



Newsletter

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Arab Woman Today Ministries



Jordan remains the place where Jordanians and foreigners and refugees feel safe. Since March 2011, Jordan has opened its borders to over 580,000 Syrians despite the economical strains.

The inflation rate in Jordan was recorded at 6.5% percent in July of 2013. The inflation is caused because of the increase in the price level of consume goods and services such as transport services, energy, clothing, vegetables, meat and poultry. The rising living costs in the Kingdom have pushed many Jordanians to spend less on the basic products of living.

On the other hand, the country suffers from the lack of natural resources, potash and phosphate are its main export commodities, limited agricultural land, and water is especially scarce. People are experiencing fear of war. Despite all that, we serve, love and help others because His love abides in us 1John 3:17

Through ministering to Syrian Refugees we are reminded of the Samaritan story in the Bible. The Samaritan was passing by a man who was hurt, Hungary homeless and when he saw him, he took care of him, cleaned his wounds then brought him to an inn. The next day he took out two dinars and gave them to the innkeeper. When we love our neighbors we fulfill God's Purpose in our life.

Ruba Abbassi



AlKarak, A visit to the South

In August, we headed south to an ancient city called AlKarak which was known of Moab. The Biblical history relates how the King of Israel and his allies from Judah and Edom ravaged Moab and besieged its king Mesha in the fortress of Kir-heres.

Our target group was Ladies from the churches in Karak who were very excited about the workshop entitled "Learning your personality through your heart and spiritual gifts", especially the leaders. They learned how to develop their communication skills for a better coordination between them as leaders and their church members. They mentioned that the training when applied will be useful in distributing tasks, as differences between each one of the team will be considered. The ladies requested that we keep visiting them and equipping them with more such productive trainings.



"Self Defense & Violence Awareness" Workshop, AlTurra

As we continue our work with women in AlTurra, North of Jordan, which is a small town that suffers from poor economy and destructive practices. AWT had the chance to raise the awareness of the young girls on the issue of "Violence & Self Defense".

We are encouraged of our partnership with the police department, they are always ready to move with us no matter the distance. The workshop provided practical techniques on how to react in order that they can protect themselves from any threatening situations.

“ Thank you for the eye opening workshop. After attending it, I found out that I am emotionally, physically and economically abused by my family. I live in a prison. Please come always.”

Praises:

1. Praise the lord for the stability of Jordan despite all the instability in the Arab Region.
2. Praise the Lord for the opportunities God is giving us to touch people's hearts all over Jordan.
3. Praise the Lord for our volunteers from the churches and community, without them we could have been struggling alone.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the political situation in the Middle East and its influence on Jordan.
2. Pray for our upcoming Annual Network Conference in October that equips Women leaders from Jordan and the Arab World. We have a shortage of \$15,000.
3. Pray for our upcoming media project that will be announced soon.
4. To be an instrument to heal broken hearted, especially in ministering to the Syrian refugees. We still have an urgent need of \$25,000 to cover our "Back to school mini project".

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Jordan Women "Follow up"

What a great feeling to witness the real change of the heart and mind of people! A special meeting was held for the JW to encourage the women and review the ideas we have covered together for a half year.

“ Attending the workshops was a life changing experience, it improved my relationship with my husband and my kids and I was able to understand them better. Besides, I have been taught how to accept other people despite our differences.”

“ In general, the workshops were very inspiring and resolved many conflicts that took place in my personal life. They also helped us understand each other and made relationships much easier.”



Syrian Refugees Project

AWT has started the second phase of the Syrian Refugees Relief Project, this phase consists of the distribution of food packages and non-food items to the Syrian Refugees who are located in Irbid, northern Jordan and the continuity of the Trauma workshops that target the Syrian Woman; the wife, the mother and the sister who is going through Trauma because of the war that left her a refugee.

The focus of our Trauma workshops will be on dealing with the women's emotions, understanding their behavior and sharing their experiences. It is good to mention that we will host a gynecologist to provide free consultation for the Syrian Women.

“ This is the first time I attend a lecture and I am happy with the new information I got, but that is not all, I am surprised by the love you are giving us when all what we are getting from everybody else is hate and disrespect. You have returned to me the feeling of humanity and dignity and can't wait to attend the coming sessions.”

Kids' event for ... Syrian Refugees & Jordanian Kids

We were thrilled to have initiated an event that gathered Syrian and Jordanian kids, our purpose is to mingle and build bridges between the Syrian and the Jordanian families who live in Irbid and Urban sections around it, to draw a smile on a child's face who went through so much as a result of leaving his/her home, country and even a family member, so that he/she can feel childhood for at least one day.

The kids enjoyed the cartoon characters who played with them, the cotton candy, the juice box and the refreshing bottled water that were provided for each child.

Yazan (6 years old, a Syrian refugee) Shared, "I am happy to have a gift; it has been ages since we had fun. I wish we can have such an event more often, please call us again when you repeat it."