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Grateful for 2017

Looking back at 2017 we are grateful that we were able, thanks to the support from many of you, to pass on something of God's faithfulness and love to the Arab World. Millions of people were reached by our programs, including the series about Easter and Christmas and the second series of *Kingdom Person*.

Follow-up team busier than ever



An overwhelming response came, however, to the second series of *Hope for Tomorrow*. The episode about incest caused quite a stir and thousands of people commented and asked questions. This series that is breaking through taboos gives many people food for thought and our follow-up team is busier than ever answering the many questions.

Nivan was one of the thousands of people who responded. She loves her husband but there are relational issues with her in-laws and she would like her husband to create more

distance between him and his family. This causes tension in the marriage. Our follow-up team sent her a video about a healthy marriage and continues to be in touch with her.

Marina also got in touch with us and openly told us that she is working in the prostitution. We talked with her about the prostitutes mentioned in the Bible and that they were accepted and loved by the Lord Jesus. Marina accepted these words and decided to stop with her work in the prostitution. We have now referred her to a spiritual support group.

The programs of Arab Vision are distributed through social media and satellite TV. One of our partners is [Malakoot Sat \(Kingdom Sat\)](#). We are very thankful for their latest report. "Over the last year, the use of social media has been very effective in reaching people we normally can't. The number of users engaging with The Kingdom Sat in Facebook help has been growing over the last

year to reach 67% more from 2016 to 2017. YouTube views on TKS have increased by 109.5% reaching 4.8 million views in 2017.

Signs of hope in a divided world

The documentary about reconciliation *Signs of hope in a divided world* will soon be broadcast by SAT-7 and Hayat TV. In the Netherlands the Evangelical Broadcast company put our [documentary on line](#) with Dutch subtitles.

Different aspects of the process of reconciliation are discussed in this documentary of three episodes of 15 minutes each, from a Palestinian and Israeli perspective.



Theologians dr. Isaac Munther and Lisa Loden share about the Biblical basis for reconciliation in the first episode, without losing sight of the reality of the situation in the country. *“We live here in many respects in a complicated situation. There are many people groups here and we need to get along,”* says Lisa Loden. *“I belong to a small community of Messianic Jews. I have many brothers and sisters here, also among Arab and Israeli Palestinians. But there are many differences and many problems between us. Differences in theology, way of life, social circumstances, political opinions... there is much that divides us. But as believers in Christ, Who is the basis of our faith and life, we should be united because we are sibling, according to the Scriptures and the will of God... When Jesus was on earth he saw every person, He accepted everyone. He is our example.”*



In part 2 and 3 we see examples of reconciliation in daily life, including a desert trip with Palestinians and Israelis; how people live together in a small village of Nes Ammin and how students in the old city of Jerusalem are studying and performing classical music together.

The documentary is also available on USB with English or Dutch subtitles. If you're interested in receiving it, please send a message to contact@arabvision.org and we'll be happy to send it to you.

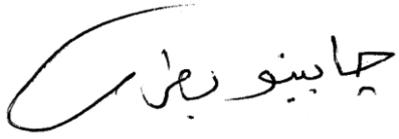
Now in process

At the moment we are busy with the preproduction of various programs, including *Baby on board!*, *Presenting faith through community-life* and a program about atheism. We are training journalists to produce video-clips to clearly present their message. The series *Mark my words* is finished in Arabic and will soon be broadcast via satellite TV and shared on social media and the series about the history of the church in North-Africa is making good process.

We are also preparing a TV series for Easter 2018. We do this annually, but this year our theme will be *'Seeking peace in a troubled world'*. The resurrection is the cornerstone of Christianity. Its existence derives from Christ's birth, and its life from his life; its continuity from his resurrection. If Christ had not risen, Christianity would not have existed; therefore the resurrection is a new birth and a new hope. It's the only guarantee that we will not perish – we are given eternal life. Please give your [contribution](#) for this special Easter series.

We are grateful that we can show something of God's love through all these programs. Thank you for your involvement and support for our ministry.

On behalf of the Arab Vision team



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