



Light of the World

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Light from Light, true God from true God...

1700 Years ago the council of Nicea was held. It was of great importance for what we believe about Jesus till today: He is not created but begotten, truly God.

The Nicene Creed is the only creed that is being used by the Church worldwide.

Arab Vision is working on a film and a series on Athanasius, one of the main players in the Nicea Council, find more about this project and a QR code to watch the teaser on the back of this newsletter.

Light from Light..

I love this little statement in the Creed. "I am the light of the world" says Jesus about himself. "No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in" (From The Message).

The Yemeni Sarah found Jesus as the Light in her darkness. During her faith journey she met 'Nour' (light in Arabic), one of the counselors in our follow-up team, and recently they met in person! Find her and Nour's story on pages 4 and 5.

And that's what we celebrate again at Christmas: that the Light came into the world's darkness, so that no one, not anyone, needs to stumble around in the darkness anymore. Today's darkness in the world around us may feel impenetrable but darkness cannot possibly extinguish the tiniest ray of light.

Jesus Christ, the Light, came into the world to give those who believe in his name the right to become children of God. (John 1:12).

Will you stand with us in prayer for the many in the Arab World who have not understood or accepted this right to become children of God yet? Will you help us bringing the light into lives in the Arab World? Sharing the name of Jesus Christ, the Light that changed the world and can change people's lives until today?

Thank you for your prayers and donations.

On behalf of all of us at Arab Vision, wishing you a Christmas full of light and a New Year full of hope!

Umm al Farieq,
International Director Arab Vision

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Pray for Syria and Sudan



Warda's Testimony: 'I want to understand the story of redemption!'

Warda, who was born in Aleppo, Syria, now lives in a large city in a neighboring country after years of persecution. She is the mother of three teenagers and comes from a Sunni Muslim family. After her divorce, she was rejected by her family.

Betrayed by a business partner who turned out to have ties to ISIS, she lost her small business, her source of income. After a false accusation to the secret police, she was abused and threatened with death, and she eventually fled in 2015.

But in the midst of this pain, her heart quietly and steadily searches for truth. 'I secretly started reading the Bible... I feel that Christ's teachings describe who I really am!'

June 2025 brings a turning point in her life when Warda contacts our Light of the World platform with a clear request: 'I want to understand the story of salvation, from creation to the coming of Christ!'

Together with her children, she watched the film 'The Life of Jesus,' and not just Warda now testifies that Jesus Christ is Lord, her children also followed her example.



Muhammad from Sudan

We counsel people outside and inside Sudan, where since 2023 more than 150,000 people have died in a violent conflict and around 12 million people have fled their homes.

We are in contact with Muhammad, a 70 year old man from Sudan. After we send him the texts of the Sermon on the Mount, he responds: "I am so impressed by the words of Jesus. Since my decision to follow the Way, I have been filled with a peace I have never known before in my entire life."





Light in Sarah's darkness



May I introduce myself? My name is Sarah. I am from Yemen and I fled with my son to a safe neighboring country. I was no longer safe in Yemen. I will tell you why.

I come from a strict Muslim family, but my father was moderate and allowed his daughters to study. While studying archaeology, I discovered that many ancient Christian artefacts had been found in my country. However, we were never allowed to talk about them. That made me curious. Even my father told me to keep quiet about it. I graduated at the top of my class and started working one day per week at the university and also at an organization that advocates for women's rights.

When my father died, my life changed completely. My mother and brothers arranged for me to marry a man I did not know, and I had to stop working immediately. In the meantime, I had come into contact with Nour ('light' in Arabic) through a Facebook page called Khatwa. I was able to ask Nour all my questions about the Christian faith. I had started reading the Bible online and had a lot of questions.

Two broken ribs

My husband thought I was spending too much time on my phone and didn't trust it. When I told him about my contact with Nour, hoping that it would change his life too, he became furious. He threw my phone against the wall and I was so badly beaten that I ended up in hospital. I was black and blue and had two broken ribs, and I was also pregnant. When I got hold of a phone again, I read a message on Khatwa: 'God loves you.' But if so, why was I lying in hospital?

I won't go into detail about what happened next, but solitary confinement, abuse and torture followed. Even my mother and brothers had no sympathy for me, because I had to obey my husband, right? **All that time, Nour was my lifeline. And I really wanted to be a follower of Jesus.**

I was secretly baptized and received help in arranging a passport and money for plane tickets. A month after my baptism, I left the country





with my son. I flew to the country where Nour lives, hoping to find her there.

It turned out that it wasn't so easy to survive as a single mother in my new country. I had left my last money as a bribe at the airport in Yemen. Fortunately, after a while I found a place to live. Many Yemenis have fled to this country and they also live in this neighborhood, where the rents are relatively low. Soon they found out about my family background, and I received a message from



a relative in Yemen that my ex-husband and family were coming to get my child and that my life was in danger. I moved and not long after, the same thing happened again. I had to leave again.

All this time, I tried to get in touch with Nour, but no one seemed to know her. Because I really needed a safe place, I contacted people in the church, who could help me.

The request for help reached Arab Vision, and immediate action was taken by them. Within a few days, I had moved to a safe house and received some money to buy my daily needs for the first few months. I got in touch with the production team, and offered to do voice-overs for their videos for Yemenis. I also really wanted to be involved in the follow-up work for Yemeni women, **as I know exactly what they are going through and what they need: the life-changing Gospel.**

A wonderful encounter

In order not to jeopardize the work of Arab Vision, I work remotely. I can make contact with Yemeni women via the internet. But one day I got invited to the office and met many of my colleagues. I immediately asked whether they knew Nour and if she worked here. Unfortunately, no Nour at Arab Vision. Until Nadia asked another colleague, "Hey, which name do you use when you are in contact with women online?" "Nour," she replies. I can't believe my ears. Standing in front of me is Nour. We hug each other.

What a wonderful encounter that was! I thank God that she brought light into my life.

Almost in Production: See me, hear me!

"I'm a father... and I live every day with my son who has autism.

Autism is not a mere disease. It is a different way of seeing the world.

He understands, he feels, he loves — just in his own way.

Some children can't hear, or can't speak, or can't control their bodies.

But their souls... are full.

The biggest challenge is not their disability...

It's how the world sees them.

It's the lack of support... the lack of understanding.

We need to change that.

We need schools that include them...

Therapists who are trained...

Environments that support them...

And most of all, hearts that see their value.

This is my message to every specialist, teacher, and leader:

Don't leave us parents alone.

We fight for our children every single day.

Please, don't make that fight harder.

My child doesn't need pity...

He needs a chance.

*Maybe what some call a 'disability'... is actually a gift
To teach us love... patience... and true humanity."*





They deserve to be seen!



These words of this specific father could be repeated in many different ways by many parents in the Arab World. A mother shares that her dyslexic daughter's self esteem has crumpled over the past few years at school. She doesn't mention that her daughter started cutting herself as a consequence of not being seen, not being heard.

Lack of awareness, cultural barriers (shame), late diagnosis, religious obstacles like believing that disabilities are God's punishment, are a few of the reasons that in the Arab World care for children with autism, ad(h)d, and other less visible conditions are not acknowledged, thus not treated well. Parents are not supported adequately and start feeling desperate and ashamed.



We will produce 8 short videos to support parents and children, to raise awareness and to appeal to teachers and policymakers. Some key themes will be: early warning signs, invisible disabilities, from shame to pride, navigating the system (help is available), religious redefinition of the issue ('every child is loved by God, exactly how he/she is')



Would you help us bring light into the lives of children with invisible disabilities, and their parents? The total budget for the production and distribution of the videos is around 35,000 USD of which about half is donated or pledged.

Your donation towards this project, big or small, is highly appreciated!

Please click the QR code to give through our website.

Website with a new look

Our new website is online. It's easier to find on which projects we are working, which projects still need funding and which projects have been completed. Where possible there is a direct link to a subtitled video.

The donation page also looks a little different and it is now even easier to make a monthly or quarterly donation. Take a look on www.arabvision.org and let us know what you think!



Athanasius and the Nicene Creed

We have almost finished our project about Athanasius and the Nicene Creed; please watch the teaser by clicking the QR code. Athanasius, bishop in Alexandria, Egypt, is not only a spiritual 'hero' in that country, but appreciated by the worldwide Church. Let us know if you are interested in receiving the videos once they are finalised: contact@arabvision.org.



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