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*"The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy."*

Psalm 126:3



ACCTS—Fifth Anniversary

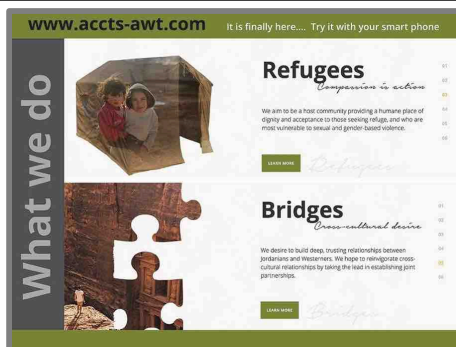
Abundant joy has overwhelmed ACCTS over the last couple of months, as we have celebrated our fifth anniversary of being an established organization under the Ministry of Culture in Jordan.



In addition, we have celebrated the first anniversary of our Community Center at Al Husn, and the graduation of the first group of Syrian and vulnerable Jordanian *preschool* children from the center.



Our New Website Has Launched!



ACCTS is pleased to announce the release of our new website, designed with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation, updated with the latest information and events about our organization. We hope you will enjoy our new site. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please send them our way. Enjoy it!

Training:

Local:

A Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) training was provided by the Jordan River Foundation to the staff of the Arab Center for Consulting and Training Services, in order to raise awareness of gender-based violence, plus provide a cadre capable of dealing with Syrian refugees who have been subjected to gender-based violence, efficiently. Sixteen male volunteers were nominated to attend the training.

"I have become more sympathetic to situations subject to violence, especially to refugees."

"During the training, I have applied skills that helped me improve the quality of my relationship with my children."



SGBV training men 11-13 July

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Regional:

ACCTS conducted training in Tunisia with the aim of encouraging believers with the reminder of the knowledge of their true identities, having discussed how it is crucial in building a family-like structure for the church. And consequently, influencing their communities for the better.

Men and women participants explored the essence of being influential—how does it start in one's life and the different types of influence and impact one can make, immediate influence, eternal influence to name a few.

Another big request, especially from the women, was to learn about *relational needs* in the context of tension occurring in their lives. The topic was dissected starting with an overview of what these needs are, what they might look like individually, and were each given an opportunity to assess what might be theirs. They were then exposed to some

psychological barriers that may form hindrances against healthy relationships, and thus learned what might be the outcome of a need that is not being met, the effect on the individual, and the way she interacts with her surroundings.

Men had their own sessions around the topic of *conflict resolution*, where they worked professionally, by the support of a previous judge and a current pastor lecturer, on solving some practical case studies relating to the topic, which would support their ministry and personal life.



Regional training Tunisia

"God opened my eyes to things behind the scenes."

"I hope to attend another conference soon. Every time I come, I leave feeling blessed and refreshed in my thoughts. We desperately need training as such."

Impacting Community

Article 308 Abolished

ACCTS Foundation played a role in advocating for women and children victims of Article 308 of the Jordanian Penal Code, which allows impunity for child sexual offenders. ACCTS, represented by a team of its men and women, participated alongside an elite group of jurists and advocates for women's issues, those signatories to the statement, at the solidarity stand before the Parliament, in order to cancel the article. And triumphantly, we say: *our unified voice was heard and the article is now abolished.*



Diabetes awareness ↓

ICMC ↑

Food processing ↓



Soap manufacturing →



Community Center Al Husn Programs

The following programs were conducted by ACCTS Community Center Al Husn with the aim of raising awareness, besides empowering vulnerable refugees and Jordanian women with skills which can enable them to sustain their families financially.

Awareness

- An awareness meeting on the importance of pursuing learning with the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)

- A medical workshop on diabetes

Small Projects

- A soap manufacturing program
- A program on food processing techniques
- A sewing training teaching

Praise and encouragement

- ✓ Praise the Lord for being able again to cater for the spiritual and emotional needs of the precious Tunisian group; vibrant young men and women.
- ✓ Glad to have launched our two major websites; one is informative in English (www.accts-awt.com). Another is a rich up-to-date resource for women in Arabic (www.arabwomantoday.com).
- ✓ Grateful to a new, promising, contemporary orientation that has been adopted for our social media portals and Satellite Television broadcast, which will help us to creatively reach our target group.

Your prayers avail much

- ☐ Spirit-led preparations for our upcoming 13th annual network conference.
- ☐ Functional and effective implementation to our strategies, taking into account nowadays new challenges and considering the actual needs.
- ☐ Funding the organization with a *Green House* agricultural project in order to support our community center financially and administratively.