



Programme Series 'Who do you say I am?' filmed in November

Our Follow-Up team: passionate and committed!

As-Siwel: Facebook page for Kabyle-speaking Algerians

Painting the Gospel: new project?

Filmed in November: "And you, who do you say I am?"

There is a good atmosphere in the studio, where beloved Bible teacher Youssef Nathan shares short reflections based on difficult questions that Jesus was asked by his 'audience'. The speaker's slightly shiny head is carefully dabbed with a tissue by the producer and when the cameras roll '3, 2, 1! Youssef deals with questions (and answers) from the Gospels: 'Why did you look for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's business?'; 'Can you drink the cup which I shall drink, and be baptised with the baptism with which I am baptised?'; 'Why do you call me good?'; 'Who is it that has touched Me?'

During 6 days of filming, he speaks tirelessly and almost continuously about numerous different questions that are asked of Jesus, or by Jesus himself, in the Gospels.

When all video clips have been edited (about 170 in total), they will be used on our social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, and broadcast via YouTube. Our satellite TV partners will also broadcast the programmes. Our follow-up team engages in conversations with people who respond via social media, and a discipleship course has been developed via a special website, based on the content of the programmes.

Arab Christians are thus equipped, and non-Christians are invited and challenged to talk to our follow-up colleagues; the Facebook page on which we will be using the videos has currently 135,000 regular followers.

We would like to ask you to pray for this project: for the production team, the follow-up team and especially for the people who accept the invitation of the Gospel from all over the Arab World!

If you would like to make a donation towards this project, it will be used for our follow-up ministry. £3,400 is needed for 6 months of ministering to Arab people who respond to our page.



New! As-siwel: Facebook ministry for Kabyle speakers

Since 2000, Arab Vision TV has produced programmes in Kabyle, the Berber language spoken by about 7 million Algerians in Kabylia and France. In Morocco, too, part of the Berber-speaking population understands Kabyle.

Those TV programmes have had a huge impact: the church in Kabylia grew enormously, thanks in part to the influence of Christian media.

Take this response from September 2021, from our follow-up team: "Ali, an Algerian Muslim, contacts our team and after a while we talk about the message of Christ. Then it turns out that Jesus has appeared to Ali three times (in a dream), but that he finds it difficult to leave Islam. The conversation continues and after a while Ali decides to really give his whole heart to Christ. We prayed for it together. He would like to stay in touch with our team to read the Bible together and persevere in his decision."

We get a lot of response from Algeria (34,000 followers on our 'Light of the World' page) and have decided to launch a Facebook page especially for Algerians: As-siwel (the call, calling). We will be posting videos and other content in Kabyle, together with Abdelkader, our Algerian brother in the Netherlands, who will also be in charge of the follow-up.



Would you consider encouraging this outreach by supporting this new initiative with prayer and a donation?

Come to Me and you will recover your life...

On the desert road from Cairo to Alexandria you find the Coptic Retreat and Training Centre and farm of Anafora, a Coptic word meaning 'offering' and 'uplifting'.

Anafora, an oasis in the desert, provides a quiet environment of peace, simplicity and love. The members of the community, together with the guests, create a welcoming atmosphere.

Every morning and evening staff gathers for prayers and worship. Guests are warmly encouraged to participate.

Each person in the community has a role to play – working on the land, in the kitchen, leading prayers, teaching and studying or designing and painting the Church of the Resurrection; there are so many things to do. When people grow older, their tasks may change but they remain part of the community.



The Arab Vision team is like this community. We all have our roles to play, creating a welcoming oasis through our media productions for the Arab World. For the last 7 years I have had the privilege of communicating about the ministry, but having reached retirement age my role is changing. I am happy to say that I will remain part of the community, but fortunately without the stress of deadlines.

Pray for our team as we develop plans for the coming years. We want to be a blessing for the Arab World, having the courage to address sensitive subjects and bringing them into the light. We'd like to be a channel for God's love to reach millions of people who are often tired and burdened.

May all of us hear the voice of Jesus saying, 'Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.' (Matthew 11.28, The Message)



Sjaan, communicator Arab Vision

Painting the Gospel in Anafora

Previously we wrote about our project Koinonia, for which the videos were recorded in Anafora. These programmes of biblical teaching by Coptic Orthodox Bishop Thomas are not yet available online because the intention was to first use them in physical gatherings in local churches. Those group gatherings, aimed at reviving Coptic Christians for the Gospel and for active participation in the Christian community, have been postponed due to the pandemic.

Recently, we made plans to produce new video clips featuring the Bishop, titled Katameros. These teachings will follow the Coptic liturgical year.

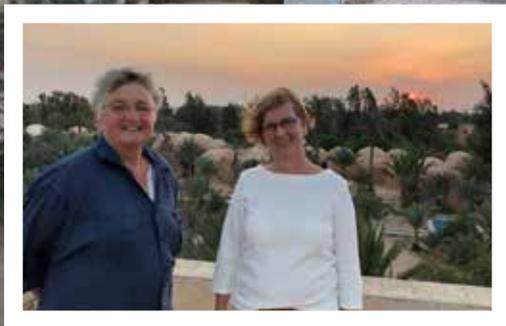
During our retreat in Anafora (see also Sjaan's contribution on page 4) we were very impressed by the paintings inside one of the churches on the site. Helena, Finnish painter, has been painting all the stories from the 4 Gospels, for 10 years since her retirement, beautiful! Bishop Thomas:

"Within the church, the encounter with Christ takes place through his birth, life, miracles, and encounters with people. Outside the church is an empty gallery, where the stories from Acts will be painted. After meeting Christ in the church, you go out to share the Gospel!"

'Christ at the center' is the life motto of the evangelical, ecumenical, Coptic Orthodox bishop.

Spontaneously we came up with a beautiful film project idea, featuring the paintings and the testimonies from the Gospels, taught by Bishop Thomas. To be continued....

Umm al Farieq, International Director Arab Vision



Our Follow-Up team - passionate and committed

On Tuesday mornings you will find most members of our social media and follow-up teams in the office. After a time of singing and prayer there is coffee, laughter and time to catch up. Most of the team members work from home for several days and do not see each other every day.

Eventually, people sit down at the large table with their laptops and phones and concentrate on their work. Every now and then someone makes a comment, there is laughter, concern, a discussion, then quiet returns. Two of the women are on the phone, quietly talking to people and praying with them. Others hum a song while working.



Maryam (not her real name), follow-up team member, and responsible for the content of two of our Facebook pages: 'Marriage and Family', and 'Women in Saudi Arabia and Yemen'. Maryam took psychology courses, focusing on sexual and domestic violence and its impact on people. At the moment Mary is busy planning and writing the content for 2022, taking into consideration the special days and events. Topics include: what is needed for a good marriage, boundaries and privacy, financial problems, having dreams and goals, self-confidence, disappointment and perseverance, accepting yourself and others?



What drives these people to reach millions of people in the Arab World through various channels with a message of mercy, righteousness, and peace?

Maryam: "I want to be there for the women in these countries, listen to them; there is so much need." A colleague who often has to deal with very difficult situations, adds: "Sometimes it can weigh very heavily on our hearts and we ourselves are overwhelmed by the situations we hear about. As a team we talk and pray about it or go away for a day to get some distance, to sing and laugh. We need a lot of wisdom to deal with people's expectations; sometimes they think we can solve all their problems. Pray for us that we continue to have the resilience and spiritual energy to be available to all who come in contact with us."

It's almost lunch time. The serious mood is broken and loud laughter fills the room; someone starts a song, and the meal is shared.

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Painted by Zaki Baboun, Beit Jala
(village near Bethlehem)

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever - Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

And we continue.....

We are currently working on a strategic plan for 2022-2024. Arab Vision's mission is to see lives of people in the Arab World transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. A broad mission, in which we always ask ourselves what requires special attention: which countries and people groups, which themes... and through which (social) media do we best reach our target audiences?

Please pray for us, for wisdom, creativity, God's grace and guidance in this process.

....Together with you?

Would you consider supporting the ministry of Arab Vision by sending a special Christmas gift for our film productions or follow-up work? Please send your donation directly to our bank or send a cheque. (see details on the next page).

Thank you very much!

And further.....

This year we produced five Yemeni songs, composed and performed by a Yemeni artist, who became a Christian recently.

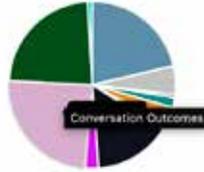
We gave a media training to children this summer. They learned about the opportunities and dangers of social media and worked in groups on a social media project.

We made a docu-series about women's rights in the Arab World; about the gap between rights on paper and rights in daily life.

We filmed another 25 clips in which various people from Arab backgrounds in the Netherlands shared messages of hope and encouragement.

Is our social media / follow-up team active on six Facebook pages and other platforms. Recently we started working with a new software programme that makes the encouraging impact of our social media ministry more visible (see overview). Please note: these are the figures of only 3 months!

Conversation Outcomes



Counseling	4013
Apologetics	1043
Prayer	104
Spiritual Conversation	366
Sending Christian material	625
Sending Counseling Material	233
Sending A Bible	2791
Gospel Presentation	497
Profession of Faith	16
Discipleship	24
Request Face-to-Face Meeting	4
Joining a church	2
Other	4543
No Response	4392
Not Dispositioned	165



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