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Arab Woman Today Ministries Newsletter



Dear Friends and Partners,

For twelve years AWT has been focusing on equipping and empowering Christian women in leadership and ministry throughout Jordan and in the Arab region. AWT is still considered a pioneer and unique in this role; "Arab women reaching and equipping Arab women". Our impact moved beyond the Jordan map. During the past years, we were able to visit surrounding countries and help women in their homeland, countries such as Iraq, Syria, Egypt and Tunisia.

AWT's role is to lay a foundation through raising up leaders who have a sense of worth, sense of purpose and sense of security. Our utmost leader, the Lord Jesus, who came as the king of Kings revealed to us how to play this role especially in the book of Matthew. Jesus taught us that leadership development begins with an attitude adjustment. Through His famous message, the Sermon on the Mount, He called us to be different, to relate to people in their culture, and to see the World from God's perspective. We could never do that except by His grace.

What is most encouraging to me is to see women from different countries, different backgrounds, and different styles of living saved, discipled, and ready to multiply.

In entering the Christmas spirit and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, we remember the cause of His coming and the challenge he gave us to fight spiritual poverty, to live in purity and integrity and to have compassion to the lost and poor. The list of challenges is long, but those are the top three that I believe every leader needs to start with.

AWT treasures this time to give thanks to you all for being our partners and our friends who empowered us first to become ambassadors for Christ, reproduce His leadership and sharing what we have learned with Arab Women both Christians and non Christians.
"Follow me "He said" and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19

We wish you all a very blessed Holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ruba Abbassi for AWT



Final steps in AWT's new offices

Our new offices are now in the final stage, yet we feel that it is taking longer than the other stages! It is so exciting to us visiting the construction site and seeing the changes being made and picturing how we will use each room!

Continue to pray for our new offices and for the provision of the remaining cost:

- Purchase price for the office and training space: \$205,000
- Registering the building with the government and furnishings: \$50,000



New era for Christians in Northern Iraq

On September 29 Governor Tamar Ramadhan gave the Christian Baptists two acres of land worth \$2 million to be able to build the "Grace Baptist Cultural Center". This center in the town of Simele and will include a medical clinic, school, athletic facility, a Church and a Seminary.

In the ceremony, Mr. Gurgis Shleymun (the deputy governor of Kurdistan's regional government in Dohuk), a team from Hillcrest Baptist Church along with Iraqi, Jordanian and Brazilian Baptists and other evangelical Christians celebrated laying the cornerstone of this new center.

As AWT, we are looking forward to this unique opportunity as it represents a great opportunity to serve Iraqi women in their land. We hope to advance Christian women's leadership roles in Iraq through focusing on women in ministry and pastors' wives.

We consider this project as a turning point in our impact in the region. It will allow us to work with women on many levels: socially, emotionally, spiritually and educationally.

Mrs. Ruba Abbassi presented a special session to 45 women leaders and pastors' wives at that time, under the title of: The Strength in our Responsibilities. Encouraging the women leaders in every role they have in their Churches and positions.



Praise the Lord for:

1. We praise the Lord for an amazing year and for His everlasting Faithfulness.
2. We are so thankful for the 3 new staff members who have recently joined our team.
3. Praise God for the peace in Jordan that has increased unity among Churches and encouraged people to pray and support other Arab neighboring countries.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for our financial needs for the coming year:
 - a. Balance of the purchase price for the office and training space: \$205,000
 - b. Funds to register the building with the government and furnishings: \$50,000
 - c. Balance due to Trans World Radio for airtime: \$50,000

2. Pray for the political unrest in the region and for more people coming to Christ.



New Media partners / Radio

The Lord is opening new chances with media partners to broadcast our Radio program on different frequencies to all Arab countries. Partners such as IBRA, Pan American and a Christian FM Station in Northern Iraq and soon in Baghdad. This will help us reach to more people and increase the chances of correspondence with our listeners. Please pray for us as we are aiming to develop our radio program more and more each year.

Main plans for 2012

We are continuing our planning process for the next year. Pray with us for three major events we are working on: The annual Network Conference for Arab leaders and the Conference for Iraqi women as well as a special training plan for locals, among other events as well. We will also continue producing our Radio program, website and enhance our social media outlets.

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