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From the desk of  
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Dear It Is Written friend,

Happy Thanksgiving! I love Thanksgiving. In addition to good food and time with family, Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to consider what we're thankful for. And I want to tell you about some of what I'm thankful for this Thanksgiving.

A few minutes ago I was walking on the beach in Monterey, California, with my wife, Melissa. We are here for an It Is Written Partnership weekend recounting what God has done and is doing through your support.

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The miracle stories are phenomenal and testify that God is doing great things through your support of It Is Written. I am grateful. Grateful for family, grateful for our new ministry home, and grateful for you.

On Friday, November 22, we'll be marking an exciting chapter in It Is Written's soul-winning ministry as we officially open the new It Is Written ministry headquarters in Collegedale, Tennessee. Along with my staff, It Is Written supporters, and community and church representatives, I will be committing the It Is Written of tomorrow to today's work of encouraging people to be ready to meet Jesus. I can't think of anything more exciting than proclaiming truth and seeing lives changed.



I am grateful to work alongside a dedicated team of colleagues who have given of their time and talents in unexpected ways the past few months. Media production staff have hung soundproofing paneling in our new studios. IT staff have run electrical and internet cabling throughout the entire building. In fact, every member of our It Is Written team went far beyond their usual ministry role to ensure the move to our new ministry building went smoothly. And there were other blessings. A Partner and his wife who install doors professionally volunteered to install all the building's doors, and they did a wonderful job!



*Media production staff install soundproof paneling in our new studios.*



When moving day came, every single person pitched in and moved their own office space. We never hired a moving truck or any moving equipment. Everyone helped.

There's much more I could tell you, including the fantastic work being done by our wonderful volunteers. They join us every week to put together Bible studies, help in our warehouse, answer phone calls, and do a hundred other things we don't have time or staff to accomplish.

But more important than the "what" is the "why." I want to share with you another example of why we do what we do at It Is Written.

Michelle found It Is Written in 2011. She began watching *Every Word* daily and our weekly television program. She loved what she was learning. But Michelle—who led a church congregation and preached regularly—had computer trouble and lost track of *It Is Written*.



*I'm thankful to be able to stand with these dedicated volunteers who serve It Is Written every week.*



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Some years later, after moving to another state, Michelle found *It Is Written* again. She saw an invitation for volunteers to participate in *It Is Written* mission trips and signed up to preach a series of meetings in Ethiopia. When she arrived in Ethiopia, it became evident to our team that Michelle wasn't familiar with all of the messages she would be preaching. Michelle belonged to another church!

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But Michelle was willing to present the messages. She presented the Sabbath and said, "I believe that!" She preached about the 2,300 days enthusiastically. She preached about the state of the dead and loved what she was sharing. She studied the Bible with our team and returned home and began attending church every Sabbath and studying the *It Is Written Bible Study Guides* with a pastor in her area.

While we were here in Monterey, California, Michelle—two time zones away in Alabama—was baptized. Your new sister in Christ is rejoicing in her revived faith in Jesus and is sharing God's Word with whomever she can.

Here's the truth. Michelle would still be searching for what was missing in her life if it wasn't for you. Your prayers and your financial support of this ministry are what enable us to share the gospel. And we both know there are more Michelles waiting to hear the wonderful gospel message. Michelle's story is truly a miracle conversion story, a miracle that you made happen.

Thank you for what you do to take the gospel to the world through It Is Written. As I stood with Melissa on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, I thought of the promise God made to Abraham: to make his family as the sand of the sea (Genesis 22:17). God is still fulfilling that promise. He is still reaching out to His children in this lost world. He still has more to reach. And He will reach many of them through you and me.

Thank you for faithfully supporting this ministry, for being a part of the It Is Written family. This Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for you. Your support is being used by God to reach people for eternity.

Your brother in ministry,



Pastor John Bradshaw  
President, It Is Written

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P.S. Michelle says thank you!

