



# Newsletter ARAB WOMAN TODAY MINISTRIES





We had a beautiful spring in Jordan. The flowers and trees were in full bloom. The colors were magnificent. The fruit trees provided oranges, lemons, plums, figs and peaches. At AWT, we have been growing and blooming as well, thanks to training from many sources. Our prayer is that we will bear much fruit as a result of opportunities the Lord has provided.

"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." John 15:2

# Staff Training

One of our goals at AWT has been to increase training for the staff. We are well on our way of accomplishing this goal! Our staff has been blessed with many opportunities to be involved in various seminars this quarter.



- PMU (A mission organization based in Sweden) visited our office in Amman and performed an organizational analysis. They helped us identify strengths and weaknesses, resources and strategies. They taught us how to analyze and identify areas to redefine and improve. These areas include human resources, distribution of roles and responsibilities, control for accountability, flexibility and decision-making.
- Staff members attended a workshop held by Walk through the Bible. The topics were about love and enduring relationships.

  The information received will be very helpful in responding to our listeners who often have questions about love and relationships.

# Radio Program

As many of you know, AWT produces a weekly radio program called "Woman Today". Some of the topics that we discussed during the last three months were:





- Female circumcision
- Why do men like weak women?
- Married to a Controlling man
- Father's domination at home
- My husband... He's a mama's boy
- When a mother match makes for her daughter
- The relationship between sisters in-law
- The effect of conflicts between relatives on the immediate family

It is amazing how God formed each society with its own culture. As we were translating these titles, it sounded odd, don't be surprised by those that are considered a major challenge in the Arab woman's life.

### Other News

AWT had the opportunity to produce two radio programs in partnership with Ibrahimia Media Center in Egypt (IMC) which had a radio campaign to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. The goal and hope for these radio programs is to eliminate misunderstandings about the disease. In the Middle East and North Africa, persons with HIV/AIDS are shamed and never touched (not even a hug or a handshake). There is a strong misunderstanding of how it is spread. We hope these messages will reach and inform the youth, as well as adults. The Gospel message was presented in the both programs.

AWT was one of the sponsors for a conference given by the Women Studies Center in Amman at the University of Jordan. The conference, titled "Paving the Way for Gender Equality", was focused on the human rights of women in Jordan. Through this conference, AWT was able to build more relationships with the community and organizations in Amman.

# **Upcoming Events**

August 2007

Writing for Media training.

October 2007

Attending the WOGA Korea (Women of Global Action) conference in Korea. WOGA seeks to promote world evangelism by mobilizing, training and encouraging women worldwide. AWT will discuss the Arab woman.

October 2007

The WMU (Women's Missionary Union) from Birmingham, AL will be in Amman giving various trainings in surrounding cities for several groups of women leaders.

November 2007 As we mentioned in our last newsletter, due to new governmental restrictions, women from North Africa were not able to come to Jordan for the Network Conference held in March. Therefore, we promised the women to hold the same conference for them in Tunisia, since it is the most open and safe country in NA. Holding the conference there will actually enable more Christian women from the 10/40 Window to participate in training and encouragement.

#### Letters from Listeners

I have received your letter and I really don't know how to thank you for your concern and care. I need your spiritual and psychological consultation for my problems because I have no friends to whom I can talk about my problems without being ashamed of how they look at me and my family. (Amira - Egypt)

Thank you for your letter that will help me raise my son. I ask you to send me bible stories and websites for children

(Rana - Kuwait)

I am a 22 year-old Moroccan. I need someone to teach me about Christian faith because I want to be a Christian, please provide me with the address of any church in my area or call me on my cell phone (Badre - Morocco)

#### **Praises**

- 1. All of the past due balance for radio air-time, owed to TWR, has been paid! Praise the Lord for the matching grant provided by the Lloyd Foundation and all the faithful who gave to match the fund!
- 2. The souls that we are touching through the radio program, Web Site, and reaching out to the community.
- 3. All the expenses for the staff training and fund raising travel are covered this year by other than our AWT budget

### **Prayer Requests**

- 1. Please pray for the women and children in the surrounding war zone areas of Iraq, Lebanon, Gaza and Sudan.
- 2. The upcoming events, that the Lord would be the center of everything we do.
- 3. God's provision for more volunteers and staff to do administration and follow up tasks.
- 4. The provision of \$80,000 of 2007 budget.



