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Middle East Reformed Fellowship—“Declaring the Whole Counsel of God”

“Faithful, Fruitful and Cost-Effective Indigenous Missions!”

Arabic Media Ministry Update



We praise God for enabling MERF to bring life-changing biblical content 24/7, in Arabic, online and by radio across the Arab world and beyond. This touches the lives of hundreds of thousands of Muslims. For several decades the efforts of MERF’s Arabic Media Ministry team, staff and volunteers, have been blessed with steadily growing interest in the gospel of Christ. Many have come to saving faith. The team prayerfully work together to write and produce engaging scripts and short radio and video programmes sharing the Saviour.

In the last three months alone, the team has produced more than 60 new episodes along with daily posts. They have also introduced many new AI-animated videos. Over the past year, interactions

across various social media platforms have continued to steadily increase, reflecting a growing desire for spiritual guidance.

Past gospel programmes remain available online. New episodes are regularly recorded. New gospel programmes are always being developed and produced. The team takes a 3-pronged approach to reach three different target groups at the same time. The newest website provides solid biblical literature for Arab Christian leaders and others interested in serious Bible study. The other two sites appeal to the young Arab Muslim majority who have never heard the gospel

MERF-ArabicLibrary.com offers valuable resources to Arab Christians for personal and group Bible and theological study for free download or in print form. New materials

are regularly introduced. The website and social media pages regularly introduce new Arabic books and materials freely offered for download or in print form. *This has dramatically expanded access to solid Christian literature across the Arab world.* The books and articles are received with joy. MERF-ArabicLibrary.com not only gives Arab churches and seminaries much needed resources, it also inspires individuals to learn and grow in faith. *Praise God for this vital tool which equips Arab Christians for service.*

In contrast, **Dardasha7.com** (Chat 7) reaches out very very widely, drawing the interest of hundreds of thousands in the young Arab majority by a variety of engaging short programmes. The programmes gently weave quotes of Christ’s sayings and Bible teaching into compelling drama and

interesting discussions on various topics relevant to youth. They stimulate meaningful conversations about faith and daily struggles. Direct engagement is growing, with thousands of comments and messages. Some take serious interest in the gospel and inquire in private chats. *Please pray for them.*

Issa-alMasih.com (Jesus the Christ) is specifically directed to the growing numbers of Muslims who actively search for more information about *Issa-alMasih*. *It focuses on the teaching of Jesus and biblical truths, with clear and accessible resources.* There are hundreds of direct inquiries from serious seekers. By God’s grace, many are encountering the love of Christ, asking deep spiritual questions, and wanting to learn more. Some express the desire to follow Him. *Please pray for the Lord’s wisdom and grace to those who*



"Word of Encouragement" is a Dardasha7 Programme

follow up contacts and provide them with confidential personal care.

Ramadan Programmes

Last month was Ramadan, the lunar month of Muslim fasting from sunrise to sunset. It provided a springboard to share the gospel. MERF's Arabic Media Team made Ramadan related episodes in regular programmes and even prepared a special programme on fasting. Rather than belittle the four

weeks of daylight fasting, the radically different gospel perspective of Christ's teaching on prayer and fasting in the Sermon on the Mount is presented so that the purity, wisdom and love of Christ clearly shine the gospel far above all forms of man-centred and man-made religion.

The programme "Fasting is Our Right" was promoted on various social media platforms by short videos, with this description in Arabic: *A spiritual journey during fasting that moves us from form to essence, from habit to true meaning. It explores how fasting provides the opportunity for self-examination, a genuine recognition of one's sinfulness and need for divine redemption. Fasting is not just abstaining from food; rather it develops a desire for a transformed life.*

During Ramadan, there were about 800 thousand views of the programme and about 10 thousand reacted directly. Some reactions were negative and even included some name-calling. Such receive gentle and polite responses and invitations to seek after Christ's saving grace. Others with partial knowledge, seek to know more. For example:

- Was the Christ who came in the flesh God or the Son of God? How did the Christ take the form of a dove?

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REPLY: "The gospel does not say that Jesus did that. Jesus is God in the flesh and as such he is called the Son of God."

-As Muslims we believe that Jesus the Christ (Issa-alMasih) is God's Word and Apostle. Is it true that he is God's Son in the flesh?
REPLY: "John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...."

Praise God for:

- Open doors to reach new audiences through different platforms and formats, especially in seasons like Ramadan.
- Clear signs of impact, as content continues to resonate deeply and spark meaningful conversations.
- Faithfully sustaining the ministry despite challenges and changing circumstances.

- Creative growth and collaboration in the team, leading to more diverse and relevant programmes.
- Encouraging responses from viewers who engage with the gospel message behind the programmes.

Please Pray for:

- Deeper impact, that content would not only be viewed, but truly transform hearts and lives.
- Guidance in developing new programmes to address real questions and struggles people are facing today.
- Open doors for wider reach into regions and communities that are still difficult to access.
- Protection over digital platforms and communication channels, ensuring continuity and effectiveness.
- Continued provision of resources to sustain and expand this vital ministry.

Church Members 18 and up

JULY 7-14, 2026
John Calvin Centre
Larnaca, Cyprus

Biblical Missions Retreat

MERF provides Accommodation & Food

Email merf@merf.org :
SUBJECT: July Missions Retreat
• name, date of birth, church
• church leader recommendation
• completion of the following as 4 short sentences:
*The Bible impacts my daily life by Christ is precious to me because
I serve Christ by
I share the gospel by*



"Fasting is Our Right" Programme for Ramadan