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Dear It Is Written Friend,

I remember the first time I saw a witch doctor. He was in the last place I would have expected.

I was participating in a mission trip. Preaching what was my very first evangelistic series, I made an appeal at the end of a sermon and invited those who wanted to be baptized to come forward. All these years later, I can still see the man, as though it all happened just moments ago.

As people responded to my appeal, a young man rose tentatively, as though he were unsure about what he was doing. As he was standing to his feet he surveyed the scene around him, and then walked purposefully to the front. The congregation was on a small hillside, so I had a good view of him the entire time, and I noticed his initial hesitancy, and then his decisiveness. Why he caught my eye I do not know, but he made such an impression on me that I made a point of asking the local pastor about him. “That’s Simba,” he said. “He’s a witch doctor.”

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The pastor explained that Simba cured people of a variety of diseases and ailments. “He really cures them,” the pastor told me. “People from miles around travel to his home to be healed.”

A couple of days later, Simba (not his real name) came to me with a request. “Would you please come to my house and burn all of my material?” He was asking that we dispose of the various things he used to practice his dark arts. Of course we would go.

When we arrived, Simba had the various items he used in his work laid out before us. The tail of a cow. The horn of a bull. Plants, herbs, powders, and an assortment of other items that in another context would have seemed harmless or meaningless. We prayed, and then without delay burned the tools of Simba’s trade. This was a great sacrifice for Simba. In becoming a Christian, Simba lost his income, his ability to provide for the young, unemployed men in his village, and his standing in his community. But now he was free of the control of evil spirits. Simba had become a channel for the grace of God.

This is why It Is Written Missions exists. ***Our global ministry enables us to reach more people for Christ, in more places in the world.*** And it allows us to engage more people in the work of evangelism.

It Is Written Missions was born out of a desire to strengthen the work of It Is Written by enlarging our soul-winning ministry team. Our first missionaries were medical missionaries. It Is Written medical missionaries have performed surgery and ministered to AIDS patients, cancer patients, pregnant women, and an enormous array of others. The mute have spoken, and the blind have recovered their sight, thanks to God's work through It Is Written Missions.

The importance of mission work cannot be overstated. In some parts of the world, mission groups frequently provide the means and the expertise for the church to carry out ministry it could otherwise not accomplish.



*Dr. Jacob Prabhakar of Eyes for India examines a patient before surgery.*

Eyes for India is the most remarkable mission project I have ever been associated with. Through cataract surgery and other forms of eye surgery provided freely to the poorest of India's poor, It Is Written has given the gift of sight to literally thousands of people. More than 2,600 poverty stricken people received the gift of sight at just one clinic earlier this year through Eyes for India. Eyes for India is frequently the first meaningful contact people have had with Christianity, and it has built bridges of trust and understanding with thousands of people—including leaders—of other faiths.



*Pastor Eric Flickinger poses with a group of trainees for the Navajo Nation mission trip taking place in September.*

This year, It Is Written Missions will minister in India, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, the Navajo Nation, Ethiopia, and Puerto Rico. The suffering will be relieved, the hopeless will find hope, and many, many of the lost will be saved. Thousands will be baptized. The name of Jesus will be lifted up. And many more testimonies will be shared to the glory of God.

Here's how you can help. Your gift today will enable It Is Written Missions to reach the lost for Christ. **Your financial support is what makes it possible for It Is Written to conduct international missions-based evangelism and grow God's church.** By contributing this month, you will be ensuring medical missionary work—the right arm of the gospel—will be carried out in places where the need is hard to put into words.



*“Help me. Please help me! I am going to die if you don't help me.”*

This is frontline gospel ministry that takes Jesus directly to people of other faiths, or of no faith at all. I don't know what Aska's faith was, but I know she was desperate. Demons tried repeatedly to drown her, casting her into a river and attempting to end her life. Her situation reminded me of the story in Matthew 17. Just after the transfiguration, Jesus is confronted by a young man who is demon possessed. His father tells Jesus that his son “suffers severely,” and that “he often falls into the fire and often into the water” (Matthew 17:15). Aska pleaded with us. “Help me. Please help me! I am going to die if you don't help me,” she sobbed. We prayed with Aska, we studied with Aska, I baptized Aska, and God delivered Aska. The demons departed. She was free.

**Would you help It Is Written set free many, many more people through It Is Written Missions?** Your help today will make an enormous difference. Lives will be changed, the power of the devil will be broken, and the name of Jesus will be glorified as the gospel wins victory after victory.



Our April mission trip to Bolivia included vision clinics, VBS, and construction.



Thank you for caring about front-line evangelism and for ministering to those who are desperate for the touch of Jesus.

Yours in ministry,



Pastor John Bradshaw  
President, It Is Written

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P.S. Through It Is Written Missions, medical missionaries, preachers, and others lead people to faith in Christ, often in parts of the world where resources are scarce. Every person is precious to Jesus. There are more Simbas and more Askas waiting to be reached right now. I was privileged to baptize two former witch doctors in Papua New Guinea. As they told me about their activities as witch doctors, I could hardly believe the stories I was being told. Yet everyone nearby attested that the accounts were accurate. These two men had been tools of the devil, who worked through them to do truly incredible things. Yet they had surrendered to the God of heaven, who had taken their hearts and made them His own. Your support of It Is Written Missions means many more precious souls will be won to faith in Jesus. Thank you for your support of this vital work.

P.P.S. I hope you will consider participating in an It Is Written mission trip. To find out more, please visit [itiswritten.com/missiontrips](https://itiswritten.com/missiontrips).



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