

Easter: Abundance in barren land

Windows on Jesus

Maher's dream



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Christ in the Centre

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms..

Ephesians 3:10 NIV



We live in a period of time in which we may strongly desire that God's manifold wisdom becomes known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms as well as in the earthly realms! Through the church, Paul says... The church, that is the body of Christ here on earth.

There is particular church in the Middle East, in Egypt, called the church of the Resurrection. In that church the Gospel stories are told through paintings and icons. It's the most colourful experience, you hardly know where to look first, it is amazing. It clearly shows Christ in the centre. Christ, who left the heavenly realms to come and save the world.

Arab Vision is filming a beautiful series in that very church. Coptic Orthodox Bishop Thomas, the designer of the church with its paintings all over the walls, helps us understand what Christ in the center means. In the center our faith, our lives, the world. Read more about this project on pages 4 and 5!

If you would read the verses before the one quoted, verses 8 and 9, you will find Paul telling that through God's grace he has the privilege to share the Gospel with the Gentiles, the 'mystery, for ages past, hidden in God'. That mystery is the Gospel of the risen Christ, as we celebrate at Easter. Please continue reading on page 2, and you will find another of our projects in production: Abundance in barren land - a mystery unveiled....

May your Easter be joyful, and may Christ be the center of your joy! Please pray for the many in the Arab World who are yet to understand the mystery and the joy.



Umm al Farieq,

International Director Arab Vision





He is risen indeed!

Abundant life on barren land



In a small rural village, plagued by poverty and famine, the villagers struggle to make their barren lands fertile. At the heart of the village stands the mayor's mansion, a fortress of mystery and distance. For generations the mayor has remained unseen, perceived as indifferent and aloof.

Then, extraordinary things start to happen... A remarkable young man begins to wander the village, showing kindness to the weak and downtrodden. Tragically, the villagers turn on him in frustration, culminating in his death. Days later, his blood-soaked resting place miraculously brings life to the barren fields.

As the village flourishes, the impenetrable gates of the mayor's mansion finally open, inviting the villagers to step inside and discover the abundant life that has been prepared for them all along.



Arab Vision is producing this 15-minute drama film that will be broadcast between Easter and Pentecost. Please consider sending a gift to help us reach out with the Gospel to millions of people in the Arab World.



Windows on Jesus

Colour in the desert

In the desert along the highway between Cairo and Alexandria lies a small oasis of tranquillity. Founder of retreat centre Anafora is bishop Thomas.



"The shared mission of Arab Vision and Anafora is to pave the way for people in the Arab world to learn more about Christ and draw them closer to Him." That is what we want to achieve together in the project 'Windows on Jesus'.



In this project bishop Thomas shares the Gospel and teaches about the imitation of Christ, supported by the many beautiful paintings in the Resurrection Church in Anafora. The heart of the church invites people to Christ. On the outside of the church the Old Testament prophet-stories are depicted, pointing to Jesus, the centre. Jesus also sends us out on a mission: Paul's mission trips on the outer walls show us the example.



With Bishop Thomas as the speaker and teacher of this programme series, we filmed 30 episodes of 5-7 minutes. Topics related to teaching on the heart of the Christian faith, encouraging and challenging people to follow Jesus in their daily lives, are covered. These programmes aim to build bridges between different faith communities as well, and introduce Arab viewers to the history and traditions of one of the oldest Churches of the Middle East. The message of love, faith and hope, found in Jesus Christ, is central and seekers for truth are challenged to contemplate on what really matters in life.



In the midst of conflicts, threats of war, violence, persecution, and economic insecurity, God himself brings grace and new hope through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Interested in a virtual walk through the Resurrection Church? Scan the QR code and become enchanted by the beauty of the colourful stories presented: Windows on Jesus!





◆ Thank you, you helped me a lot!

Khadiya, a young Algerian Muslim woman, is very concerned about what she thinks she needs in her life: a job, a life partner, a nice flat, a car and much more. But she is afraid of not achieving all those goals. We engage her in a conversation about the role of God in her life, that the future does not depend on what someone thinks they need for themselves, that God's plan gives real value to our life on earth. We challenge Khadiya to engage God. After a while, we reconnect and she writes: "I want to listen to God's plan with my life and align my future with what He wants!"

Bishoy from Egypt, experiences a renewal of his spiritual life after Philip, our e-coach, has discipled him for a while. He writes: "Thank you, you helped me a lot through our conversations!" I have hope again. I have started reading the Bible. I have ignored all pornography and deleted a lot from Facebook. I am putting my trust in God again, asking for His help, with a renewed desire to do His will."

Please pray with us for Khadiya and Bishoy, and for all those others with whom we are on a journey. In 2024 so many Arab men and women were touched in contact with our counsellors, and experienced some sort of change in their lives.

Some Impact Statistics 2024

7.8 Million viewers on YouTube

3.7 Million views on Facebook

17 Thousand people who received a Bible or Christian material

8000 Individuals were discipled or followed an online course

280 Unique conversations per day

214 Individuals gave their life to Christ



◆ In the picture: Maher's dream

"For years I have been a minister serving in a variety of churches in my own country. One day, I was praying and I shared with God my passion to reach more people in different countries. I fell asleep while praying, and dreamt about being in another Arab country, and God telling me that He will be using me across borders. Four years passed before I got the opportunity to be part of the Arab Vision team and started developing online courses to share the Gospel and disciple people from all over the Arab World. I saw the dream coming true."

Maher works as e-course developer and e-coach in Arab Vision's ministry.

Two quotes taken from the many conversations Maher has with his online students:

"Here I learned to be faithful to God, and to the flock that He gave me. The Lord himself brought me here." *A Coptic Orthodox priest in Egypt*

"This is a safe environment to learn about Jesus, and grow in knowledge and how to follow Him." *A Muslim background lady from Palestine, who took our online course 'Why Jesus?'*



Now in Production

Zizo and Zero, two young friends, wonder about their purpose in life in our new comedy drama series. Together with Mr. Waheed's Organisation of Public Interests, they explore issues they and other young people struggle with. Issues like using social media, (porn) addiction, loneliness, complicated relationships, jealousy, and inter-generational issues. Please pray for this production which is now being filmed.





Passing on the Gospel in the Arab World

Would you help us pass on the Gospel to all these places in the Middle East and North Africa where all hope seems to have disappeared from people's lives? Consider a regular donation or remembering our ministry in your will. Feel free to contact us for personal contact and more information at contact@arabvision.org.



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