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Merry Christmas!

Dear Family and Friends

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 ESV

The truth is, 2017 was full of challenges and great blessings; however we are thankful for new friends and partners. Although we are celebrating this peace in our hearts, our region still struggles to find this peace amidst the chaos.

We are thankful for your continual prayers and partnership.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



We praise the Lord for:

- Witnessing the profound influence on the lives of our 2nd group of graduates from the discipleship program.
- Helping create a better quality of life for Syrian refugee men and women.
- A more tangible presence in the local community and a more effective collaboration with the civil society organizations.



### Discipleship 2nd Group Graduates

ACCTS had the pleasure to graduate 16 girls who participated and finished the Nouara discipleship group, a two-year program. The ladies, one by one, had presentations prepared on what they have learned from the courses and the effects on their lives. On the one hand it was very heart-warming to see through the presentations how much more influential than we thought the sessions were for the participants, but on the other hand it has encouraged us to continue this initiative; having seen fruit from what has been sown.

“My personal life inside the house has been positively influenced. I am using your material in my ministries; with couples, children, and traumatized women, and in private counseling sessions.”

“I now know my true value in Christ, and won’t allow people to determine who I am. I have learned not to lose hope. Every day I am coming closer to applying the values and morals of the Bible. I started to celebrate life and appreciate those around me!”



## ACCTS and partners hand in hand

- In partnership with Scottsdale Bible Church, ACCTS held:
  - A day of training for its staff, offering them a Trauma Care and Team Building workshop. This specially focused day on the staff was definitely well deserved and a step further in the work that ACCTS has envisioned, as taking care of oneself.



- Another Trauma care workshop for ACCTS coaches, those who are facilitating the social emotional workshops for Syrian refugees, to equip them with more skills and tools, but also for them to feel refreshed and cared for.
- A training session, gathering people in the leadership position at Al-Huson Baptist church, to discuss relational conflicts encountered in the married life.

- ACCTS had the honor to be invited to the fifteenth anniversary of our partners; Survivors of Abuse Leadership Training Seminars (SALTS), and the launching of their book titled The New Journey.

### Support us in prayer for:

- Discipled women to continue the journey of change and disciple others.
- The success of season 4 of Balshi Min Hon; our satellite television broadcast which is being finalized right now.
- More funds to sustain our projects that have proven to be adding value to people's lives.

## Steps toward Social Development

- 16 Days of Advocacy

ACCTS-AWT has been privileged to be part of the the National Coalition which has been established with the purpose of constructing a follow-up and evaluation plan for Resolution 1325. This resolution was adopted by the Security Council in 2000 focusing on women, security, and peace in Jordan. As part of membership, our organization is proud to have participated in the 16 days annual international campaign against Gender-Based Violence, focusing on raising awareness on child marriage.

- Strengthening Resilience for Syrian Men & women Refugees

“I have changed the way I treat my children; when I came back home, I saw my wife and children differently!”

ACCTS has completed a project in Irbid targeting 90 men of the newly arrived refugees, those who left the camps, and those living in Jordan since the start of the civil war. Those who are feeling lonely, suffering from fear and anxiety, and facing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) issues. The program aims to raise awareness on topics such as psychosocial education and SGBV. It is a huge step toward social and community development.

Another project targeted 150 Syrian refugee women settling down in Madaba and the neighboring villages. The Psychosocial and SGBV sessions would bring benefits to the Syrian women who feel abandoned and rejected, suffering from anxiety, and encountering the SGBV issues.



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. Christmas Blessings from ACCTS team.

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