



Newsletter

Arab Woman Today Ministries

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

This verse has special meaning for the AWT staff as this first quarter of 2008 has been demanding. Even though it has been hectic and full of activities at our office, we know that we can rest in the Lord. The blessings of working for the Lord are abundant.

" Powerful Beyond Measures "



This title was the theme of our annual networking conference that was held April 7th-10th. We hosted 75 women church leaders from Jordan, other Middle Eastern counties and North Africa. It was a time of learning, encouragement and refreshment.



Abeer Qumsieh & Dr. Suhail Joaneh.



We had two guest speakers, Dr. and Mrs. Juaneh who own "Better Business" company in Jordan which offers services in the area of training and development.

The first 3 days of the conference both speakers presented lectures on various subjects regarding planning and management. These included topics such as, empowering women to be responsible leaders, discovering your vision and setting your goals, making your ministry known through proposals in order to secure prayer and funding, how to build your team, crisis management and motivating others.



A discussion panel made up of four women who revealed their insights on how they took their visions and turned them into reality. They shared their struggles and triumphs as well as practical advice on building a ministry or company.

One of the highlights of the conference was hearing from the women regarding the volunteer work in their churches and communities. They shared from their hearts the regrets and praises of their work. As we prayed over each woman, our relationships and friendships were strengthened in a way that can only come from Christ's love.



At the end of the conference we had an evaluation session. The women had such a passion about the topics discussed and their joy was overflowing. Here is what a few of the women had to say:



"This conference was a paradigm shift for my life. I am so thankful I attended this conference!"

"This is the first conference that I have attended since my children were young and it really affected my life. I enjoyed the spiritual aspects of the conference and the main topics were practical for life and ministry".



"The conference exceeded my expectations! It was well organized and planned. Ministry in Sweden to Arab women is very difficult and the practical teachings will be very helpful."

"The subject of the conference was great. It touches on the reality of woman's thoughts and it helps in developing the woman in this society. We encourage you to have more conferences that encourage us to have more positive and right thinking."

International Women's Day

On the occasion of the "International Women's Day", Ruba was invited to be a panellist at the International Women's Day conference held by the Birmingham International Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Ruba's speech and presentation was about: "The impact of the culture, religion and values on the Jordanian women". Her co-panelist from Jordan was Tharwat Al-Amro, member of the Jordanian Parliament. It was a great opportunity to build a relationship with a woman in decision making position and a great privilege to participate in this conference in general.

Environment Seminar

The AWT staff held a one day seminar on how the environment and pollution impact women and children. Twenty-five women attended the seminar. Our guest speaker was Fadi Sharieha who holds a MS in Engineering. Some of the topics discussed were the reasons/ causes of pollution, the different kinds of pollution, the impact of pollution on human health and how we can minimize pollution.

Radio Programs

This year we have changed the format of our radio programs to include a drama at the beginning of each episode, with the biblical message following. New volunteers have joined us and are participating in the drama and writing scripts. It has truly become an effort of teamwork. We praise the Lord for these men and women and the help they provide in helping give the radio program a new and fresh approach.

2008 Budget

The 2008 budget has been completed and AWT needs approximately \$262,000 to cover ministry expenses. The main categories of expenses are Media (airtime) \$63,000, Women's Development \$57,000, General Fund \$27,500 and Personnel \$71,500. We ask you to pray to God to raise up those who would be able to partner with us in this ministry. He is the One who owns all things and provides all of our needs.

Letters from listeners and website users:

(R/ Jordan): Thanks for everyone who support Arab women as they live in a society which never compromise her value. I ask you to open a door for counseling, we need counseling and advice.

(M/Algeria): I knew about your website through a pocket calendar. I want to know more about your religion. I want to have the bible and need friends in Christ

(R/Egypt): I can't express my joy because you didn't forget about me and sending me theological books which I always looked for and didn't find. I love the new book and I have some comments and questions about it and I'm sure you will give me the right answers.

Prayer Requests:

1. AWT will host a marriage seminar May 9-10. Fred and Kristin Beasley from Scottsdale Bible Church will be our guest speakers.
2. Please pray for the AWT staff. Ask the Lord to provide the energy to meet challenges, pray for encouragement and refreshment in times of frustration.
3. 2008 Budget needs - \$262,000 for the ministry to continue to reach Arab women.
4. AWT would like to purchase a used vehicle at a cost of approx. \$22,000 (15,000 Jordanian Dinars).

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