



ARAB WOMAN TODAY

March 2016 Newsletter

Happy Easter to all our Friends & Partners

The bursting forth of Easter and Spring both invite us to contemplate and “soak” in God’s love for us – in Jesus and in creation. It is truly the honeymoon of the church year. It’s why our hearts burn within us, while the Lord talks with us on the road and empowers us to serve Him in the different fields of ministry. “With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.” (ACTS 4: 33)

Christ is risen! Let us rise and go to meet him.



Value comes from the Lord ... Esteem is built in our soul

Twenty young girls were able to explore their value in God’s eyes by learning through the bible about the beautiful woman God had created fully, equally, and humanly. The young girls who come from two churches in Jordan learned how to believe in themselves and how to build their self-esteem based on who they are versus what the culture wants them to be. “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13

Blooming on the discipleship journey

We have encouraged positive change in the lives of young ladies whom we are discipling. It is first of all, the Lord’s doing; further, it is a result of the accountability and encouragement provided by AWT based on the concept of intentional mentoring. A new group of potential ladies has recently joined our Discipleship group of Nouara, and soon a total number of sixteen young women will set out on a journey of transformation.

The ladies were encouraged to study their bibles and were offered some supportive counseling books. The Lord has been working on a personal level, too. One of the ladies has been supported in her quest to become a better mom and wife; she has begun to study counseling and to follow-up with other young women. She shared, “My calling is becoming clearer, that I am heading toward women ministry, the field where I am being used right now.”

Fruits of Change

“It was an assignment to me at first, then I started to read my bible, surf the web and search books. I profited and learned a lot from each Bible character I studied. I have seen the phase where they were healed by the Lord, which encouraged me to study even more.”

“I lived a separated life from my family despite living in the same house. I have just learned why. During the teaching, the Lord highlighted the roots of the problem that stemmed from my childhood.”

“The teaching opened my eyes to the necessity to finding a strategy for taking care of my daughters emotionally.”

“I needed to listen to this teaching at this exact time.”

Relief efforts

As the humanitarian work with Syrian refugees continues for the fourth consecutive year, ACCTS-AWT achieved the following during the first quarter of 2016:

- Reached 130 Syrian Refugee women through Social-Emotional Workshops.
- Provided cash assistance in the amount of 13,125 Jordanian Dinars, in addition to 1200 fuel coupons (worth 20 JD each), for Syrian refugees and poor Jordanians families.
- Visited and supported seven pre-selected Syrian families during Feb and March.
- Submitted three cases that are being followed-up on by the UNHCR.
- Covered childbirth costs for a pregnant woman who is due this month.

Fruits of Change

I followed the steps I learned from the lecture to solve a big problem my son was facing. My son and I ended up seeing the problem as smaller than we expected. My son asked me, "Where did you get this mentality from; you weren't like this before? Are you sure you're my mom?"

I learned from the workshop how to handle the anger of my husband. I learned to calm down and apologize. My husband was shocked from the change he witnessed in my attitudes, which eventually lead to sharing what I learned with Him."

We praise the Lord for:

- Opening the door again to equip North African women in an opportunity that is coming soon
- Allowing us to invest in the lives of thirsty young women
- The security in Jordan

Please support us in prayer for:

- Season three of our Satellite TV Broadcast *Balshi Min Hon*
- Meeting the shortage in our 2016 budget of \$100,000
- More volunteers to come alongside us and help in our outreach and mentoring programs.

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Staff and volunteers training

- Two staff members along with another group of Christian leaders attended Faculty International Seminar (FIS) by Haggai institute for Leadership Training. Thirteen leaders have been empowered with skills on how to conduct training, both in content and presentation, having been certified to join Haggai Faculty. Consequently, they are now ready to give a hand in the international and local training of leaders on how to use leadership for evangelism.



- SEW coaches were trained by Jordan River Foundation on how to deal with violated women and help them. Twenty-six Participants from ACCTS/AWT, Medair, plus other churches involved in fieldwork, attended the three-day training. Sessions concentrated on:

- Stereotypes of women in the Arab societies
- Identifying violence warning signs and symptoms
- Assessing risk factors for violated women
- Identifying the roles of effective contributors and partners who can help protect those women



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