

Arab Woman Today Ministries Annual Report 2011



# Who Are We Now?

ne of the global challenges that people face is searching for identity. What motivates us in our lives is our identity and the values that give freedom and liberation; (1 Cor. 9:13-15).

It is a simple right that every person longs to have. Identity in the Arab World is marginalized. Identity of the Arab woman is melted between social structure and economy. Who are we? How do we view the world? How do we view the people? How do we view the unrighteousness and the lost? Before knowing who we are we cannot go out there and help others. At AWT we know our identity.

So what is our role in the midst of this big challenge? What opportunities do we face in this challenging time called "Arab Spring" with the rising of political and religious tension? Yes, there are opportunities to work with those who lack recognition, love and respect for being a woman and being a female without a voice. God created the woman in His image, equal to the man, but sin destroyed this image, robbed the inner beauty of the woman and deprived her from her identity. Arab women have a great need to live their true identity in Christ (Col.1:20).

Through our radio program, website magazine, social media, regional and local meetings, we are focusing on restoring the woman's heart, mind and dignity. Knowing that the final restoration comes from the Lord and through His son Jesus and that He reconciled everything to Him (Acts 3:21).

As AWT grows year after year we constantly evaluate our strategy and budget. In the last quarter of 2011 we made changes in implementing some of our activities, such as the broadcast of our radio program. We wanted to have more women listening to the program at a more convenient time and reach a broader scope of women such as the younger generation. In order to accomplish this, the program now is broadcast on short wave, medium wave and FM frequencies through three different outlets. We also added a new line which is the social media and writing curriculum for the discipleship trainings that we provide to women. Also, developing a new partnership with Hope for the Heart ministry where we can use their counseling resources with women.

Thank you partners everywhere, local and international for coming along beside us through this journey by making Christ known among Arab Women. Your prayers and support are always a great blessing to us.

Ruba Abbassi





Ruba Abbassi Founder & Director





he Arab world is going through a phase of monumental change and transition. Regimes have fallen; longstanding political systems and economic policies are being rethought or discarded. There is a call for democracy as it was fully intended, personal freedom, and social equality. Women have played a prominent and active role in this "Arab revolution" and in many cases were at the forefront of demonstrations and popular protests, even in the more conservative Arab countries.

"I resisted the French occupation. I resisted the dictatorship of Bin Ali. I will remain in the square, for our revolt has not yet achieved its goals." This was stated by 77 year old Ms. Sadoni, who demonstrated in the cold of the Tunisian streets for two weeks, in front of the home of the Tunisian prime minister. She resisted.

In Tunisia and Egypt, women resist. In Libya, Syria and Yemen, women resist. All over the Arab world women are resisting. They have resisted and protested hoping they would win freedom for themselves and democracy for their country. All of these countries face a long road ahead. Throughout the region, there are opportunities for women to be part of institutions that will shape legal frameworks for decades to come.

This brings us to ask, what are the actual benefits the woman has attained from these revolutions and from a spring she effectively participated in side by side with men? Is it possible that women's rights, which are not yet achieved, will decline more during this era of revolution? Will this pull us backward rather than forward? What role is the Arab woman expected to play today and tomorrow? Will she find herself as a role model during the rebuilding of the States and civil society? Will she find reinforcement of citizenship and equal rights? Will the woman keep her pioneering role during post revolution or is she going to loose it because of a new style of leadership and rulers?

In the midst of the unknown future, women of the Arab Spring continue to call for real change and opportunities to shape the future. Throughout the year women's activists have been voicing concerns about the continued lack of laws and practices to encourage women's leadership, to address their social and local empowerment, and to tackle the high rates of gender-based violence in private and public spaces.







As soon as women stop being afraid, they won't stand for their rights being violated and they won't remain silent. As we review the history of the Arab woman and how her simple rights have been taken away from her or not even given to her, it gives us an urgency to support her movement towards her basic rights. Such as, her rights against virginity tests before marriage, fighting violence against women and children, freedom of choice, freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

What is the role and view of AWT during the Arab Woman Spring? The opportunity is wide open to reach the woman through technology such as radio and internet that break through all borders. We want to communicate to her that she has the right to choose her religion, the right to choose her husband; she has a right to live with full dignity, and the right to be equipped and skilled.

During 2011, AWT followed women in the Arab World who were in the news and noticed that their situation is still under attack particularly with the threat of the Islamist parties to take over the reins of power in these unstable governments. The responsibility is constantly increasing for us to be fully ready and equipped to reach these women.

AWT is looking forward to a promising future and for a real spiritual and social transformation of Arab women. We are taking responsibility to carry the voice of women socially, spiritually and economically. We cannot take one part and neglect the other. It's a long journey for women to be fully empowered and living in full equality inside and outside the church. We believe that the Arab Spring is giving Arab women the chance to start blooming and spreading the aroma of a better future.



"At first, I had very strong feelings about participating in what is happening in my country. I was excited and proud and had great determination to keep going no matter what the consequences. I used to take part in most demonstrations with hope that the dream will come true. After that, things started to unexpectedly get out of hands. I felt upset by that at first, but I said to myself that it is normal that we go through all these steps of change and that is Democracy.

All parties around us participated and I knew that at the end only what is right will happen. But the death of many friends and selling the case by some political parties made me discouraged and after that fear and casualties started progressing.

After the " $\mathcal{E}_{\underline{a}\underline{y}}$  ptian people council" elections I was very much disappointed that they are using ignorance against the revolution through the religious fatwas.

I think that the "Arab Spring" was stolen from the mercenaries in the name of religion which is the winning card in our Eastern countries. And the real revolutionists are the only ones paying the price. Unfortunately I am very discouraged!"



WT strongly believes that radio has been the most powerful tool that penetrates all borders, overcomes the lack of electricity in rural areas and reaches people wherever they are. To grab the attention of our listeners, we start each episode with a short drama. These dramas are performed by a skilled team of volunteers covering a variety of topics that people are facing in the Arab culture. After the drama, advice is given by experts in the subject and it ends with hearing from the great Counselor through His Word.

During the first six months of 2011 the program was broadcast on Trans World Radio twice a week covering the Middle East and North Africa. Because of the time of day at which these programs were broadcasted (10pm-12am) and the high cost of air time on Trans World Radio, AWT felt it was time to look for other ways to get our radio program out to the Arab world.

God opened new doors for our Radio program to be broadcasted on two shortwave frequencies, an FM station in Iraq and via the internet. Currently we are broadcasting through the following avenues:

- Pan America/Far East Broadcasting via shortwave on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10am
- IBRA via shortwave radio at 9pm
- FM Station in Irbil, Iraq at 10am
- Internet via Radio Ibrahim (IBRA) and the AWT website

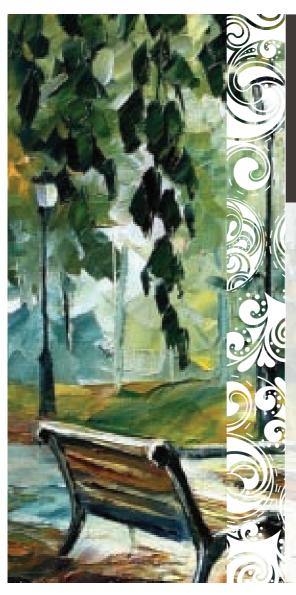
Our radio program and the comments we receive from listeners have become more active through using them on our Facebook group. This has brought a great deal of interaction and lively discussions on several topics covered in the radio programs.

A few subjects that we discussed in 2011 were homosexuality, drug addiction, rape, dysfunctional families, premarital counseling, parenting, peer pressure and dating. As you can see, we do not shy away from any subject, no matter how difficult.

Comment from the episode on homosexuality:

"This is the first time I noticed that the Bible talked about this issue! I think that generations should go back to the Bible and learn more about the word of God."

The counselor interviewed in this episode offered to help anyone facing this issue. The day after the episode was aired; the counselor received a phone call from a young Jordanian man seeking help. They are now working together toward healing. It was a blessing for AWT to find a specialized person who can help in this sensitive issue, someone that people can turn to for help and not be ashamed.



Our November 22nd radio episode was about honor killings. The drama portrayed a son telling his mother why he felt like he had to kill his sister. He did not want to do it, but his concerns were all related to what the society would think of the family based on the perception that his sister dishonored the family. He felt it was the only way to bring honor back to the family.

We received the following response from an active member on the Facebook group named: "No Honor in Killing":

This episode helped us to see the core reason that motivates such crime, which is basically what the community will think of the family, how their life could continue with the bad reputation and how will anybody think of having a relationship with them in the future. The laws and jail punishment will only last for a period of time, then the murderer will go free and the problem won't be solved! Therefore, I see that the society's mentality and way of thinking should be changed first in order to think of the gizl's situation and solve the problem itself, rather than focusing on the side-effects the family will face". He stated that new laws put in place will not help as long as the society does not change its mentality on the issue. He said he heard a lot about honor killings, but our radio episode gave him a new insight about the issue, in a way that he had never before realized! He also expressed his admiration of the skilled drama team that presented the first part of the episode.

### Radio program team:

- 1. Basma Gammoh
- 2. Nariman Abbassi
- 3. Suzan Gattas
- 4. Rana Bader
- 5. Rida Haddad
- 6. Wael Liddawi
- 7. Murad Hattar
- 8. Sarah Abulail
- 9. Jameel Khoury



















t the end of July 2011, the redesigned AWT Arabic website was launched. It received a "facelift" with a new look, features and capabilities. A much needed transformation took place which added new buttons and interactive tools, such as the Blog, Awareness, Q & A and Chat options. We also added a button that provides the user easy access to the Arabic Bible for viewing or downloading. Facebook, Twitter & YouTube icons were added so that our users can go directly to our social media tools. In addition, new technical means and links have been developed to help collect feedback comments and analysis from the website.

In August 2011, AWT created a Facebook page introducing the Facebook community to AWT's ministry. We had a slow start with our Facebook page and at the beginning of 2012, we changed it from a page to a group. Our followers increased from 172 at the end of December to over 3,000 in January. Also after the change we had 10 women in the first week seek our help for counseling. All our followers' contact information has been collected and reported to the follow-up department so that we can update them with the ministry's activities, events, and develop relationships with them outside of the Facebook community.

#### 2011 Website Statistics

Total Visits	17,527
Unique Visitors	14,088
Annual Page Views	67,411
Annual Unique Views	93,937
Percentage of New Visits	74 %
Top 5 Countries	Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, USA, Morocco

"Extremely helpful article, please write more.

"I really needed to find this info. Thank God!"

"May our lord bless you all... I pray this new site will enrich all users and seekers of Christ! Congratulations!"



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#### Radio & Website Contacts Statistics

Letters Recieved	42
Letters Sent	740
Emails Received	170
Emails Sent	2,065

AWT sent the following books to our contacts: 18 copies of the book "An Influential Woman" 2 copies of the book "Your Search for God" 1 copy of the book "Your Growth in Faith"

## 2011 Facebook Statistics

Total Followers	172
Total Number of Post Views	27,004
Total Number of Post Feedback	228
Female Users	79 %
Male Users	17 %
Gender Unknown	4 %
Top 5 Countries	Egypt, Jordan, USA, Lebanon, Kuwait



"I convey my warm congratulations and blessings to Arab Woman Today Ministries for launching the new website. Asking God and our savior Jesus Christ to bless all who participated in this, knowing the labor of your love is not in vain in the lord (Heb 6:10). Also for creating new interactive tools, so as to help us get filled with the spirit, gain the knowledge of Christ, grow in the faith and grace in our daily life, and for the spiritual renewal. When I started with you in 2002 until 2007, I used to feel weak and fearful, but your words and evangelism to me depended on what the spirit and power of God reveal, cause your faith was depending on the might of God, so I got a great deal of care, education, encouragement, strengthening, counseling, and guidance from you. Thus, I'm grateful to the lord and you for this. As I'm truly your son in the spirit, and you made me a great favor, and I can't be an ungrateful son (Heb 13: 7, 17). I was lost, but the lord brought me back to you with His love... I give you all thanks, respect, and appreciation."

"Thanks a lot for this research. I benefited a lot from it. All the information in it is so true. And I also enjoyed the test at the end of it very much."



n important piece of the AWT puzzle is our local and regional training events. These on the ground activities give us an opportunity to meet with women in the churches and community face to face and hear from them about their successes, struggles and needs.

In 2011, AWT participated in seven training events. In February, we headed to the North of Jordan to share at the Al Amani Women's Center. AWT staff members introduced the Problem Tree for the ladies working on the "Violence against Women" project at the center. This training helped them identify the roots of the problem, analyze the current situation and discover the fruits of the problem.

Next, AWT staff traveled to the east of Amman and shared with women in a local church on the real value they have in the eyes of the Trinity and how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit meet an essential need to their existence through love, value and strength. We also discussed the privileges and responsibilities that are part of being a follower of Christ and members of His family.

In May, AWT had the honor of ministering with a special group of six women from McKinney Memorial Bible Church in Ft. Worth, TX. They held a special training for the staff about Crucial Conversations and the Gospel Centered Life. During their week in Jordan, we were able to visit five churches and the Deaf Cultural Center to reach 117 women. The teaching impacted the lives of the women as they learned about the value of the Word of God and how it is the light for our path daily. They also presented a session entitled "Believe it, you are Beautiful!" which discussed valuable lessons learned from the story of Esther.

In December, AWT went to the South of Jordan to the Church in Agaba and shared a day with the women celebrating Christmas. AWT staff spoke to thirty women during the celebration about the birth of Jesus and how we can reflect that in our own lives. We also spoke about the things that steal our joy and how we can live a victorious life. This time was very special because there was unity among different Christian denominations represented by the women who attended. Three Catholic Nuns who attended ask if our ministry would come again to speak to the women and youth in their Church!



AWT training at Al Amani Women's Center









Right: Ministry with McKinney Bible Church





"Studying about the issue of my past inner wounds and the inner child has opened my eyes to understand why I deal with my husband and people around me in the way I normally do."

"I am more aware now that it is normal for us to go through what they call "The well stage" and knowing how to overcome this stage through going back to the Biblical references. This was something very unique for me."

In 2010, AWT committed to training women church leaders in Iraq over a three year period. In April 2011, we traveled to Erbil, Iraq and held a conference titled "Jesus is the Balm of my Soul". Forty pastor's wives and women church leaders traveled from all over Iraq to participate in this event. The main speaker, Rita El-Hajj, a Lebanese Christian Counselor specializing in trauma, taught the women skills and strategies on how to overcome pain and suffering. During the sessions the women were able to start opening up and expressing their pain. Step by step they were able to feel the hand of God touching their wounded hearts. There were many tears but we praise the Lord for the genuine smiles, joy and peace we experienced in the eyes of these amazing women by the end of the conference.

In September, two AWT staff members were able to return to N. Iraq to participate in the ceremony to lay the cornerstone for the Grace Baptist Cultural Center in Dahouq. Ruba Abbassi presented a special session for forty-five women leaders titled "Strength in our Responsibilities". AWT feels the opening of this new center will offer great opportunities to women in N. Iraq and we are blessed to play a small role in its development.



"After the things I have learned through this conference, I will now have more patience and compassion with other women who could be hurting, and I have learned how important it is to pray and bless one another."







AWT in Erbil, Iraq

Women learned useful skills on how to overcome the pain cycle and how to help others who are suffering.

Women opened their hearts and expressed their pain and struggles.





AWT celebrating Christmas with Agaba Church



eveloping women leaders has always been a passion for AWT. Our last Network Conference was held in 2009 and we have been waiting for the day when we could bring women church leaders from all the Arab countries together again. This day finally arrived in August 2011 when 40 women from eight Arab countries came together for a journey to discover various styles of leadership.

The main speaker, Mrs. Abeer Qumeish and her team from Better Business Company, presented six main leadership styles; the servant leader, captain, warrior, conductor, shepherd and doctor. Each type was related to a biblical character. They also brought someone working in four of the areas to come and share about how they lead in their respective professions. For example, a shepherd from the Dead Sea area came and shared about his day taking care of his sheep and how they know his voice so well. A group of gladiators that put on a show daily at the Roman ruins in the town of Jerash came and showed how the leader gives commands and what happens when those commands are followed correctly or incorrectly. A surgeon came and shared about how important his leadership is in the operating room. Finally, a local band teacher came with musical instruments and taught the women how to play a simple song just by following her leadership. These examples were so interesting and creative that the information learned will not soon be forgotten!

This was the first year that AWT gave two awards for outstanding work in ministry and in the community. The first recipient was Mrs. Nourhan Gammoh from Jordan for her development of a local prison ministry. The second recipient was Mrs. Maisa Salloum from Syria for her perseverance in convincing the government to allow the showing of the Jesus film in public.

Other highlights of the conference were the time of sharing by each attendee about their respective ministries, times of prayer for each person, worshipping together and building lifetime friendships.



Mrs. Abeer Qumsieh



Interview with Dr. Fadi



Devotion with Mrs. Maisa



Breaking the ice



Network 2011 participants



Awards to Mrs. Nourhan and Mrs. Maisa







The application of the servant leadership style

AWT is a creative and effective ministry.

Our societies and Churches are in great
need for all you are doing, so hearts can be
touched and God's calling can be fulfilled."

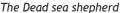
"I was very touched by the team spirit AWT's team showed. You work together and cooperate in so much harmony! Thank you for all the love you showed to each woman."

"I give all credit concerning the development that happened in my life and ministry to AUT! In Each training you present something new, along with practical and creative ideas which I have used in the lives of other women in return."

"I am proud to be a woman and I am proud to be part of AUT ministries with sisters who are blessed warriors from all over the Arab world."









The VI Roman legeon



The orchestra



Watching the Captain movie



Worshipping time



**Group Discussion** 



s believers we know that it is impossible to do the Lord's work alone. The Scriptures call for believers to work in unity with our individual gifts (1 Corinthians 12). We also know that the "harvest is plentiful and the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37). In order to efficiently and effectively reach the community, AWT has developed many local and international partnerships to work together for His kingdom. Below are a few of the partners that AWT had the blessing to work with in 2011.

## Hope for the Heart

In 2011, AWT began a collaboration with Hope for the Heart Ministries (a radio ministry in Texas that has published Biblical Counseling materials). AWT has arranged for the translation of 13 of the Biblical Counseling topics that will be published in three small volumes. Volume one includes topics on pre-marriage issues such as dating and singleness. Volume two includes topics on marriage issues such as intimacy and having an unbelieving mate. The third volume includes topics on family issues such as parenting and dysfunctional families. After the books are published in the spring of 2012, a representative from Hope for the Heart Ministries will come to Jordan to teach lay leaders in the churches how to use the materials in helping church members, families and friends in

the community. AWT has been using the material in the radio programs and website and we are looking forward to having the materials in Arabic for our local churches!



Example of the cover of volume one on Pre-Marriage

# Pentecostal Mission Union (PMU)

PMU is a Swedish organization that has partnered with AWT over the past 10 years in various capacities. In 2011, PMU offered AWT valuable training in subjects such as Train the Trainer and project development.

#### Professional Network to Fight Violence Against Women & Children

To supplement our work with women who face violence in their homes and on the streets, AWT joined the Professional Network to Fight Violence Against Women and Children. This organization is made up of local agencies and individuals interested in raising awareness and eradicating violence against women and children. They have offered much needed training and seminars on various subjects that relate to this issue in our culture.

### Al Amani Center for Women

In 2010, AWT partnered with an existing center for women that is located in the North of Jordan. Al Amani Center offers opportunities for women to increase skills and knowledge in various areas such as computers, marketing and selling herbal products. They also began to work with women facing spousal abuse. AWT continued this partnership in 2011 by offering training to women that work with abused women.

#### **Prison Ministry**

In 2011, AWT staff members volunteered with a local prison ministry started and run by one of our Network Conference attendees. The prison ministry gathers items for care packages to be taken to women prisoners. They also visit the women and share the love of Christ with these women of whom the majority are incarcerated to keep them safe from family members or families that they worked for as house help.

"PMU has had the honor to cooperate with AWT during the last 10 years. We appreciate AWT for their heart for Arab women and for their hard work to be God's voice in this world and by that fulfill their part of God's plan for the Middle East and North Africa."

Hanna M. - PMU

"Hope for the Heart is looking forward to the partnership with Arab Woman Today Ministries sharing June Hunt's Biblical Counseling topics with Arabic speaking Christian women. Through joint training events and the soon to be published Biblical Counseling Keys it is our hope these women will be better able to counsel each other through the trials and struggles of life using God's authoritative word."



It has been our heart's passion to sharpen the drama and skills of the radio team. AWT was able to secure the gifted Mrs. Majd Madanat, a talented drama coach with years of radio experience. The radio team was able to spend two days together learning the building blocks of drama, acting, script writing and directing. Also, as part of developing and improving our radio program auditions for our radio drama team were held in the spring. Ten people applied and auditioned for us. We chose four new members to be a part of our team. Their presence and help in recording the programs has been a blessing to our ministry.

Three of our staff attended a 9-day Train the Trainer (TOT) course that focused on what every trainer needs to know in order to be successful in training others. By the end of the course our staff was able to:

- Analyze training needs; in respect of their specific proficiency and in relation to the needs in the society, taking into consideration ethical issues, environmental issues, the human rights situation, gender roles and a democratic approach.
- Plan training activities in order to meet the needs in a balanced and appropriate way.
- Deliver training in the specific area of proficiency.
- Evaluate training activities.
- Describe the idea of distance learning and its potential in training

One of the AWT attendees immediately put the training into practice and wrote a curriculum for violence awareness and self defense that AWT will be using in their 2012 training strategy.

"I was very happy to learn more about script writing.

This is one of the practical things that will help me.

The time we had for direct application helped us a lot to apply the new things we learned. Having the speaker by our side directing us through it all was so valuable."

"The things we learned exceeded my expectations.

This training was very helpful to me and to all of us as a team. I was encouraged to study more about directing and I am excited to learn how we can deliver many values through our voices on the radio."



#### AWT Vision

To see the Arab woman reconciled with God, herself and her society.

#### AWT Mission

- 1. AWT exists to equip Christian women in leading roles from all Arab countries through discipleship and training to impact women in their sphere of influence.
- 2. AWT exists to equip the Jordanian woman to pursue change in her personal, spiritual and social life.

#### **AWT Values**

Godliness, Teamwork, Personal Growth, Openness, Quality, Creativity, Selflessness

#### **AWT Goals**

- 1. To provide Christian women in all Arab countries with the skills, knowledge and motivation they need to become tomorrow's leaders.
- 2. To build the Jordanian woman's self-confidence and self-respect.
- 3. Eliminate abuse against young Jordanian women.
- 4. To motivate the Jordanian women to work together to break the cycle of destructive social practices.

### Plans for 2012

Radio: AWT will write, produce and record 25 radio episodes based on women in the Bible to be broadcast on Pan American/Far East Asia, IBRA, FM station in N. Iraq and the internet.

Training: Discipleship Program- AWT will implement discipleship training program to include 4 stages:

Stage 1 - Personality

Stage 2 - Spiritual Life Development

Stage 3 - Relationships

Stage 4 - Leadership

Building Bridges: AWT will hold 3 workshops which will bring Christian & Majority women together to discuss social issues.

Violence Awareness: AWT will hold violence awareness/self defense workshops for young women.

Conferences: The AWT annual Network Conference for leadership will be held in November 2012.

The second Iraq Conference for women church leaders and pastor's wives will be held in Erbil, Iraq in May 2012.

Website & Social Media: AWT will continue to maintain interactive and dynamic Arabic and English websites that are interconnected with social community portals. We will continue to develop our new social media avenues such as Facebook and Twitter.

Follow-up: AWT has plans to develop and improve our follow-up system by implementing a new database and internal systems so that we can more effectively build relationships with our radio and website contacts and trainees.

# **Board Members**

Nazieh Omeish (Chairman)

Director of Trans World Radio / Middle East

Suzanne Robertson (Secretary)

Speaker on Middle East Culture and women's issues

Hala Samawi (New to board in 2011)

Pastor's Wife

Sultan Masanat (New to board in 2011)

**Engineer** 

Suha Jouaneh (New to board in 2011)

General Director of the Jubilee School



# **AWT New Office/Training Space**



s our ministry has grown, the need has increased for larger office space and an area to hold our training sessions. In August 2010, AWT in partnership with the ministry Arab Consulting and Training Services (ACTS), purchased office and training space that will provide 380 meters or a little over 4,000 square feet of space for ministry activities. Since the building was still under construction efforts were dedicated during 2011 to design the space according to our needs. Our new space will have a special training center that will accommodate 30-50 people, a private space for counseling and a resource room to provide our trainees with various kinds of materials.

We are still in need of funds to complete the purchase of the space and finish the kitchen and training room before we can move in. Our prayer is that we can move in May 2012. Following are the financial needs in order to complete our dream of providing more ministry to women in the Arab world:

- \$205,000 is needed to complete the purchase of the 2nd unit
- \$25,000 is needed for the government registration
- \$57,000 is needed to complete the HVAC, electrical for the training room & kitchen cabinets & storage closets
- \$25,000 to furnish the training room and offices







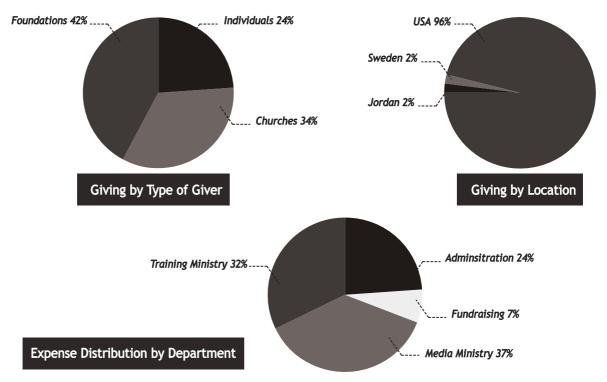


A tarab Woman Today Ministries (AWT) we recognize the serious state of the US and world economies. We also recognize that there are many great ministries that you can support. Because of this we are more grateful for your prayers and support than we could ever express this report.

In 2011, donations received increased 19% over donations received in 2010. The 2011 expenses were 71% under budget mainly because the income did not meet the expected budget forecast for 2011. Please note that these percentages do not include income and expenses related to the building project.

Arab Woman Today is accountable to the following:

- 1. CHRISTAR is a mission organization that receives funds for AWT projects and provides donors with receipts. To maintain the highest standard of financial accountability, Christar is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, CrossGlobal Link, The Mission Exchange and the Canadian Council of Christian Charities. They also have a yearly audit conducted by an independent accounting firm. The results of the audit are open and available to all who request them.
- 2. Arab Woman Today has a third party, certified auditor examine the financial reports annually. The auditor insures that the bookkeeping, accounting system and internal controls are accurate. Copies of the certified report are available upon request.
- 3. We feel it is very important to be transparent with our donors. All financial information is available upon request.



# **AWT Staff**





Left: Ruba Abbassi (Founder& Director) Right: Colleen, Nidal, Basma, Rana and Martina

















Right: Dima, lana and Farah joined AWT in 2011









# What your donation can do

For more information contact us www.awtministries.com awt.ministries@gmail.com

\$5 covers the cost of 1 book sent to a radio listener.

\$10 covers the postage to mail a book to a contact outside of Jordan.

\$125 per month covers the cost of the website maintenance for 1 year.

\$145 per month covers the cost of producing 25 radio episodes per year.

\$500 will cover the cost of 1 woman to attend the Iraq conference.

\$1,800 will cover the cost to send 1 woman to the annual Network Conference.

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100 people gave \$100 per month it would cover the cost of the Iraq and Annual Network conferences.

75 people gave \$50 per month it would cover the media budget for 2012 (airtime, production and website).

50 people gave \$25 per month it would cover the cost of 8 local training seminars.

20 people gave \$20 per month it would cover the cost of office supplies for 1 year.

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