

# Newsletter Arab Woman Today Ministries

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#### **Word from our Heart**

In a restless world we find our PEACE in the Father...

In a world where love is always conditional, we find unconditional LOVE at the open arms of Jesus...

In a world where death is the fair price for our sin, we find SALVATION at the Cross...

In a hopeless world, we find HOPE and VICTORY in Jesus' resurrection...

And in a weary and heavy burdened world, we find STRENGTH through His Holy Spirit...

What a privilege it is to share with you the love He showers over us and the JOY He plants in our hearts as we remember with thanksgiving His great sacrifice on the cross for us followed by His victorious resurrection.

We are happy to be part of Jesus' big family knowing that there are many sisters and brothers who keep us in their prayers and support our ministry in many ways.

We love you and we wish you a Happy Easter with all your beloved ones!

**AWT Family** 

#### The Unrest of the Arab World

A few days after January 1, 2011 a new era began in the Arab World, the era of true democracy and true social and political reform. For a moment we thought maybe the news was wrong. Later on, we started seeing real people in the scenario asking for freedom and liberation that had been robbed from them for many years. It took place first in Tunisia, then Egypt, Libya, Bahrain, Yemen, Algeria, Jordan and now Syria.



A bloody change without weapons; just the word of mouth and the thought of mind. What is going on Lord? What is going to happen to us? People- Muslims and Christians? Our rulers? Governments? Other ethnic groups? Oh Lord, help us to understand.

Many questions have been crossing our minds and maybe your mind, mixed feelings of fear and peace were clashing in our hearts. What is happening is not a dream but a reality. However, it is not a strange thing to our God, maybe He is just answering prayers that were lifted up to him many years ago. It is the time now!

This is the time where people want to fight for what they believe in, to live for a cause, to enjoy what was missing. The human rights and freedom of choice were diminished under dictators, and the opportunity now to hear the Gospel message is great, with no fear, without hiding or even fighting.

Young Arab women are playing a large role in this reform movement. We see them on the news, in the streets carrying signs, shouting side by side with men.

The change is not out in the streets but also inside the homes, where women started protesting and asking for their rights in all matters including education, choosing their future mate, career, and their role at home and in the community.

Friends, remain with us to witness the rest of the story together and to celebrate God's real value and love to all mankind and specifically to women.

## **Empowering Women in Zarqa**

As part of our on ground ministry we strive to build bridges with our local churches. We visited a church in the second largest city in Jordan, called Zarqa. We participated in their women's meeting by teaching about the value women have in the eyes of the Trinity and how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit meet an essential need to our existence through love, value and strength.

The second part of our training was about raising attention not only to our privileges but also to the responsibilities that follow as a result of being part of Christ's body and family. Women were encouraged to take a stand and live the privileges and responsibilities given to us as individuals and as a whole church.

### **Radio Drama Training**



It has been our heart's passion to sharpen the drama skills of the Radio team members and we had a great chance to do that when Mrs. Majd Madanat came to the

Mrs. Madanat is a very talented woman who studied drama and has years of experience in radio. The AWT radio drama team was able to spend 2 days with her learning about the building blocks in drama, acting, script writing and directing. The team members put the training into practice and spent time writing scripts and then acting them out under the supervision of Mrs. Madanat. She gave the team immediate feedback as a director.

There were five volunteers and two AWT staff members empowered through this training.





Here is some of the feedback from the trainees:

- 1. Basma: "I want to start by saying that I respect the speaker for being very professional. She has a very clear method in teaching. During the training, we were able as a team to relate each point we learned to our Radio program realizing our strong and weak points."
- 2. Suzan: "I was very happy to learn more about script writing. This is one of the practical things that will help me. The time we had for direct application helped us a lot to apply the new things we learned. Having the speaker by our side directing us through it all was so valuable."
- 3. Nariman: "I have learned how to be more specific and more professional when it comes to script writing aiming to have the best results.
- 4. Wael: "The things we learned exceeded my expectations. This training was very helpful to me and to all of us as a team. I was encouraged to study more about directing and I am excited to learn how we can deliver many values through our voices on the Radio."



## **Prayer needs:**

- 1. Pray for the upcoming conference for pastor's wives in Iraq. The theme of the conference is "Jesus is the balm of my soul" and will be held April 10-14.
- 2. Pray for \$270,000 needed to complete the purchase of the 2nd Unit in AWT's new building and \$50,000 needed to set-up the training room & offices.
- 3. Pray for wisdom and creativity as we continue to develop the Arabic website and radio program.

#### Coming soon -**Arabic Website updates**

AWT is in the process of redesigning the Arabic website. We realized that in 2010 the number of users declined, which was the first time since launching the website. Research showed us that the technology platform in which the website was originally built is outdated. The redesign and development of an interactive and dynamic website that will be interconnected with the major social community portals, such as Facebook, is on its way. The website will have a whole new look with buttons that will increase the immediate interaction between AWT and the viewers. Also, there will be special teaching videos added aiming to equip women with good materials as resources on many practical and spiritual topics.

We are very excited about these updates and we pray that all this will be a blessing to many Arab women once launched.

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