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The Heritage Project



For centuries North Africa was the vibrant homeland of Christianity before Islamic armies rolled across its shores and subjugated the population in the seventh century. Today North Africa's 100 million Muslims constitute 98–100 per cent of the population in Mauritania, Western Sahara, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya.

During this fourth quarter of 2017 Arab Vision will continue the filming of the Heritage Project, a docudrama series about the early church in North Africa. The Heritage Project is eight 30-minute stories from the first five centuries after Christ walked the earth. It's about people whose influence on Christianity is still seen today! This docudrama will show stories of people who set a high standard, sacrificing for Jesus Christ under persecution as the Roman Empire fell apart. This all took place in North Africa! People often have the impression that everyone in this region has always been Muslim, and that it is impossible to become a Christian. These stories of faith are lost to the local culture. We must tell them or they won't hear about the far-reaching love of God. Please pray for the production team, for safety and blessing during the time of filming. [Watch the trailer](#)

Hope for Tomorrow II now on TV

The second series of *Hope for Tomorrow* has been filmed and broadcasting has already begun. Subjects include trafficking, incest, marital infidelity, early marriage, emotional and physical violence and various other related issues.



Filming was done during long working days of at least 14 hours at temperatures of sometimes 45 degrees. Three female actors who had to act out some of the stories told by victims of violence refused to do the filming when they realized what the subject was. In one location we were denied access when the owner realized we were filming an episode about marital infidelity and incest. Another time the screams of an actress were so loud (during

an episode about FGM, when we filmed the part of the actual cutting), that the neighbors asked what was going on. They wanted to call the police but fortunately we could explain to them what we were doing and they were ok with it. Most of the crew members were Muslims and they found it incredible that we will broadcast and discuss such taboo issues openly on Christian TV channels.



In our [September newsletter](#) you can read more about some of our other projects, like *Story-telling* to overcome trauma, and *Presenting faith through community life*, a project with the Coptic Church.

In the July issue of our e-news we wrote about our plans to produce a series of programs about pregnancy, *Baby on Board* -backseat talks with pregnant women. At the moment research is being done about the subjects we would like to discuss in the series. As soon as the choice has been made, the scripts will be written. We are planning to produce ten episodes. The team is excited to start the production!

From our follow-up team:

Every month thousands of conversations are taking place on the various Facebook pages related to our programs. Here are some impressions:

Rahima, a Muslim woman from Algeria, got in touch with our follow-up team and asked questions about the Bible. We answered some of them and at her request sent her a Bible, which she was happy to receive. She told us that perhaps she will become a Christian. We continue to stay in touch with her.

We received an encouraging message from Maria one of the followers of one of our Facebook pages. *"Thanks a lot for your good taste, may God bless your ministry. I may not interact much with the page but I enter it every day. Really your page makes a big difference to me! Your ministry is truly distinctive and the page's content changes thinking and gives comfort to the broken hearted. Truly you don't just post something and that's it, everything that you post has a goal. Thanks a lot for your concern."*

Please pray for much wisdom for our follow-up team. Many people who get in touch with them experience feelings of anxiety and are depressed.

Bookmarks available



To let your Arabic speaking friend, neighbor or colleague know about some of our Christian programs and how to contact people who can answer questions in his/her own language, we have produced attractive bookmarks. The verse on the front says "Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you."

If you can use them, please send a mail to contact@arabvision.org and we'll be happy to send you some.

Thank you for your praying for the people of the Arab World

and for supporting our ministry.

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