

# **ARAB WOMAN TODAY** March 2015 Newsletter

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:5-6).

# A special day for the Syrian Refugees

On Feb 9th, and through the activities of the Relief Department at ACCTS and the help of our partners from ZOA Organization, a group of fifty women reporters from Eva magazine in the Netherlands spent a day in Husn, Irbid for the purpose of supporting Syrian refugee women.

They split into groups and conducted field visits to Christian and Muslim families. A team of volunteers held special activities for the children accompanying their mothers. Lunch was served and creative workshops of hope were run at the Baptist Church in Husn allowing the women to express their suffering, needs and dreams through drawing and art.

The Eva-women are now taking their stories back home to their thirty plus churches. Clothing and food items were distributed to the families after the visits.



"A big thank you to the team at ACCTS for an excellent impression of the situation of the church and the refugees in Husn. As ZOA, we are most grateful to you that you went at length to facilitate this visit. The trip has been very inspiring to the team and gave them lots of things to think about." John Buijs- Manager Disaster Response Unit- ZOA

#### Happy Easter to all our friends and partners!

Well, Easter is nearly upon us. What a wonderful time of year, when we celebrate Our Lord's glorious resurrection!

Easter brings God's endless blessings and fresh love... Easter gives us hope for tomorrow, yet another reason to be thankful to God who loved us so much!

So let us be worthy of the life we have been given and emerge from our cocoon of doubt to fly freely on the wings of faith.

ACCTS-AWT Team





"All the Eva-women are very motivated to raise funds and awareness of the refugee situation in Jordan. A lot of ladies have delivered presentations in their churches, prayed and given offerings. Also, two ladies were on the radio to tell about you and your organization. And also

there are articles in varies newspapers... And it's still going on! The ladies came to encourage the people in Jordan but they have received a lot of blessings for themselves! So thank you for the organization and all what you did for us. Because I know it's a lot of work and energy to organize this for fifty ladies. All the best and blessings..." Yolenta Pater- Team Leader of Eva Women

# Equip Leadership Training

On the 19th and 20th of March and for the purpose of building our ministry's capacity, AWT's team underwent training conducted by EQUIP Leadership®. The staff was encouraged and empowered to engage in an on-going journey of leadership growth and impact. Topics included in the training were:

- Leadership and Personal Growth
- Undertaking the Hard Mission
- They either Help Me Succeed or Destroy Me • Forming an Effective Team
- How to Be faithful in the Use of Time
  - The Ultimate Purpose of Leadership: Fulfilling the Great Commission

## **Community Outreaches**

On March 12 and on the occasion of International Women's Day 2015, AWT participated in a meeting arranged by PwC Audit Company. Networking took place between some pioneer women from the society sharing the same field; such as the Minister of Planning, senators, owners of firms and NGO leaders, etc. The low female labor force participation rate in Jordan had been a topic of discussion. AWT shared on how to change mindsets and emphasized the involvement of man as a partner in the development process. It was recommended that:

- 1. A campaign shall be launched so that women can be brought back to serve in the educational field Boards.
- 2. Some materials in school syllabuses ought to be changed, since some lessons are destroying the woman's
- image. Consequently a paper to be lifted to the Minister of Education was signed.
- Around seventy ladies from Christian and non-Christian backgrounds were served in a celebration meeting on the occasion of Mother's day. The gathering took place at Zarqa Baptist Church on March 18. Good seeds were sown and good fruits were reaped:
- 1. The message of salvation was conveyed to women; three ladies accepted Christ and are now being followed up by women leaders from the church
- 2. Women expressed how they were motivated by our Satellite Television Outreach "Balshi Min Hon" giving AWT the opportunity to share about it
- 3. A Syrian woman was given counsel to an issue relating to her son's education as a result of the war. The lady took a decision to be committed to women church meetings and to enroll her son in Sunday school too



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#### Praise the Lord for:

- A studious, passionate team working together in harmony to influence change in the hearts of Arab women
- For the wisdom granted from above to our king and authorities, and for a heavenly protected country against all odds. Despite its limited resources and potentials, Jordan is still a place of refuge to many who were forced to flee their homelands.

## Please pray for our ministry to successfully achieve its agenda for 2015 in the following areas:

- Disciple and train Arab women from Middle Eastern/North African countries during the Network Conference
- Disciple Arab women from communities outside Amman who are potential church leaders through the Nouara Discipleship Program
- Engage young, college-age Arab women through Jordan Woman Workshops
- Produce, broadcast and promote season2 of our TV Program "Balshi Min Hon" at Sat-7 Satellite TV Network
- Promote the AWT Arabic website and Facebook page through new, different marketing tools
- Upload AWT radio broadcasts to the AWT website and use them, as appropriate, in AWT events

