

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 Mountains

The Lord told his people in *Deut. 1:6*, "You have stayed at this mountain long enough..."

Dear friends, when I read this story, I started thinking about my journey with the Lord, and I asked myself what kind of mountains will my

journey take me to and on? Here are five mountains about which the Bible speaks:

1. **Mount of Salvation:** God wants us to start our journey at this mountain. The one to which Lot escaped when the angel of the Lord told him to "escape to this mountain". *Genesis 19:17*
2. **Mount of Communication:** After salvation, we begin our relationship by talking with God. Moses went up onto this mountain for forty days and nights, and had a fellowship and communication with God. *Exodus 34:2*

3. **Mount of Testing:** Every believer will go on this mountain in his or her life. Abraham went up onto this mountain for his faith to be tested. *Genesis 22:1-2*
3. **Mount of Temptation:** We will be tempted with the worldly desires. Jesus went on this mountain before us, to be tempted. *Matthew 4:8*
4. **Mount of Glory:** The believer will go up onto this mountain and see the glory of the Lord and His promises. *Matthew 17: 1-7*

My beloved, I pray that our journey and daily walk with the Lord will allow us to be in fellowship with Him on each mountain so; we can experience and see the glory of the Lord in our life.

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How you can help

• Volunteer:

Volunteers 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.

New AAFC Board

The AAFC would like to extend its gratitude to Don Storteboom for his service and labor of love for the past years as Chairman of the Board. Don announced his retirement in the first of the year. We want to thank him and his family for all his faithfulness. Please pray for our new board of directors so the Lord will guide them and give them wisdom to lead and assist this ministry..The new board members are:

AAFC 2010 Board Officers

1. *Dr. Basem Qusous* AAFC Executive Director Chairperson
2. *Gary Gentry* President, Pillar Technology
3. *Samer Alfay* Engineer, Technicolor Video cassette of Michigan Inc.
4. *Jason Griffen* CPA, Thyssen Krupp
5. *Nicolas Mansour* Engineer—Senior Developer, Progressive Corporation.
6. *Mary Minnis* B.A Accounting - Secretary Treasure

"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." John10:16

What did we accomplish?

We are proud of the accomplishments we have made together at the AAFC during the past few years.

We started the Family Life Program, a service that has changed the lives of many women in their relationships with their husbands and children. We have connected this program with the Bridge of Life Worship Center (BOLWC) service, which helps teach people how to build their Godly home according to the Bible.

Out of the Family Life Program and the BOLWC service, we began a women's Bible study this year. We have started a new English conversation class in the evening.

Dr. Basem Qusous wrote an Arabic catechism book, which contains 76 Bible studies, and people are enjoying this book as they use it in the Bible study class. To view the book, please visit www.basemgracebook.com.

Whom did we help?

In September 2009 the AAFC opened its doors for students from different countries of the Middle East so, they come to receive the education they need for English language, Citizenship preparation and computer skills.

We are helping men and women from many Arab countries such as Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Morocco, Algeria, Jordan, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq, and Lybia.

We are helping children as their mothers attends class. We thank God for all the volunteers who come on a daily base to help run this ministry.

We are helping people in need of clothes, furniture, food through the gifts we receive from churches and individuals like you. Thank You!

We are helping the volunteers to learn the Arabic language and culture through the Arabic class we offer on Saturday from 9:00-12:00

We are helping churches to understand how to reach Muslims for the kingdom of God by speaking and sharing a PowerPoint presentation.

How did we make a difference?

We are glad to know that many men and women, illiterate sometimes in both Arabic and English, now can read, write, and speak English since coming to the Center.

We are glad to know that we have saved three families with broken marriages and relationships that now attend the BOLWC faithfully.

We are glad to be able to assist many very poor families with furniture, food, and medical assistance, and to pray with them for guidance.

We are glad that we could build friendships between many Arabic people and Americans through the BOLWC services and volunteering at the AAFC, and are happy that we have opened the eyes of the Arabic people to see the true Christian lifestyle.

We Are Thankful!

We thank God for helping us to help our students and clients.

We thank the volunteers for selfless service in teaching and for being friends to the Arabic people.

We thank the churches and individuals who generously give time, money, and goods to help us do our work.

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. ³ We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Thessalonians 1:2

THANK YOU!