

PROJECT NO: 100783

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Arab Israel



Support for Christians



Overview

This project works to ensure an ongoing presence and viable operation for the Arab Israeli Bible Society (AIBS). Located in Galilee, the project is needed to serve the Arab Israeli community with Scripture resources and interactive community events focused primarily on women and family issues. This will serve both the local church and broader community.

The Need

The Arab Israeli Bible Society exists in a war zone, and their country is tense. The 1.7 million Arab citizens of Israel live as second-class citizens and are considered as a demographic threat by many. Arab Israelis are often ignored in political decisions, and many live below the poverty line, suffering economically in comparison to the standards of the state.

The Arab Israeli people (Arabs who became citizens of the State of Israel after its establishment in 1948) are a group lost between Jewish Israelis and Arab Palestinians. Arab Israeli Christians are a minority twice over: only 20% of Israelis are Arabs (1.2 million), and only 2% of Israelis are Christian. With such a small population of Arab-Israeli Christians, the AIBS is struggling to maintain a core presence or operations from domestic Bible sales and fundraising income.

1.7m

Arab citizens of Israel.

163k

Christians in Israel.

80%

of Christians in Israel are Arabs.

Goals

This project enables the AIBS to provide Arabic Bibles and other tools to help Arab Israeli's understand and engage with the biblical worldview. There are 163,000 Christians in Israel of which 130,000 (80%) are Arabs. Each year, the AIBS aims to serve the local church and become

an instrument of peace, security and hope for a region plagued by war and division.

Each year, AIBS focuses on women and families, hosting events (online when necessary) and producing resources centred on God's word.

AIBS maintains a physical presence in Galilee, with a centre open to the public for the community to visit, ask questions, engage with biblical resources and attend events.

Impact

AIBS is growing, despite challenges from the pandemic, war and unemployment rates. Their workshops, conferences, and events have doubled in attendance. These include workshops and conferences for families, as well as supporting churches and schools, impacting thousands of people per year. They have also grown their partnerships with the various local church denominations. The impact of these relationships will be seen in increased participation by local Christians at events as well as their take-up of AIBS developed resources, and the quantity of Bibles and materials distributed.

Testimonies

"The blessing was great ... in the second workshop on parenting and the Biblical principles to raise our children. I was confronted with some of my mistaken methods of parenting that I inherited from my past. I received a lot of help and learned new methods and tools to help my kids. I was able to share with my teenage son some of the things I learned. My conversation with him led me to ask forgiveness for the setbacks that I caused as a parent. He on his part was encouraged and put for himself some goals to walk closer with and to the Lord. Parents started to accept their children and show love to them in all circumstances."

Ola is a mother of four children. In 2022, Ola participated with her children in one of AIBS's family conferences, telling them that the conference as a whole was a blessing to her.

Prayer Needs

- Pray that God will continue to lead AIBS and fulfill his will through them.
- Pray that God will provide leadership for AIBS and empower it with his presence.
- Pray that God will meet all AIBS' needs.

