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Dear Friends,

We live in unusual times! The world is changing in strange ways and this is causing our lives to change as well. Thankfully, God is still faithful and at work in our lives and through the ministry of Middle East Media. We may have to adjust the way we do things, but lives are still being transformed and people are being disciplined across the region.

This edition of MEMO is packed full of updates on new and existing projects, the results of our Challenge 113 fundraising event, and a special invitation to our online event happening in September (you can read more on page 7+8).

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to what God is doing across the Middle East and North Africa. If you would like more information on anything mentioned in MEMO, please get in touch with me.

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Zoom Prayer Meetings

Over the last few months we have started a monthly Zoom prayer meeting to pray for the work of Middle East Media and what God is doing across the region. If you would be interested in being involved in this prayer meeting, please contact our European Director Jolita Paton at jolita@mem.org.

Challenge 113

On June 20th (World Refugee Day) some of our supporters and staff completed fundraising activities to raise money for our *Life in the Desert* project. Over the next 12 months we want to train 113 teachers and NGO workers to take our *Life in the Desert* project into refugee camps and more disadvantaged communities. They will then help traumatised children across the region to find healing and restoration. We had people dancing for 113 minutes, cycling for 113km, running 10K, doing various exercises linked to 113 repetitions, and even praying for 113 minutes!

Together we raised over £6,100

- thank you to all involved



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Adjusting to Coronavirus

Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus all face-to-face events have been cancelled, which has meant that our *Blossoms* project has had to adapt. Instead of doing physical events, our teams now run online gatherings for all the Sudanese women going through the programme. Along with online gatherings, we have also recorded 12 videos with psychologists to help with specific trauma needs.

Last Christmas last year we raised over £8,400 to help Sudanese women find restoration and healing from trauma and racism, that they still experience in North Africa on a daily basis. Unfortunately, we couldn't help the 80 women we had planned to, due to not reaching our fundraising goal. However, thanks to your generosity we will be able to help 40 women this year.

The women taking part in these online meetings have felt secure enough to share their fears and experiences, and they're finding the healing and restoration they deeply need. But please continue to pray with us that they would continue to thrive, despite the fact that they will undoubtedly face more racial abuse in their lives.

"I'm so grateful to Blossoms - I have started to feel there is hope in this current crisis (Coronavirus) and that it will one day end. Much of my anxiety and despair have gone because of these online sessions."

- Aamira*

*Name changed for security reasons.

Kingdom Platform

Globally, 69% of children watch more than 120 minutes per day of online videos. In North Africa, children watch more than 20 videos each day, and they're predicting that both of these statistics will skyrocket throughout Coronavirus lockdown and beyond.

Most of the content being produced in the region for children is poor quality and not pointing them to Jesus. Therefore, we want to take this opportunity to create an online platform and create video content to reach children who are living in our new reality. Initially the Kingdom Platform will focus on reaching children in North Africa, but it will also be accessible to children across the region in a dialect of Arabic that is widely understood.

We want to make the most of children accessing content online, so that these children grow up with Biblical truths in their daily life. We believe that this will help to draw them closer to Jesus. Please join us in praying for this exciting new project and that the thousands of children who access this new platform will be impacted and have their lives transformed.

*Pointing Arabic children
to the cross during
Coronavirus.*



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The Way **in the Middle East** *Celebrating 45 years*

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Don't Miss Out!

This year Middle East Media turns 45! To mark this anniversary we are celebrating the last 45 years by looking ahead to the next 45 years with a special online event called "*The Way in the Middle East*".

When: 6:00pm BST (British Summer Time)
September 3rd 2020

Where: ONLINE (Connect with us on Facebook to stay up to date).

More Information: www.mem.org/the-way

*He reveals the deep things of
darkness and brings utter
darkness into the light.*

Job 12:22(NIV)



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God's Justice in the Middle East

We live in a world that has been rocked by injustice in recent years. Whether it's injustices around refugees, or the recent media coverage of institutional racism, it shows us how much we need God and a saviour. Earlier in this MEMO we gave an update on our Blossoms project, working with Sudanese women in North Africa. The kind of racism and injustice they face is appalling - thankfully we follow a God who brings justice.

As we continue to shepherd and disciple people in the Middle East, we continually pray for justice and for God to bring the darkness into light. Please join with us and pray through the points below. Pray that we would be able to continually bring God's transformative power through our projects and work.

Prayer Points

- » Pray that the 40 Sudanese women who have experienced severe trauma and racism, find God's healing power and restoration through our Blossoms project this year.
- » Pray for the 113 teachers/trainers who we will be taking through our Life in the Desert training, ask God to be with them and empower them to bring healing to traumatised children across the region.
- » Pray that the next 45 years of Middle East Media's ministry would bring God's justice and love to a region that desperately needs it.

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