6 million times on Facebook, shared more than 5000 times and there have been thousands of public comments. The team also receives around 150 private messages every day. This has been a continuous flow since October.

The story, based on real facts and presented by actors, is about a young woman who lives with her husband and young children in the house of her mother-in-law. One day her husband is seduced by his own mother and the young woman finds them in bed together. She decides to go and see a counsellor to find a way forward in this situation. In her society that is rather unusual and very courageous. She also gave permission to have her story represented in *Hope for Tomorrow*.

We urgently need to strengthen our follow-up team so they will be able to continue dealing with so many questions about very personal and sensitive subjects. Would you please pray for much wisdom for each member of the team and if you can [support us financially](#), you will enable us to reach out to thousands of people in the Arab World with the Light of Christ. You can read more about this and other programs in our [print-edition of the December newsletter](#).

Special Christmas program – with Granny Samia

Right now we are filming a series of Christmas programs for children, 10 episodes of 5-7 minutes.



Granny Samia sings Christmas carols and tells Christmas stories to the children.

The stories include the angel's visit to Mary, John the Baptist's birth, the angels appearing to the shepherds, the birth of Jesus and the flight to Egypt. To give you an impression of the series we have posted [a clip \(in Arabic without subtitles\)](#) on our YouTube channel. We hope

and pray that many children and their parents will be encouraged at this Christmas time!

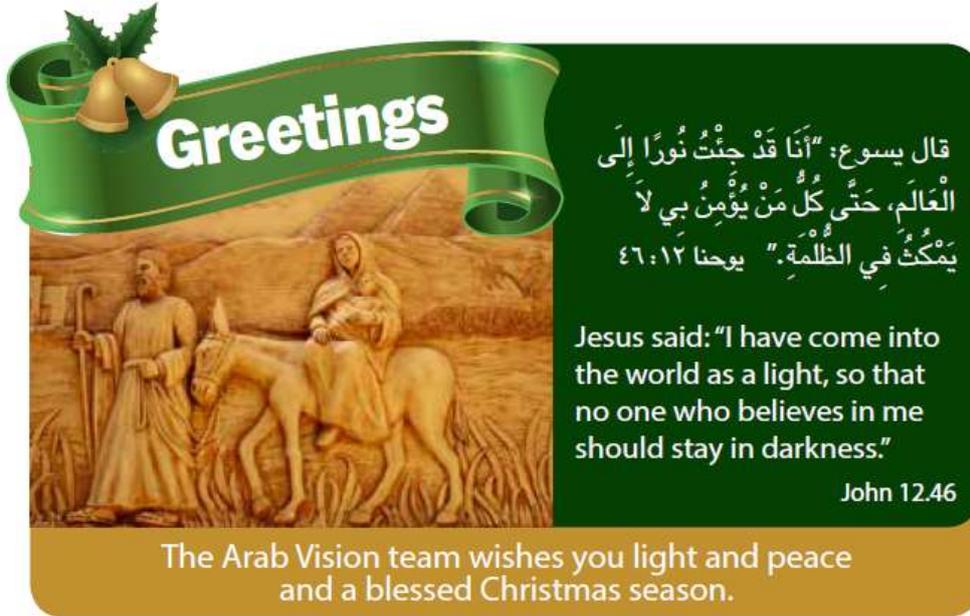
Mark my words – now in production



At this moment our team is also filming *Mark my words*. This is a heart-warming series with children who [share short Bible verses with the viewer](#). 365 short clips of about 20 seconds, without giving a Scripture reference or any explanation. The Word of God speaks for itself, through the mouth of

children. We also want to show through the children that everyone is valuable, that is why about 5% of the verses are read [by children with special needs](#). [Some of the clips are in sign language](#). We start with producing this series in Arabic and plan to continue with producing series with children speaking Berber languages of North Africa and Sourani (Kurdish). These clips are ideal for use on social media, but they are also used by various satellite broadcasters.

Celebrating Jesus - The light of the world



Thank you for your prayers and support during this year. We are very grateful that the Lord is using our team and our programs to bring many out of the darkness into the light.

On behalf of the whole team,

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