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Dear It Is Written Friend.

Something amazing happened a few weeks ago that I just have to share with you. It shows how God is opening doors when we least expect it and in the most unusual ways. I will let Pastor Robert Costa share it in his own words:

Greetings John!

As you know, this past February, I flew to Guatemala City for three days of evangelistic meetings. It was a reaping series for the churches in the city who had been preparing for months with small group Bible studies and community outreach. I wasn't really prepared for the many surprises that God had planned for me.

My first surprise came when I landed. *The press was* waiting at the airport for an interview. I didn't understand why until I realized that Escrito Está is aired every day and widely watched in Guatemala. I

said a few words about God's love and His desire to save us, and then invited the people to the meetings that began the following night.

My next surprise came when I was informed I'd been invited to speak to the members of the Supreme Court of Justice the following

morning. I was not prepared for this either but I knew that God was opening an opportunity to witness to the highest court in the land.

What should I say to this group of lawyers and experts in the law? I began praying and God's Word provided the answer in Micah 6:8, "What





Pastor Costa spoke to the Guatemalan Supreme Court in February.

does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

The next morning, I walked into the Supreme Court with two of our church leaders, and was introduced to the court president, who told me he watches Escrito Está every chance he gets. A few words were said about how much the leadership of the country appreciates the work we are doing in the country, and then I was asked to speak. I kept it simple, sharing God's Word and inviting them to live by its principles.

After the presentation, several Supreme Court judges wanted pictures, and as we visited together, the president said, "Today we need special prayer. It will be one of the toughest days we face, as vital decisions need to be made regarding high-profile figures."

We prayed together and then another surprise awaited me as I was asked to visit a few well-known political figures currently serving time in prison. We went with the church leaders, and after visiting with these men and offering some words of encouragement and also a prayer, we gave each a copy of the book *The Great Controversy*. They were profoundly grateful for the visit.



That night, the meetings began with more than 3,000 people attending. The numbers grew until we had more than 4,000 attending. Each night, hundreds of people came forward to make decisions for Jesus. On the final night, a massive baptism was held, not only at the stadium but, in churches throughout the country that had been participating in the event. *Several months of preparation and pre-work blessed by God resulted in 1,700 people being baptized!*



Hundreds made decisions for Christ.

I have to tell you about Marisa: On Sabbath evening, as I made the final presentation, a young lady by the name of Marisa was listening at home on her radio. She was raised in a Christian home but had long ago stopped attending church and drifted away from Christ. Her brother was killed in a motorcycle accident last year, and he died without giving his life to Jesus. This bothered Marisa. She knew she should make a decision to follow Jesus but kept putting it off.

I happened to tell the story of a young man who reminded her of her brother. The Holy Spirit finally broke down Marisa's resistance. She called her mother who was at the stadium

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attending the meetings and asked to speak to one of the organizers. She said, "Please don't empty the baptistry yet, I'm coming over right now! I want to be baptized; I don't want to wait another minute to give my heart to Jesus!"

And we waited for her! It was such a joyous occasion to witness Marisa's baptism and her mother's tears.

But there was one more surprise. The following morning, I was asked to speak at a meeting for approximately 300 businesspeople. Again, I prayed



Marisa and her mother.

for wisdom from the One who can supply all we need. And again, God's Word had the answer in 1 Corinthians 4:2: "Now it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

As before, the presentation was short, reminding these talented, brilliant men and women that God requires faithfulness. When He returns, He won't say, "Well done, good and successful servant!" He will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" Success is up to Him.

I could feel God's presence in the room. It was almost palpable, and several people approached me after the meeting to share their struggles and their recommitment to faithfulness.

God did and is doing something wonderful in Guatemala. He is opening doors wide everywhere for the preaching of the gospel before they close for the last time. Jesus is coming soon, and we must share the precious message given for this time!

John, please thank our donors and Partners for supporting the work of Escrito Está. It is only through their faithful support that we can spread the message far and wide.

Your brother in ministry, Robert Costa

I could feel Robert's energy and excitement and urgency as I read his letter. The incredible thing is, God is working like this all around the world. Stories like this are being repeated all over the globe!

Next year It Is Written will celebrate Escrito Está's 25th anniversary, and we are celebrating by doing more than ever before. Events this year and next are planned in

Mexico, Spain, Colombia, Ecuador, Europe, and in the three Americas, including a large evangelistic series in Toronto, Canada and several in the United States.

We need an additional \$200,000 to fund some of these meetings. You have just read about the miraculous things God is doing through It Is Written's Escrito Esta ministry. Please do all you can to keep the miracles coming. Your investment in It Is Written—along with God's great blessing—is what has made these miraculous events possible. I hope and pray you are as inspired by what Pastor Costa wrote as I am!

Please take a few moments to fill out the enclosed card and return it with your gift. You will be making a difference in the lives of people like Marisa, who will hear God's Word and respond to the call.

Thank you for supporting the work of It Is Written's Spanish programs. God is using it to reach the Spanish-speaking world with the gospel. What a privilege it is to work together to save souls for the kingdom of heaven.

Yours in the blessed hope,

Pastor John Bradshaw Speaker/Director, It Is Written



P.S. I am so excited to share Pastor Costa's report from Guatemala with you. What a powerful testimony of what God is doing and how He is using Escrito Está and media and television in amazing ways. Thank you for supporting this exciting part of It Is Written.



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