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### A WORD FROM RUBA:

#### It is gone...!!!

God's faithfulness endures from day to day. On the sunrise of the first day of 2007, I prayed and said: "Lord, make this year extraordinary for AWT ministries." It was as simple prayer but the Lord already knew the way He wanted to make this year different!I still remember the nightmares I had concerning the great amount of deficit we had, the stress I was facing to finish my masters degree, the need for volunteers and workers, etc.

#### Now when I look back and reflect on all these things, it is gone...!!!

Because of the Lord's provision our deficit is gone and we will enter 2008 with funds to function the first two months!! I am very thankful to the Lord that I finished my Masters degree and He provided two new staff members as well as new volunteers to the ministry. I am so encouraged by the Lord's provision and can say that the Lord truly made this year EXTRAORDINARY!



**W.M.U STAFF TRAINING** (Oct. 25-31, 2007)

A team from the Women's Missionary Union (W.M.U.) in the US came in October and trained the AWT staff in volunteer recruitment, training the trainer, public speaking, event planning and video production. In our role as maturing Christian women, we have a responsibility to reach and teach others. This training provided valuable and practical skills that we can use to coach and educate other women leaders in Jordan.

The W.M.U team also held training seminars at churches in Zarqa (the 2nd largest city in Jordan) and Al Husson (which is a city in the northern part of Jordan). The seminar topics were Problem Solving, Conflict Resolution, Positive Thinking and Decision Making. These issues occur in every aspect of our lives...home, church and work. The women in the churches were very encouraged and happy to receive teaching on thes issues they face daily.





W.O.G.A CONFERENCE

(Korea Oct. 15-19, 2007)

WOGA stands for Women of Global Action.WOGA Korea 2007 World Mission Conference for Women invited over 1,200 emerging Christian women leaders from 70 nations in and around the 10/40 window region to Korea. The major goal was to equip these women leaders to serve as Christian evangelists, Bible study teachers, and disciple makers. They were trained to use vocational skills to reach people for evangelism and plant house churches. Our team leader Ruba Abbassi and one of our staff members Basma Gammoh attended this conference. Ruba spoke about the life and character of the Arab woman. It was eye opening for many women from around the world.

### **OUR SECOND PART OF THE NETWORK CONFERENCE** (Tunisia Nov. 6-9, 2007)

Once again we testify on God's great faithfulness! As you all know we had our Network Conference this year, like we always do, at the end of March. Due to restrictions in Jordan we couldn't invite the women from North Africa. However we promised them that we would have a special conference for them in Tunisia since they were not able to join us in Jordan. The Lord helped us to organize everything for this conference. He intervened in amazing ways in many details and finally we were able to go to Tunisia to have this conference.

There were about 35 women from three different countries; Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria. They were all from Islamic backgrounds. The sessions during the conference discussed gender differences and

needs, difficulties in communicating with the opposite sex, positive communication skills, the healthy marriage and having self confidence.





## **RESPONSES FROM THE ATTENDEES:**

Below are just few examples of how the Lord blessed these women through this conference:

1. Zahra from Algeria: this is the first time that I attend a conference like this, and I was really happy to get this teaching, it is very helpful to me. I would like to go back home and share it with the women I knew to fulfill the needs they have.

2. Najwa from Morocco: The conference was wonderful. I needed to know more about the gender differences and needs and the things that concern relationships since not many people or churches teach about these issues, so it was really helpful.

3. Latifa from Tunisia: Since I come from a Muslim background I rarely get teaching about practical and important things to my life like the teaching I got in this conference.

I am very happy I came, it was useful for me and I love to listen to your radio program as well because many days I cant leave my house but my radio is always with me like a close friend, and your radio program has always been such a blessing to my life.

# **MOVING FORWARD WITH HIM**

AWT has prepared a schedule of workshops and conferences to be held in 2008 and we are looking forward to witnessing how the Lord works this next year. In March we will hold our annual Networking Conference and the main topic of discussion will be "The Art of Biblical Leadership and Management". There will be teams coming from the USA in May and October to hold seminars on "Pursuing Unity in Marriage" and "Raising Godly and Healthy Children". The women in Jordan have been asking for training in raising children and we blessed to have a team come present this topic.

# **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray with us for God's ministry at AWT in the coming new year of 2008. Pray for our staff, to be always filled with the Holy Spirit, to be used in this ministry according to his will. Join us in asking the Lord to help us reach out to those who long and hunger to know His truth so He and He alone shall set them free.

- Join us in prayer for more spirit filled volunteers to help in the ministry.

- For our 2008 budget particularly for the air time.

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