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Dear Friends,

In this edition of our MEMO newsletter we hear about some of the fantastic work that is happening through our *Life in the Desert* project in North Africa, the progress of our plans to create animated videos for Muslim children in the Gulf, and Jaden's powerful story.

I met Jaden earlier this year. His passion and excitement for what he was learning on our training course was inspirational. He and the other trainees have such an incredible vision to bring transformation to Sudan. You can read more about his story on pages 5 & 6 and I hope it touches you.

None of the training or projects would be possible without your support and the support of those like you. Thank you for your prayers and financial commitment to the work of MEM.

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## We would love you to come and see our work!

We are taking a group of supporters in March 2020 to see some of our work and meet our team in North Africa. You'll also have an opportunity to take in local culture and visit tourist destinations.

**If you would like to be considered to go on this trip,  
please contact our European Director Jolita Paton  
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## Our Partnerships



These are just some of our partners who work with us to sow seeds of transformation in the Middle East and North Africa. Many of our partners can't be named for security reasons. Please join us in praying that the 250+ partnerships that we have in the field, and in the West, will continue to flourish and be fruitful.

\* Photo: Inu/shutterstock.com location: Medina of Fes, Morocco

## Update on LITD Training

Our North African team have been busy training and empowering partner organisations and groups to provide our *Life in the Desert* training programme. Although around 3,000 children (mostly Syrian) have gone through this programme, there are still many more traumatised children across the region. In June this year we took this training to rural North Africa and trained 100 facilitators from 70 villages. We helped them to process their own trauma, before training them to use the programme to bring healing and restoration to children in their villages.

You may remember in our Christmas campaign we shared that we have been asked to take this training into Sudan, Gaza, and Iraq. This year we've also had a request to take this training into the country of Jordan.

Please continue to pray for this vital project and the lives that it will bring healing and restoration to. Pray that we will have the resources to take this training into the countries listed above.

**Did you know:**

More than 35% of Syrian children refugees are diagnosed with PTSD?  
94.9% of children in Gaza are classified as having severe anxiety levels?  
1 in 3 Syrian refugees suffer from depression or anxiety?

**Thank you for joining us in bringing healing to these children and many more.**



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Jaden's  
Story





There are no resources in Sudan right now and it's very tough. I am extremely hungry to learn but there are no opportunities in Sudan. I was searching for courses and through our contacts we met people from MEM and they generously offered to teach us about video production, sound engineering, and so much more. For me, I have a passion to go back to Sudan and help to establish a media ministry in my church.

Most of the people in Sudan are open to watching media and films – these are the things that reach the majority of young people. Media is the tool to use to send messages of hope to my generation. I believe that this should start in the church and then go outside of the church to reach my country.

**Media can change a community, it can change a country.**

- Jaden\*, Sudanese *Future Leaders* and *WebTV* trainee.



Jaden and 10 other Sudanese trainees have now gone back to a major city in Sudan to put their new skills to work in serving their churches.

\*Name and photo changed for security reasons. Photo: WAYHOME studio/shutterstock.com

## Future Leaders & WebTV

Our *Future Leaders* and *WebTV* projects focus on training and equipping young people across the Middle East and North Africa in film making, video production, scriptwriting, and many other media disciplines. *Future Leaders* focuses on training young Christians to be leaders in media, and *WebTV* equips young people to create media that has messages of hope and transformation for their society. To-date we have trained over 12,000 young people across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

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Children's  
Episodes

# Children's Animated Episodes

**Together we have raised enough  
to fund 13.5 children's episodes for  
Muslim Children - *THANK YOU!***

*Could we pray together that the funds for 9.5 more episodes  
would be found in the coming weeks?*



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You may remember in our last MEMO/Ramadan Prayer guide we were raising funds to be able to produce 23 short animated videos for Muslim children. Many of you, our supporters, gave generously towards this project and we're excited to see these videos produced towards the end of this year and into early 2020.

The 23 scripts for these animated episodes have already been written and will be centred around bible stories. Children in the region can grow up with confusion and tension around religion, faith, and God. This is especially true if the parents of these children change their religion, such as children of BMBs.

The children's episodes are due to the feedback we have had about the needs of BMBs and we want to show them that their families are valued and that Christians across the world are wanting to support them. Also, a major satellite TV channel have requested these episodes as they identified a lack of children's material in their programming and hope that they will reach Muslim children.

Children in the region are often forbidden to ask faith related questions and we hope that these episodes will encourage their questioning, searching for truth, and learning about Christianity. The children who will be reached by these episodes are the future leaders and decision makers who will shape what the Middle East and North Africa look like in the years to come. Our desire is to see more open conversations about faith so that people can make their own decisions. We also know that Muslim parents sit with their children to watch Christian animation, which is an incredible opportunity to start vital discussions about faith.

We're really excited to see the impact of these episodes. But we would ask that you would pray with us that the funding gap would be met and that children across the region would be impacted.

*One generation commends  
your works to another; they  
tell of your mighty acts.*

**Psalm 145:4 (NIV)**



# Focus on Prayer:

## *Training Future Leaders*

Earlier in this MEMO we shared Jaden's story about his passion and vision for using media to transform the lives of people in Sudan. We have the honour of training many young people like Jaden every year across the Middle East and North Africa. Many come from impoverished backgrounds, where they are unable to have any sort of training in media without external support. Thankfully, they connect with us and where possible we provide this training.

Countries, such as Sudan, may have a high degree of poverty but they can still have access to the internet and satellite television. This gives Christians and churches in the region an opportunity to reach their people with the message of the Gospel, through the tool of media. Jaden and the trainees are now back in Sudan and have their whole lives ahead of them to use media to influence the future of their nation.

### *Prayer Points*

- » Pray for Jaden as he pioneers a media ministry in his church. Ask God to give him wisdom and to open doors so that he can spread the Gospel across Sudan.
- » Pray for our *Future Leaders* and *WebTV* projects as we train young people to use media as a tool to communicate messages of hope, and change, for their society.
- » Pray that the 12,000+ people we have trained in the region would continue to use the skills they've developed to create videos and media to communicate messages of transformation.
- » Pray for the current political transitions happening in Sudan and ask the Holy Spirit to bring godly leaders in to power.
- » Pray for 30 young Christians who are going to be trained through our *Future Leaders* project in North Africa this Autumn.

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## Thank You

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