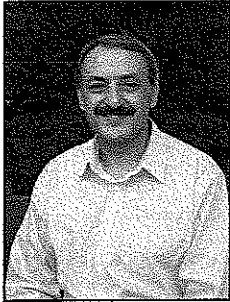


Building Bridges

Our mission is to provide quality educational services for Arab immigrants in order to encourage understanding among cultures and friendship among people.

Our vision is to see Arab immigrants speaking English and treasuring their US Citizenship so that we can better understand each other and live as neighbors in the community.



The Sword & The Peace

Jesus Says "I did not come to bring peace, but a sword" (Mat. 10:34).

As we enter another blessed year, I see this as a year in which God will use the sword to bring peace

into the heart of many Arabs. The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God and it works inside people's hearts and changes them. At our volunteer meeting, we were all challenged to keep serving, keep saving and keep sharing. This means that we will be serving the Lord on a daily basis and that the Lord will keep saving people. We will keep sharing our time and our finances to keep this open door open so that many will come. We need to remember that the Spirit of God in the Word of God is to be used defensively or offensively. (Heb.4:12) "For the word of God is living and active.

Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." If

you are already a partner with us, we thank you and

we ask you to help us reach more people to join forces with us. If you are receiving this message for the first time, we are glad to reach you and we encourage you to explore our website (www.aafcdearborn.org) to see what we do. We would love to see you join this family and we look forward to hearing from you.

Dr. Basem Qusous

Executive Director

734-262-2120

How you can help

- **Volunteer:**

Volunteer are needed always to teach English as-a-Second Language, Citizenship, Individual Tutoring and Computer Skills. Assistance is also needed in the Nursery. Please Call our office on Monday Through Thursday:- (313) 584-2052.

- **Financial support:**

We rely totally upon the gifts of God's people to operate the Center. If you want to support this ministry to Arabic people, please send your gifts to:

Arab-American Friendship Center

P.O. Box 4115

Dearborn, MI 48126-0115

Your gifts are tax deductible. The Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

What's New

Please pray for the Arabic Catechism book entitled "Growing in Grace" written by Dr. Basem Qusous. This book contains 76 bible studies and comprises 476 pages. It will be used for the discipleship of the Arab people. The president of Baptist theological seminary in Lebanon, edited this book and indicates that this book is unique in that it fills a void as yet unmet in the Middle East. Dr. Qusous pledges that this book will be given to the Muslim people at a very small cost. In order to print 5000 copies, we will need to raise \$11,850.

If you feel the Lord is leading you to support this project with a special gift, please send your gift to:

Arabic Church of Farmington Hills

28845 Lake Park Dr.

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; these also I must bring, and they will hear My voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd." John 10:16

Volunteers' Corner!



We are very happy for our student S, who entered into God's family. She is proud of her new life. We are praying she will be nourished by the word of God. We are very happy to be part of this ministry. It is truly the mission field that God has called us to reach as many people from many countries with the message of salvation. The relationships we have built with the students are unique and precious.

We praise God for the leadership we have through Basem & Wafa Qusous.

Students' Echo!



Rahamah — "I was very surprised when I came to the class as I normally do and found all my teachers throwing a baby shower for me. I have no family here, and I felt this is my true family."

Sanaa — "This is my joyful day when I see you all at the AAFC. This is my only place that I am allowed to be at without my family."

Isam — "Thank you so much for the compassion you have for me, I have no money and you provided everything for me free to learn and keep my dignity."

Church Partner' Voices!



Local Churches are Witnessing to Muslims through Friday Fellowship

Several people sent me a Face Book tape on clashes between Christians and Muslims during the Arab American Festival in Dear-

born last summer. I tell them that at the same time that happened, we were sharing the love of Jesus Christ with over 100 Muslims at the Friday Fellowship/Bridge of Life Worship Center service at the AAFC. No one pushed me or abused me because I was a Christian and I think we do more by sharing with love and respect than all of the apologists trying to shove Christ down people's throats. Praise God for you and the loving Christians at the AAFC.

Thank you. Carl

AAFC Response!



Dear Friends,

Many approaches are used to share the love of God with others. Our approach is build a long-term relationships with our students and then share the love of God with them. Our strategy is to build bridges of friendship which leads to fellowship and then to faith. This approach has worked well for us for the past several years. We encourage others to join us in this approach so we can reach more people for the kingdom.

Thanks, AAFC