



Arab Woman Today Ministries

Newsletter

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"... For just such a time as this"

"Time" is a very important element in the Bible. God's word tells us: "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." Ecc 3:1

God has a plan for all people so He provides cycles of life, each with its work for us to do.

The challenges women are facing in the MENA region might seem to contradict with God's plan. However, these challenges should not be barriers to believing in Him, but rather opportunities to discover that, without God, life's problems have no lasting solutions. Our God is not limited by time nor is He subject to time. But in our limitations as human beings we need "Time" to understand His plans and to be able to deal with an element that our human minds can measure and comprehend.

At AWT, we believe that our Lord is about to do greater things among our nation. Recognizing what God wants to do in us and through us in certain stages in our walk with Him is something very important. We are encouraged by the words of wisdom found in the book of Esther, spoken by her uncle Mordecai before she choose to be used to save her people: "... Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" Esther 4:14(b)

Both Esther and Mordecai saw that God had placed them in their positions at that time for a purpose, so they seized the moment and acted. Although God is not specifically mentioned in the book of Esther by name or title, yet His presence clearly fills the pages. Esther and Mordecai believed in God's care, and because they acted at the right time, God used them to save His people.

We pray that God's people will have the spiritual intelligence to be aware of the seasons God wants to use them in to do great things for His kingdom. Let us all ask God for His direction, and then act! And remember: God may have placed YOU where you are "for just such a time as this."

Be prepared to be surprised by the ways He demonstrates His trustworthiness!

Blessings, AWT Family



Ministry with McKinney Bible Church

AWT had the privilege of ministering along side a special group of women of God in several areas of Jordan. The 6 women from McKinney Bible Church were a great blessing to the AWT staff, where they taught us about Crucial Conversations and Gospel Centered Life.

Next, the team headed for ministry in many Jordanian cities from the North to the South. They reached a total of 117 women and young girls in 5 Churches including a church with Iraqi refugees plus a special ministry in the Deaf centre.

The teaching impacted the lives of the women they reached as they taught about the value of the Word of God and how it is the light for our path daily, "Believe it, you are Beautiful!" - Valuable lessons learned from the story of Esther plus learning together on how God builds His Church.

Women were taught how to make a beautiful beaded heart as a handicraft. The spiritual message behind it grabbed the attention of the women. The craft was a beaded heart that had a big, clear bead that made the center of the heart that represents God, surrounded by colored beads in different shapes and sizes representing God's people. We are held together through His love regardless of our differences, and when we are united we reflect His love to everyone around us!

"Jesus is the Balm of my soul" – Inner Healing Conference / Iraq

We were blessed again this year to hold a conference in Irbil - Iraq on inner healing, aiming to help women leaders and Pastors' wives learn how to overcome fear and trauma successfully. Forty-two Christian women leaders, from different Iraqi cities and evangelical denominations came together for 3 days and learned useful skills on how to overcome the pain cycle and how to help others who are suffering.

Our speaker, Rita El-Hajj, a Lebanese Christian counselor specializes in the area of trauma, is an Arab and is from an area that has been riddled with war, so she has a special understanding of trauma. She was able to relate to the women in a way most of us couldn't. AWT staff taught the daily devotional during the days of this conference.

During the sessions the women opened their hearts and expressed their pain and struggles. Step by step, they started to feel the hand of God touching their wounded hearts and start the healing process. "One to one" counseling was made by the speaker and the AWT staff.

The women were so thirsty to receive new strategies and skills to help them be more influential in their personal lives and in their ministry. We saw many tears but we praise the Lord for the genuine smiles, joy and peace we experienced in the eyes of those amazing women later on.



Feedback from women:

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

B: "The teaching in this conference has made me realize how much our children need us and how much we should raise them in a healthy way so they will not suffer from the same problems we went through."

C: "I was touched the most by learning how to conduct a healthy conversation and I realized that I had a lot of wrong reactions that used to lead to arguments."

D: "It was very encouraging to me to realize my true value in God's eyes. And the teaching made me realize that I was totally ignorant in dealing with my brothers and sisters at church plus my husband and children."

Praise the Lord for:

1. God's financial provision for the women conference in Iraq.
2. All the amazing people God put in our way in the past couple of months who helped and continue to help the ministry in many areas.
3. The development that was accomplished in our Radio program and Radio team

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for \$260,000 needed to complete the purchase of the 2nd Unit in AWT's new building. We also have more concrete figures on the building registration and set-up cost which is \$119,200.
2. Pray that we can launch our new Arabic Website in July.
3. Pray for the AWT staff as we begin a planning process in deciding what activities in our ministry need to be kept, stopped, added or developed.

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