



It's Time to Thrive...

Many people today are living in "survival mode." If they can just make it through the day, they've accomplished their goal!

Yes, there are circumstances that are more difficult than others. But God doesn't want us to just survive, He wants us to thrive. He wants us to prosper in all things.

One definition of the word "thrive" means "to realize a goal despite circumstances." That means that we can prosper in all things no matter what is going on around us.

Our prayer in AWT is that we don't settle for an average year when we can have an extraordinary year In JESUS! We have faith that God is planning on abundance and an overflow and that He wants to give us a breakthrough, a sudden burst of His favor and His goodness.

It's time to see our dreams come to pass. It's time to thrive because God has a plan for us to prosper in every area of our lives.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."
Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

The AWT Family

"So they can be one" Iraq / April 20th-23rd

There is no doubt that the Christian work in Iraq is hard and sometimes dangerous. But, the believers in Iraq say: "we are no longer afraid of the bombs and the violence, we walk with the Lord and He is our refuge and strength and He has called us to reach our people". What a testimony of God's working power through His Word and Spirit in the lives of believers in the midst of death and destruction.



Most of the Iraqi pastors are young in faith and they lack training. Yet, they love the Lord and want to serve him. Our team was privileged to walk along beside these pastors to equip and teach them to advance the Kingdom. The goal of the conference we held in N. Iraq was to help these pastors see that the Kingdom of God is not founded on the pastor or one single church. It was and still is founded on Christ and the gospel. Due to a lack of theological and leadership training, the churches in Iraq found themselves in competition with each other instead of being united in a common goal; which is reaching Iraq for Christ.

Ministries from Jordan, Lebanon, and other partners from USA have been working together closely to help these believers face the challenges they are facing. AWT was part of the team that conducted workshops for the Iraqi women. Ruba Abbassi, founder and director of AWT focused on "Delegation" as one of the essential tools for leadership that teach people to work in teams and practice UNITY. Gunilla Lindberg from Sweden and Basma Gammoh from AWT taught other topics such as "Being an influential woman", "Emotional relaxation" and "Active listening".

This was the first time these 26 women had the opportunity to get such practical and spiritual teaching at the same time. They were filled with joy over the fact that people cared for them and took a step to be there with them face to face.

"This conference was a big success. It was exactly what we needed especially in the difficult circumstances we live in. We benefited psychologically, spiritually and physically."



"This conference helped me to understand many issues in a better way. The unity and love among AWT team touched my heart and I wish we can spend more time with you next time."



AWT in U.S.:

Ruba Abbassi, the founder and the director of AWT Ministries will be in the U.S. from August 5-Sept 9, 2010.

If you would like to meet her or have her to share with your church/small group please email Colleen McWilliams at "colleen.mcwilliams@interman.us" for scheduling.

Below is her tentative itinerary:

August 5-13 : Birmingham, AL area

August 14-19 : Atlanta, GA area

August 20-21 : Birmingham, AL

August 22-29 : Florida

August 30-Sept 9 : Texas

Prayer requests:

1. Seminar in Turra a Village in North of Jordan.
2. Self defense courses in June, July and August.
3. AWT team as they are planning ahead for 2011 - 2013.
4. A deeper spiritual and social growth in the lives of our trainees and radio listeners.

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"Precious in His eyes!"

Egypt / April 9th - 11th

It is a true joy for us to see our trainees learning and growing in their leadership roles. A group of our trainees in Egypt were encouraged and inspired to start a meeting for women in Moaatam, one of Cairo's suburbs. AWT responded to their request to teach and encourage women in their second annual retreat.

The theme of the retreat was "Precious in His eyes". With input of the 26 women in attendance, we developed a "problem tree analysis", digging deep for the root of problems, and then thinking about the fruits of the situation. One of the root problems for the women was not understanding and appreciating the way they were made as individuals. Another root problem discovered was family and relationship issues. Teaching from the Bible showed the role of the Holy Trinity in meeting our needs as women and helping us solve problems.

Special sessions were given on "Solving the People Puzzle". It was the first time for them to learn about different personality traits and how different personalities think and communicate. They learned that God has made us like pieces of a puzzle, in our different sizes and shapes, to come together for the glory of Jesus Christ. One of the women changed her mind regarding divorcing her husband after learning about this topic and counseling received from an AWT team member.

Women were truly inspired by the new things they learned and by the prayer times we had together.



"After studying about the different personalities I realize the mistakes I was making in many of my relationships and how I can improve my character for the best."

"The subjects presented in this conference added a new vision in my life and helped me to see my role as a woman in a better way."



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