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From the desk of
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Dear friend in ministry,

Greetings from Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We just completed our first Partnership weekend event for 2019 in the Smoky Mountains. Over 200 dedicated ministry supporters met together to hear about the miracles of grace God is performing through It Is Written and commit their support to soul winning and evangelism. We shared testimonies of people, who just this year, have chosen to give their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ.

It Is Written is all about evangelism, sharing the good news with a lost world. Your support of It Is Written leads people to Jesus. It is you that enables It Is Written to share the everlasting gospel in the mission field, and one of the most challenging mission fields we minister in is North America.

Public evangelism works. It just does.



Karen Matambo (left) poses with Ed and Jayne who are studying the Bible with an entire family.

For the past 12 months, our Bible work coordinator, Karen Matambo, has been working with a dedicated team of pastors and church members to win hearts for Christ in Phoenix, Arizona. With the fifth-highest population of any city in the United States, Phoenix is ripe for the harvest that will begin September 27. Along with Pastor Robert Costa from It Is Written's Escrito Está, I will be conducting four weeks of meetings in the Desert Valley.

Public evangelism works. It just does. With careful preparation and cultivation, hearts are opened to the gospel. And even before our meetings have begun we are hearing stories of transformed lives.

Church members I'll call Ed and Jayne were doing outreach one afternoon when they met a lady and her daughter who were eager to study the Bible. The lady's husband, however, wanted nothing to do with it. "For the first couple weeks we just listened to the wife talk about family issues," Jayne shared. "We felt more like counselors than Bible workers." But Ed and Jayne listened, prayed, and gained their trust, and soon the wife and daughter were ready to go deeper and study together.

"We watched God work miracles in their hearts," Ed shared. "God changed the wife's life right before our eyes, her husband joined the Bible study, and their marriage began to improve." I'm planning to meet this family when I'm in Phoenix and invite them to make a commitment to Jesus Christ through baptism.

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I also plan to meet Edith. Edith is 79 years old and texted our Bible worker, Karen, one morning to say she was going to church. Karen knew Edith and was surprised by what she said. She asked her what had prompted her decision. **"I was listening to Pastor Bradshaw this morning and God told me to go to church,"** Edith replied. "I have gone to many churches but they all miss this one thing that God keeps bringing me back to—the Sabbath." As they worshiped together, Edith told Karen, "I've lived just a few miles from this area for 15 years, and today is the first time I've come to this church. I don't know why it took so long, but I know today **I'm in the right place because God has led me here.**"



Pastor Eric Flickinger goes door-to-door with a church member during a training session in Phoenix.



Church members gather for prayer before visiting their community.

God is leading you also. Your prayers and financial support make these miracles possible. In every area we go, ***we partner with local churches and members who develop personal connections in their community*** and invest in a significant way in funding the meetings. But there are additional expenses It Is Written covers. We supply Bible studies and other resources, conduct training and mentoring, cover design and advertising costs, and then, of course, pay toward the cost of the meetings. It's a significant investment. An investment in eternity. Yet it's the best investment we could make.



Jack Phillips conducts soul-winning training with church members.

And this investment is ongoing, constant.

Right now, we are providing funding for the preparatory work for our Revelation Today meetings in April of 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Ignite Indiana Project began last year with evangelism training and efforts led by It Is Written's evangelism director, Yves Monnier and our Bible work coordinator, Jack Phillips. Jack has focused on preparing church members first. In fact, It Is Written's entire Summer SALT class was held in Indianapolis specifically to provide hands-on education in soul winning. And it's working.

The local churches are mailing out invitations to the It Is Written Bible studies and are then following up the requests that are returned. One Bible worker finished a lesson with his friend and turned to leave when the man stopped him; "You might think I'm crazy, all my neighbors do, but Saturday is the Sabbath." The Bible worker was stunned. They hadn't studied that lesson yet but God had been impressing the truth on the man's heart.

A team of church members felt rejected when they knocked on a door and the family informed them that they were not interested in whatever they were offering. At the next door, however, the family invited them in, eager to learn more about studying the Bible. As they were leaving, a car pulled up beside them. Inside was the family that had turned them away only minutes before. ***They wanted to find out more about these Bible studies!***

Over the course of a year, It Is Written spends approximately one million dollars on evangelistic efforts around the world. And while we share the three angels' messages internationally, the majority of that is invested here at home in the United States. I need your help to meet the cost of winning souls for Christ. Please help us raise the \$250,000 we need right now for the meetings in Phoenix and Indianapolis.

Jesus is coming again soon. Everything we see in the world suggests time is running out for our planet. The gospel has to be heard not only in the highways and byways, but also in the major cities of North America. I'm looking forward to letting you know what God does in Phoenix. If you are coming to a Partnership weekend in November, you will hear some of the thrilling stories first hand. And after Indianapolis, I'll share with you the miracles God worked there. It could be said that evangelism changes lives. But the truth is, **Jesus changes lives, and He works through evangelism and you and me to make that happen.** Will you join me in this life-changing work by making a gift today?

Your brother in ministry,



Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

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P.S. At our Partnership weekends each fall, I have the opportunity to share, first hand, the stories of lives changed through the gospel. Evangelism works. While we conduct evangelism initiatives all over the globe, this fall and next spring we are focusing on the United States. Stories are pouring out of Phoenix where I will be in October; people are making decisions for Christ as a result of the preparatory work being done there. Bible workers in Indianapolis are reporting how God is preparing a harvest for our meetings next spring and people have already been baptized. Your prayers and financial support are changing lives for eternity right now. Please help me reach the large cities of the United States with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

