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Dear friend in ministry,

Last year, a father brought his young blind son to the Eyes for India clinic It Is Written sponsored in Barabanki. *His son couldn't go to school, eat, or go to the bathroom on his own.* His friends rode their bicycles while he just sat lost and alone, unable to understand the world around him. The boy's father was heartbroken. He wanted his son to be able to get an education and have a better life. This clinic was his last hope. *And his son left the camp with his sight restored and a bright hope for the future.* The father and mother were all smiles as they left the camp, their son in their arms.

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This year, It Is Written is going back to Barabanki to provide another week-long eye clinic. In the past two years, over 3,700 people have received their site during this week-long

camp. Men, women, and children were given the opportunity for a better life. In addition to thousands of surgeries performed each year in other parts of India by Dr. Jacob Prabhakar and his team, this remote clinic offers a better life to people who have no means to travel and obtain treatment. This month, we need your help to reach people through this and other It Is Written mission projects.

Barabanki is located in the largest and poorest state in the country. More than 80% of the people who live here are Hindus. The poorest of the poorest come to receive the precious gift of sight with great expectations



A joyful mother and father return home after a successful eye surgery for their son.

to this camp. Most people are blind in both eyes. The clinic is set up in a Hindu Hanuman Temple which is located in a forest village. In this remote location, Dr. Prabhakar says, "we have the unique opportunity of demonstrating the love of Jesus. Without our medical team, we would have no entry into this temple complex. But now, we have the opportunity to share Jesus and pray with the patients. **They often hear about Jesus for the very first time from us.**"

That is what It Is Written mission programs do. They open doors so that people can hear about Jesus for the first time. Often it's through a medical clinic, sometimes it's through other humanitarian aid like running water in Mongolia. *The goal is always the same:* show Jesus love and win their hearts. In 2019 we went to Lebanon, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia,

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and Peru. In 2020, we are going to India, Siberia, Costa Rica, Belize, French Polynesia, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Indonesia, and the Navajo Nation in Arizona. Each of these locations has a humanitarian need. We bring doctors and nurses. Dr. Jacob Prabhakar will be going to Ethiopia with us this year to perform eye surgeries. The needs are real and so is your support.

The medical professionals, pastors and lay people who join us on these mission trips all pay their own way. They volunteer their time and expertise but medical equipment, clinic space, medicines, and other costs all present hurdles that limit the amount of care



An It Is Written volunteer's quick thinking and action gave this baby life.

we are able to provide. Your gift to
It Is Written missions this month
will impact the amount of work we
are able to do for people around the
world this year.

Sometimes that work literally saves lives. Last July, one of our volunteers, a retired OB/GYN visited a woman in labor. Things were not going well. He quickly assessed her situation and ordered the woman to be rushed to the operating room for an immediate c-section. The umbilical cord was in a knot and was tightening with

every passing minute. **The doctor's swift action saved the baby's life** and a healthy and screaming little girl was born to very grateful parents.

Your support gave that baby a chance at life and placed her parents in the debt of loving people who could share the love of Jesus with them. **You can do that for someone else this year.**

Right now, there are two ways you can help. **The first is by making a personal gift for It Is Missions this month.** Just complete the enclosed card with your gift. The second way is to order an It Is Written mission box. For now, we only have them for our Eyes for India project but if they are a success, we have plans to make them available for other projects as well.



The box is an all-in-one mission project. It even comes with it's own video screen and message from me. All you have to do is share it with your small group, your Sabbath school class, your business lobby or other small group. Share the video, hang the posters, hand out the brochures and donation envelopes. Each envelope is coded with a unique ID for your group so at any time you can call us and we can tell you how much your group has raised. As you can imagine, a box like this isn't cheap to produce but we know it will have an amazing return as people get excited about what It Is Written is doing around the world. All we ask is that you have a plan for the box and cover the \$25 flat rate cost of shipping within the United States.

People tell me all the time, "I had no idea It Is Written did that!" They are surprised that we are involved in sharing the love of Jesus in so many ways, in so many places. This is your chance to help people get involved and see what else It Is Written is doing. Each person who donates will receive our Impressions magazine and be able to see the impact of their gift around the world.

Thank you for supporting It Is Written and for inviting your friends, and family members, and fellow church members to get involved. You are making an eternal difference in lives who would otherwise never hear the name of Jesus.

Perhaps you can give a gift today AND order a box and get your small group involved. Your gift can inspire others.

Sincerely,

Click the button to

DONATE NOW

Pastor John Bradshaw President, It Is Written

P.S. It Is Written Missions is impacting lives all over the world. We are going back to India to conduct thousands of surgeries this month. Later in the year we are going to Siberia, Costa Rica, Belize, French Polynesia, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Indonesia, and the Navajo Nation in Arizona. Every time, our team of volunteers reaches out to meet the physical needs of the people and show them the love of Jesus. I want to invite you to support this project personally and also to invite your friends to get involved. We are created the first Adopt a Mission box for Eyes for India so that you can easily get others to be a part of It Is Written Mission projects too.

