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HOPE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

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Bloodshed and unrest are the headlines of most of the countries in the Middle East. What is happening in the Middle East now, be it in Syria, Iraq, or the Palestinian Territories, is becoming a real threat to global peace and security. The region is living the reality of a long and devastating war with perhaps unimaginable consequences.

"We Christians live in great fear in Syria. Our faith is under mortal threat, in danger of being driven into extinction, the same pattern we have seen in neighboring Iraq," said a Syrian bishop.

As Christian media, our role is to seize this opportunity to share the message of hope, peace & reconciliation with the hurting Arabs through this time of history. Media organizations serving in the Middle East are uniting in vision and mission to spread the message of Hope to the hopeless in the Arab World. They are cross promoting their programs, sharing their resources and content, demonstrating the love of Christ as one body.

Together we can reach the suffering, the hurting and the disillusioned. Even if churches are being destroyed, even if believers are seeking refuge far away from their homeland, radio can reach them and blanket the region with God's messages of comfort. Your gift can make a difference in this world gone mad!



Speaking Hope to the World

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HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER?

A HISTORY LESSON LEADS TO A HARVEST OF HEARTS.

Our Berber Ministry team received a letter from a Kabyle lady, who wrote:

"Why do you speak about Jesus and the prophets, but never about Mohammed? After all, we Berbers have a rich Muslim heritage!" She was Muslim, but wrote that she would "join the ranks of Christians" if she would receive "a satisfactory answer."

How would you respond to this lady? Here is how our ministry team answered:

"First of all we prayed for this lady and then we thought about how we could answer her in love. We responded through the radio program. We said that Christianity also has a rich heritage in North Africa and amongst Berbers. Simon of Cyrene was a North African Berber, as was Saint Augustine of Hippo (modern day Algeria), one of the great church fathers. We went on to say that it is actually not about "joining the ranks" of anyone, but rather in having a relationship with and being reconciled with God. We explained briefly the saving works of the Grace of the Lord Jesus, thanked her for writing us and wished her Gods' blessings.

"A few months later we got another letter from this lady. This time it was signed (the first letter was anonymous). She had consulted her son, a history professor in Europe, who confirmed that the historical accounts about the Christian heritage of the Berbers were true. This softened her heart and she accepted the Lord as her Savior!

"She is an older woman from a quite devout Muslim family. Even so, she shared her decision for Jesus with her family and 40 members gave their hearts to Jesus!"

*With continued thanks for your prayers and support,
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