

# ACCTS/AWT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Partners and Prayer warriors,

We live in a challenging time of war and unrest that brings with it great opportunities to be salt and light for hurting people. We are reminded daily that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

As you read how the Lord is using us, we covet your prayer:

*"With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints."* Ephesians 6:18

**Nabeeh and Ruba Abbassi**



### Ministry is a full-time heart

It has been by all means another successful gathering of ambitious women of God! Hearing the sound of the faithful spirit of a Sudanese leader praying out loud in unity with the variety of nations and tongues present was really *a taste of heaven!* Sixty women from twelve countries from around the Middle East, including Jordan, and the world, such as Lebanon, Syria, The Holy Land, Kuwait, UAE, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Sudan attended the thirteenth Arab Network Conference with the theme as *Pulse; the Heart of a Leader.*

The sessions were very much focused on the inner person and the spiritual life of the leader. On the practical level, trainees gained some skills of presentation, and explored the different types of trainers and trainees. Besides, having been given some helpful insights to encourage team-work among leaders, women had the chance to write down an action plan in order to see change occur in their lives.

#### Feedback from Attendees:

*"You came to my rescue in the toughest two years of my life!"*

*"I have grown spiritually. I have a renewed mind. I forgave completely, and I started to lead through the Bible."*

*"Over the years, I have boasted about belonging to AWT family. And a lot has changed in my life and character."*

### Three graduations at the Community Center

#### ➤ One More Step to Self-Reliance

Fourteen ladies have accomplished the sewing program that took place over the period from May to September. The graduates had gained enough skills in order to easily and quickly do their own alterations and repairs to their clothes avoiding running to the tailor, and thus save their money. They learned how to make their own clothes, curtains, pillows, etc. Not only can they save money, but they can also make a living by selling their products to their relatives, friends and neighbors. A sewing machine was offered to each beneficiary by our partner *Mountain View Church.*

*One of the ladies, called Narjes, started her income generating project a couple of weeks before the end of the course by getting a contract with a nearby school to make one hundred and five pieces of school uniform. We are so very proud of her!*



#### ➤ Challenging Stereotypes

Ten ladies have accomplished the plumbing training program. Most of these women got involved out of a desire to be self-reliant by being able to fix the plumbing inside their houses without having to call a professional.

Being involved in plumbing training, women overcome the barrier of shame-culture stating that certain occupations are exclusively for men. They wanted to prove that women could do the same work as men.

A tool kit was offered to each beneficiary by our partner *Mountain View Church.*

## ➤ Basic Gardening at Home

Thirty-six Syrian and Jordanian women accomplished the training program which covered different related topics, such as: basic knowledge on gardening elements; soil, air, water, temperature and the ideal combination between these elements to have best plant growth. In addition to preparing for home gardens, irrigation systems and water-saving techniques for home gardens.



## Workshops



- ❖ A medical workshop took place at the ACCTS community center in AlHusn with the focus on blood pressure with the aim to raise the awareness among Syrian refugees and Jordanian women about its causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and natural ways to manage blood pressure and stay well.
- ❖ A teaching was given at Al-Ashrafieh Nazarene Church in a meeting gathering women from different backgrounds with the aim to bring them to self-analysis under the light of Scripture through a sermon given based on Proverbs 4:20-27.

## A pleasant visit

ACCTS Community Center's staff and beneficiaries were honored by the pleasant visit of representative partners from Mountain View Church, Kids Around the World, Faith Quest Missions, and World Relief; giving the opportunity to the latter to witness the work being done among Jordanians and refugees.



## We praise the Lord for:

- ✓ A successful 13<sup>th</sup> annual Network with bountiful showers of feedback expressing the impact on women attendees.
- ✓ Motivational success stories of empowered vulnerable refugees and Jordanian women with skills enabling them to sustain their families financially.
- ✓ A more tangible presence in the local community and a more effective collaboration with the civil society organizations.



## Support us in prayer for:

- ❑ Women networkers as they have gone back to their respective countries to bear fruit in their personal lives and ministries, for that what has been discussed will go deeper in their hearts and minds.
- ❑ The success of season 4 of *Balshi Min Hon*; our satellite television broadcast being currently shot in Sat-7 studios.
- ❑ Funding the organization with a *Green House* agricultural project in order to support our community center financially and administratively.

We are incredibly grateful for any amount of financial support, and we also covet your prayers as we continue to walk in obedience to the specific call of God for ACCTS.

Blessings from ACCTS-AWT,

*Nabeeh Abbassi*

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