

## Film Screening: Maid in Lebanon II

The Institute for Migration Studies, The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, and The Institute of Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation of the Lebanese American University in collaboration with The Regional Office for Arab States of the International Labour Organization organized the screening of *Maid in Lebanon II: Voices from Home* directed by Carol Mansour at LAU's Irwin Hall.

This second documentary film picks up from where *Maid in Lebanon I* left off, showcasing four stories of Lebanese employers and their 'maids' exploring the complex relationship between migrant domestic workers and their Lebanese employers in an honest, and at times humorous and touching manner. It chronicles the lives of migrant women workers in Lebanon. *Maid in Lebanon II: Voices from Home* poses questions and suggests responses on employment contracts and everyday terms and conditions of work. It emphasizes the importance of improving cross-cultural understanding and encouraging better working relationships. The documentary is part of an awareness raising initiative that the ILO has been carrying out in coordination with the Ministry of Labour and other stakeholders towards better protection of women migrant workers' rights.

The movie was followed by a Q&A session led by Dr. Simel Esim, Senior Regional Gender Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO), Regional Office for Arab States, Beirut and Carol Mansour, Director.

## Global Ministries - Prison Project



Believing in its mission of empowering Arab women and extending a helping hand to marginalized women, the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World has provided forty-two incarcerated women in Tripoli Prison with mattresses, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, and bed sheets on January 19th, 2009.

This initiative was funded by the Global Ministries and runs in parallel with the ongoing project: "Providing Women in Tripoli Prison Quality Legal Assistance" funded by FOSI.

Major Elias Ibrahim, Director of the Tripoli Prison with Dr. Dima Dabbous-Senserig, IWSAW Director, and Ms. Anita Nassar, IWSAW Assistant Director during the delivery of the mattresses, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, and bed sheets to the Tripoli Prison for Women.