

ARAB WOMAN TODAY December 2014 Newsletter

"You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11

When the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins- It begins when we heal the broken hearted, when we feed the hungry, when we bring hope. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and accomplish its mission in bringing reconciliation to the lives of the women we serve.

Thank you again, dear friends and ministry partners, for your support throughout 2014, and Merry Christmas to you and yours!

ACCTS-AWT Team



A More Balanced Life

We are proud of the great blessings brought to the lives of fifty-seven Arab women leaders from ten different Arab countries. These women were attendees at our tenth Network Conference entitled "A More Balanced Life" which was held November 13th to 17th. We would like to applaud the

work of our partners from Hillcrest Baptist Church who blessed us with their presence, support and blessings. These Arab, Christian women - burdened, consumed servants of God - had the chance to dig deeper into their inner selves, finding the reason behind their uncomprehended sense of discomfort and dissatisfaction. They enjoyed a rare period of time for focusing on themselves, thereby allowing them to acquire practical tips of enlightenment towards a balanced life. Such guidelines will facilitate their lives on personal, relational and ministry levels.











"This is the only conference I attended that cared about me, that is, my personal and social life, not only my spiritual. I enjoyed it."

"I felt there was something wrong taking place in my life and ministry, but couldn't figure it out! I now can tell what, why and how." "I have already started to do my own budget. I am working on being a better listener; I now pay attention to may facial expressions when listening to my children, a subtle matter that helped them immeasurably! I learned that I should take care of myself without feeling guilty. I can now set my priorities straight.

Above all, to lift up what I can't change to the Lord."



Today matters

Thirteen ladies representing five of Jordan's governorates, attended the fourth phase of our Nouara Program entitled, "Today Matters". The AWT team imparted wisdom on how to maintain a balanced life, while Mrs. Randa Halaseh coached the ladies on the following concepts/topics:

- "Today can be wonderful!"
- Managing my heart attitude, my priorities and health
- Managing my family and thinking
- Managing my relationships
- Managing my personal growth

"I've been healed from all the past!"

"I don't have to tolerate people's pressure that pushes me to be what I am not."

"Nouara is a remedy for my life. I am now a full-time servant for Christ."

"Balshi min hon"

On the 1st of December, broadcasting for the first season of AWT's new TV program "Balshi min hon" began on three TV stations, to include: Sat-7 Arabic, Sat-7 Plus and Sat-7 North America. It is the very first training program produced specifically for the benefit of women. It aims to empower the Arab woman, thereby provoking change in the personal, spiritual, and social dimensions of her life.

The program covers a wide spectrum of topics, such as the following: thinking types; self-motivation; goal-setting; decision-making; working within a team; effective negotiation and time-management skills; and the impact of technology on women's lives. Additionally, "Balshi min hon" addresses the means by which Arab women can create new habits and change old ones.

Dynamic, ongoing interaction is taking place with our program viewers through social media platforms such as YouTube; Facebook; Twitter and Gmail.

"I felt energized. It was very practical and the spiritual closure was wonderful! The material renews the mind with new things."

"I couldn't leave the screen, because it was very interesting!"



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Two Jordan Women workshops took place in ACCTS-AWT offices during the last three months covering the topics:

"Balance in Health and Nutrition" and "Dealing with Hurt and Forgiveness."

Praise be to our Lord for ...

- The success of our tenth Annual Network Conference held in November.
- A fruitful conclusion to our six-month Syrian Relief Project, through which the ministry extended a hand to reach hurt and needy refugees residing in Jordan.
- Blessing ACCTS-AWT staff with three new babies and a newly married staff member, thus adding more joy to the atmosphere.

We pray for...

- The new doors of opportunity, challenges and dreams in store for ACCTS-AWT in its 2015 agenda.
- A new year of peace in the region where all forms of war and violence stop, and refugees go back to their homes safely.

