

ARAB WOMAN TODAY

September 2014 Newsletter



"I have learned a strategy to help me get my rightful share after all what I invested financially in support of my family."



Jordan Women Workshops (Nourishment for Arab Women Seeking Change)

Financial Violence

One pervasive but rarely discussed type of violence was addressed in the 4th JW session, which was led by Attorney Lubna Dawany. This type of violence is Financial Violence. She explained how the economic disempowerment of the Arab woman has historically played a significant part in her acceptance of violence within her home. Women were encouraged to consider acquiring their own source of income and to discuss with their husbands beforehand their basic need for greater personal resources. They were also given guidance on how to develop a personal financial strategy in order to gain influence in decision-making.



The Balanced Life

"The Balanced Life" was the topic of our 5th JW workshop for 2014. Each lady had the chance to reflect on her current roles in life. They learned that healthy roles grow out of the soil of diligent spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional care. One lady shared with the group how she took her friend's advice, applied it to a personal matter and succeeded. Another one asked for a bible for her daughter, to be followed later by her friend who also requested one.



Staff is Worth the Investment

At ACCTS-AWT, we believe in the value of our employees and the necessity of equipping them for the work of the ministry. Our devotional series continued with Rev. Charlie Costa, pastor of Ras Beirut Baptist Church in Beirut, Lebanon. "The Christian at the Workplace" was the topic of one meeting, in which the staff had the chance to evaluate their attitudes, desires and habits, and to examine how Christian values can be applied professionally at the workplace.



On another note, one of our staff members and a volunteer participated in training on "Transformation Media" that was administered by Regent University. Training was performed in two phases, allowing local organizations who use media to define a shared vision for how this tool can be used best to further God's Kingdom in the Arab World.

Syrian Refugee Relief Project (Creating Hope for the Aching Hearts of Mothers)

God continues to bring healing and nutrition to the souls and bodies of Syrian refugees. Despite the destructive situations that overwhelm the many hurting families, these difficulties are evolving into opportunities for the Body of Christ to manifest His love to Muslims.

Our relief work continues with a new project that started in July and will continue until December. It involves food and non-food item distribution in conjunction with Social Emotional Workshops (SEW). Specifically, by project completion, we anticipate having served 1000 families monthly with food items and 1000 families over a period of six months with non-food items. In dealing with the psychological impact resulting from the events in Syria, we expect that a total of 400 women will have been ministered to through SEW.

For the purpose of continual improvement of our support process, an assessment has been completed on the most recent SEW sessions. As a result of this assessment, a focus on topics relating to children will be emphasized going forward, in order to answer the growing concerns of women and children who suffer daily as a result of the Syrian crisis.

Consider the following attendee feedback highlights from our last session:

- "After attending your session on "Grief Cycle", I forbade my children from watching news at home, as I realized the impact of TV and watching violence."
- "I feel that I have to pray... I feel there is another kind of prayer that I ought to say. Please come teach me how to pray as you prayed with me."

We praise our Lord Jesus Christ:

- For our new TV program that was aired on SAT-7 this September
- For achieving milestones in our agenda for this year in the way we reach people
- For those who pray for us, support us and interact with us through social media

Please pray:

- For the ministry among the Syrians so that we might be able to make a difference
- For the upcoming 10th Annual Network Conference this November (Financial sponsors for women to attend are still needed.)
- For AWT's potential involvement in coordinating relief efforts for Iraqi refugees

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Biblical Counseling

On June 20th & 21st, training was administered by Ms Haley Scully from Hope for the Heart (a radio ministry in Texas) at ACCTS-AWT offices. The highlighted topic was "The Importance of Biblical Counseling". Twenty-three church leaders attended the sessions in an atmosphere rich in blessing. Attendees benefited from the information they received and were encouraged to share the truth of the Bible and apply it through Biblical Counseling.

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