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Our Sovereign Lord & the Internet

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Internet-based media is the most influential means of connecting with the majority of people in the world today. It's also one of the most powerful means used by the devil for spreading poisonous falsehoods and destructive immorality. Sadly, this naturally appeals to our fallen human race, increasingly enticed by anti-faith, antichrist ideologies which seek to deepen human depravity and enmity to the caring Creator.

Sovereign Agenda

Yet, the agenda of our sovereign Lord and Saviour, to gather his people from all nations, will never fail. The toxic efforts of the Evil One are turned around to serve Christ's beautiful agenda of giving life to those dead in their sins and trespasses. So, the Lord is powerfully using

“If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

— John 15:19



internet-based media for fruitful gospel proclamation. The message is penetrating lands in a growing number of key languages throughout the earth.

As a member of MERF's Arabic media team, I am thrilled that the Lord has given us this powerful means to spread the gospel. Our role as servants of Christ is to faithfully use all means available to shine the light in our darkened world. Nothing will succeed in hampering the advance of the gospel of truth and grace entrusted to us to share with others.

Today, the forces of darkness in Arab lands are being shattered. The gospel is prevailing against the gates of hell. Its divine power forces them to

open up. Individuals and families, throughout the 22 nations of the Arab League and beyond, are enjoying Christ's liberating and saving power.

Gospel Triumph

It is wonderful to hear from people convicted by the Holy Spirit to embrace Christ's triumph over the enslaving darkness of oppressive and enslaving religions and ideologies. The Lord has blessed MERF's Arabic media ministry team with a distinctively relevant, biblical strategy and approach, as we share the gospel with millions of people.

It's amazing that we receive similar reactions from people of different levels of education and of different social groups. A

very common reactions to hearing about Jesus' life, teaching and redemption. They mostly boil down to such expressions -- “This is wonderful” or “I want to learn about Issa (Jesus).”

Winsome Approach

While sharing biblical truth, we tactfully avoid negative pronouncements against the religious convictions of the Arab majority. So, we are gaining the ears and attention of those who visit our websites and listen to our radio messages, online or over the airwaves. This openness is seen even among those who are known to have fanatical religious convictions.

Diverse programmes and episodes connect with different kinds of people.



concepts understandable to the Arab majority are used. Words familiar only to the Christian Arab minority are avoided.

Hearts Prepared

We are excited to see that the Lord has prepared many hearts. He blesses our efforts with much fruit among Muslim people. Daily they connect with us and even ask direct questions which indicate serious interest in following Christ. It's amazing that good numbers go as far as seeking guidance regarding crucial decisions about important matters, such as marriage, divorce, settling disagreements and choosing jobs. Often it is about learning to live the Christian life within the contexts of hostile families or communities.

One of our very effective programmes on Dardasha7 is called: "Ihki Brahtak" which means *Feel Free to Talk*. Listeners to the online radio messages and visitors to the website are given a private link to send personal requests about problems they face.

Some indirectly stimulate the interest of those who initially refuse to listen to or read alternative ideas. These are usually attracted to themes that touch on the impact of sin on the conduct of people and on the creation itself. **Radio Dardasha7** focuses on this indirect approach. It uses a variety of formats and raises contemporary topics, gently introducing the concepts of sin and grace. This includes the use of short quotes of Christ's sayings and the testimonies of heroes of faith.

Other programmes take a more direct approach. **Issa-alMasih** website and its Facebook page focus on the person of Christ in Scriptures. Terms and



Dardasha 7 Arabic programme - "Feel Free to Talk"

SN of Egypt (in her early 20s) wrote: "I am deeply distressed by my fanatical father's attitude towards me. Nothing I do or say is religiously acceptable to him. He wants me covered from the top of my head to my toes and does not allow me any contact outside our home. I do not know what to do..."

YM of Gaza, Palestine (in his mid-30s): "I have lived very faithfully to my religion - praying and fasting without fail. Still my life has often seemed without meaning. I seriously contemplated committing suicide... What you tell us about following Jesus (Issa) makes me feel hopeful... Please help me understand

more how to do this..."

Team Work

We are also encouraged that our new YouTube channel is getting a growing number of followers. As a team, we regularly, prayerfully brainstorm together. Not only in regard to responding to Arabic media ministry contacts, but also to listen to one another's observations and insights and seek to improve the quality of our outreach to our fellow Arab Muslim majority.

MERF is thankful for your prayers and partnership in gospel ministry to Arab and Muslim lands.

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Dardasha 7 Arabic programme - "Microscope" examines Arab youth issues using real life drama