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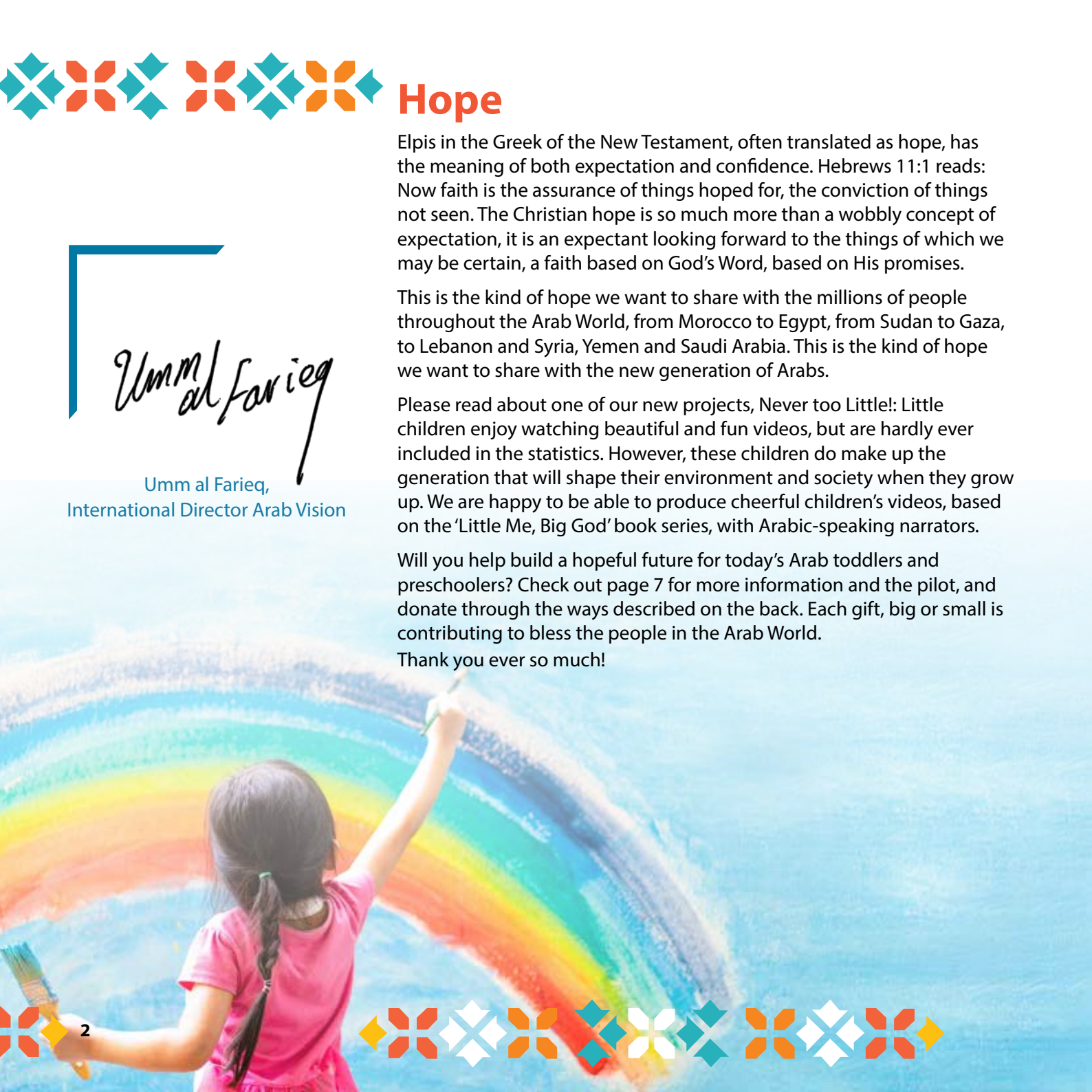
Elpis in the Greek of the New Testament, often translated as hope, has the meaning of both expectation and confidence. Hebrews 11:1 reads: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. The Christian hope is so much more than a wobbly concept of expectation, it is an expectant looking forward to the things of which we may be certain, a faith based on God's Word, based on His promises.

This is the kind of hope we want to share with the millions of people throughout the Arab World, from Morocco to Egypt, from Sudan to Gaza, to Lebanon and Syria, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. This is the kind of hope we want to share with the new generation of Arabs.

Please read about one of our new projects, Never too Little!: Little children enjoy watching beautiful and fun videos, but are hardly ever included in the statistics. However, these children do make up the generation that will shape their environment and society when they grow up. We are happy to be able to produce cheerful children's videos, based on the 'Little Me, Big God' book series, with Arabic-speaking narrators.

Will you help build a hopeful future for today's Arab toddlers and preschoolers? Check out page 7 for more information and the pilot, and donate through the ways described on the back. Each gift, big or small is contributing to bless the people in the Arab World.

Thank you ever so much!



Umm al Farieq

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International Director Arab Vision



New Project:

Voices of Hope in Morocco



About 10 years ago, Moroccan M. David's life changed forever when he met his Saviour, Jesus Christ. He travelled from darkness to light, from no hope to hope. Since then, he has been sharing the light and hope of the Gospel, and his vision is to see Christian communities grow in every city in Morocco. And that is happening right now in that country! Whole families: men, women, and children, are growing together in faith, in different places in Morocco.

M. David has also been working with us for some time now, providing counselling and other follow-up for people in North Africa. So the idea grew to create programmes together as well, to share the message of the Gospel through online media, and to encourage isolated believers. [We will produce 52 short video clips: Voices of Hope, representing the Moroccan atmosphere through the content, the specific Moroccan dialect, and the images filmed in Morocco.](#)

The videos will be distributed through Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Whatsapp, and probably be broadcast by our satellite TV partners Story Channel, Sat7 and Miracle Channel.

Themes such as the concept of love in the Christian faith, principles from the Sermon on the Mount, the meaning of the cross and redemption, God's character, hope and eternal life, and specific topics for Moroccan youth and women, will be covered.

Please pray with us for this project, that the voices of hope will be heard in Morocco, and in the wider region of North Africa. We would also be grateful if you'd consider a gift to help us realise this project.





Testimonies from Egypt.....

Amal

An Egyptian woman, Amal started contacting our 'Hope for Tomorrow' team in 2018. Throughout the years she opened her heart to us, looking for counselling and emotional security. Amal's husband worked in Kuwait. Before they were married, he had a romantic relationship with another woman, who married another man but later divorced. Since then, Amal lived in fear that the woman would return into her husband's life. Her concerns proved not unfounded: Amal was getting signals that the husband was back in contact with the other woman.

Deeply upset, she contacted us for support.

Our follow-up worker guided Amal through her anxiety and confusion. She encouraged her to confront her husband in an honest way and to set clear boundaries in their relationship. But instead of showing understanding, her husband threatened her: either she would quietly accept the situation or he would silence her by force. For the sake of her own and her son's safety, Amal chose silence. At a later moment Amal asked to come and live with her husband in Kuwait. He refused and her doubts grew. Eventually, her worst fears were confirmed: her husband admitted that he had secretly married the other woman.

Recently, seven years after our first contact, Amal wrote again, emotionally broken and abandoned.

Being sensitive to Amal's situation, and not wanting in any way to add to her struggles, the counsellor took a gentle approach. She helped Amal build self-confidence and self-esteem step by step. Amal eventually managed to continue living her life with a sense of dignity. Although she still receives some financial support from her husband, she no longer depends on him for her self-esteem and identity.

Amal has let us know how happy she is that we helped her get back on her feet.

We, the counselors of our 'Hope for Tomorrow' team are grateful that we are able to guide women on a trust-based path to healing, strength and hope.

..... and Yemen

Waleed

The Yemeni Waleed (30) began his faith journey a few years ago when he felt a deep inner desire to seek God. Through social media, he got in touch with Christians and the Gospel. He began studying the Bible intensively through online classes, later coached by a Yemeni Christian. When he came to faith, he shared it with his wife, who didn't understand him, partly because she was rather uneducated, partly because she had grown up without much religion and simply did not engage with it. In the rural community where they live, there is little Islamic extremism and therefore Waleed is able to practise his Christian faith relatively freely.



After an intensive period of being discipled by our follow-worker, Waleed was baptised a few months ago in Yemen, such a joy!

Waleed is very eager to share his faith with other young people in his village, but until now gets little response: everyone is too busy surviving. He himself has the responsibility for his family of four children as well. However, besides survival, his greatest desire is to live a life of peace and love and to raise his children in Christ, and pass on the Gospel to future generations. Meanwhile, he has started studying theology through an online programme, and has motivated other Yemeni believers to join him.

Let us give thanks and pray for Waleed, his family, his ministry and for their safety!

Hope for Tomorrow

Protect her! against girl circumcision

Hope for Tomorrow is Arab Vision's social media platform for reaching out to Arab women. We discuss issues that women in the Arab world often struggle with and are just as often almost taboo topics: Domestic violence, relationship problems, problems in the (in-law) family and with parenting.



Over the years we have produced several films to raise awareness about the terrible practice of female circumcision, and invite women to share about their thoughts and experiences. In these productions, we work with grassroots organisations, who literally sit down in the grass to talk to women (and men!). Lots of girls in Egypt, Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia are still being circumcised. Even families who have lived in the West for a long time have their daughters circumcised, for instance during a summer holiday in their country of origin.

The film "A chaste girl" shows Egyptian women and girls talking openly, though sometimes with some embarrassment, about this mostly taboo topic. It has become a probing film, with no actors but real-life sharing. The raw reality of circumcision and its impact on young women's sexuality and on their relationships with their husbands, is portrayed in an uncensored way.

Currently, the film is being shown in short clips on our 'Hope for Tomorrow' platform. A lot of people respond, not only from Egypt but also from Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia. Some people want us to see their point of view that female circumcision is a long-practised tradition that shouldn't be questioned, and that it's a shame we view the practice in a negative way. Others respond in a resigned manner. After all, what can they do but accept their fate?

Click on the QR code in the picture to watch the recent productions, as well as films we produced about this topic in earlier years.

Your help needed



Never too little! and other delightful Bible stories for children

Needed: 10 persons giving £300, or 20 giving £150, etc.

We have found that there are far too few Arabic-language programmes telling Bible stories in a way that is appealing to (little) children.

And then, at a conference in Atlanta in the US, I found a book stand with super fun Bible stories for children. I bought a few and asked if I could contact the illustrator to ask for the rights so we could produce semi-animated videos based on the books.

As it turned out, The Good Book Company is headquartered in England and they wanted to share the rights with us, without payment! The illustrator also agreed. And so we started the process of translating a series of children's books into semi-animated videos, with an Arabic narrator, of course.

Watch our initial pilot via the QR code in the picture below, the first step in the production process.



Would you like to help produce these videos and introduce Arab children to the Gospel in a fun way? It will cost us £300 per story to make it into a video, and we will distribute those through Sunday school programmes, satellite TV and social media platforms. Each gift, whether big or small, is appreciated!

Stories we will produce for children between 3 and 8 years old include: The House That Went Splat, The Little Man Whose Heart Grew Big, Never Too Little!, The boy Who Shared His Sandwich, The Dad Who Never Gave Up.

Everybody wanted to see Jesus



Now in Production

Trauma-care training videos

Having hope is crucial in today's world. If we know Christ as our Lord and ruler of the world, we are blessed with hope, and with peace that surpasses all understanding.

Many in the Middle East have lost hope, are broken and traumatised. War and conflict, persecution, being a refugee... plenty of reasons why people carry a trauma. Often trauma is neither recognised nor acknowledged for what it is, and thus not treated (in the right way).

Our team is developing trauma-care training, together with highly professional trauma specialists. While the training is provided live to our own follow-up team and some other teams we cooperate with, all will be filmed and made available as training videos to social and pastoral workers, and other professional care-givers.

A second series of videos will be produced for a much broader audience, to raise awareness about the complicated issue of trauma. It will help people recognise trauma in their family-members, friends and neighbours, and help them deal better with traumatised people.

Please pray for the preparations of this project, for wisdom to produce effective content, and for enabling us to support many in the Arab World who suffer from some sort of trauma.



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