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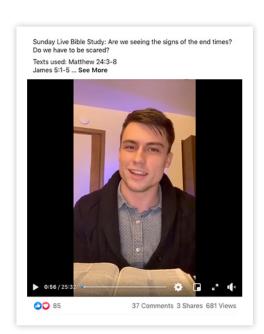
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Dear It Is Written friend,

A lady I'll call Heather was scrolling through Facebook when she spotted an advertisement. "I looked at it, and moved on," she told me. "But when I saw it for a second time, I felt like I needed to know more." She clicked on the ad for Hope Awakens, the recent It Is Written online evangelistic series, "and I never missed a night. I knew I needed to give my life completely to God. I was baptized last Sabbath!"

Heather's story is being repeated again and again. And two new It Is Written initiatives are going to see an explosion of decisions for Christ.

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Nick shares a Bible study weekly on his Facebook page.

For decades, It Is Written has invested in training people to share their faith. Nine years ago we began SALT—Soul-winning And Leadership Training—an evangelism training program that is impacting the kingdom of God in powerful ways.

Our fall SALT class recently began. We have another outstanding group of students ready to be used by God to change the world. While the practical, spiritual training remains the same, classes will look a little different this year owing to the appropriate precautions you would expect to be in place.

This SALT class will include an additional component: tools for sharing your faith online. Until now, SALT graduates have been figuring it out for themselves. Nick, a 2016 SALT graduate, has been hosting online Bible studies on his Facebook page for years.

"SALT gave me the tools to package the Bible in a way everyone can understand," Nick remembers. "I learned how to craft a Bible study, how to guide someone to a decision." A girl Nick attended high school with has been baptized as a result.

When COVID-19 hit, Nick's Facebook following kept growing. *He now has hundreds of people from all around the world viewing his weekly Bible study videos.* "If the apostle Paul had the technology we have today, wow! I cannot imagine what he would have done!" Nick exclaimed. "The skills I learned at SALT have transferred online. SALT was the foundation." A solid foundation. Nick is now in the final stages of preparing to be a church pastor.

And there are many others. When the pandemic interrupted Bryan's preaching schedule, he started sharing Bible studies on WhatsApp, YouTube, and Facebook. Someone has already been baptized in part because of one of Bryan's videos.



Bryan is following up with people asking for prayer from his WhatsApp texts and Facebook and YouTube posts.

"SALT rearranged my whole idea of witnessing," Bryan recalls. "I'm not afraid to share Jesus. I can share and defend what I believe. I cannot preach at church right now or witness door to door. But that has not changed who I am, it's just changed the medium. These are the last days, and I'm excited about what God is doing."

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I'm excited too, and I want to ask for your help to make this year's SALT students more effective than ever. *Graduates of our SALT programs are making an impact for Christ all over the country.* Jeremy, a recent SALT graduate, is now a pastor in Iowa; Jeremy's daughter, also a SALT graduate, is now a full-time Bible worker; and Ridge is now a church pastor in Florida. SALT graduates from all over the country joined with us during Hope Awakens and Take Charge of Your Health to help us reach the thousands of people who engaged with us online during and after the meetings. The reason SALT students are making a huge difference in the lives of people every day is that you have supported this life-changing training ministry since its inception.

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It Is Written is dedicated to providing the resources churches need to effectively reach their communities for Christ in this new online world. Right now we are planning six series of online meetings beginning this October and extending through next year. Each series will provide churches with the advertising and follow-up training needed to reach people effectively with the gospel.

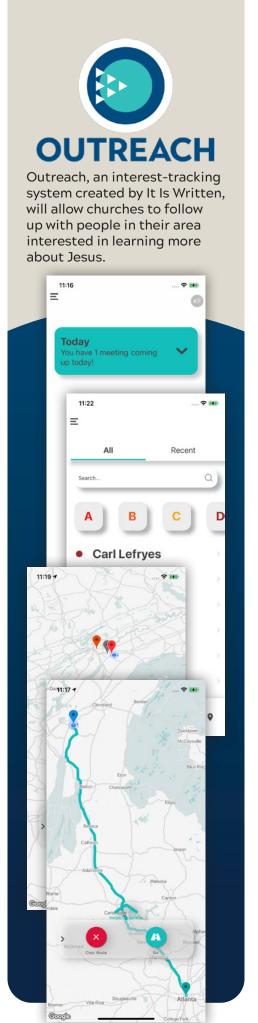
And that's just the beginning. **Our IT team has been working feverishly to finish Outreach,** a software database specifically designed to track anyone that signs up for an It Is Written meeting or online Bible study within a church's geographic area. It gives the churches firsthand access to people in their area who are searching for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

This platform will enable churches all over the country to connect efficiently with people who are asking for Bible studies or attending an online meeting. It will make it easier for them to know exactly who is ready to be invited to the next evangelistic event, to study the Bible, or to make a decision for baptism.

I don't know how long it will be before people are able to attend live events, but online evangelism is here to stay. We reached people during Hope Awakens and Take Charge of Your Health who would never attend an in-person meeting. The safety of their own home and their own TV or device made the gospel accessible.

The online series I'm preparing for October—Answers in Prophecy—will show how the Bible provides answers for life's challenging questions. As the nation prepares for the election in November, assurance from Jesus and the prophecies of the Bible will help people understand that God is working out a master plan.

And our **SALT students will be right there helping and learning alongside us,** receiving college credit while actively participating in a nationwide online evangelistic campaign. This is practical, boots-on-the-ground, or maybe fingers-on-the-keypad, evangelism. Students will learn how to write



online advertisements, develop relationships through online Bible studies, and gain decisions for Christ, all based on the solid biblical foundation taught in every SALT class.

Each year, It Is Written partners with Southern Adventist University to offer SALT, and your financial support makes it possible for us to do that. Your gifts have given Nick, Bryan, Jeremy, Shelby, Ridge, and hundreds of other SALT graduates the tools to reach souls and have launched them into full-time ministry.

We need more than \$100,000 to finish the Outreach platform and provide SALT training this year. Would you consider partnering with us this month to make that happen? **It isn't possible for It Is Written to impact God's kingdom without your strong support.**

I mentioned Heather earlier. Even though she was baptized after Hope Awakens, the most exciting thing she told me might be this. "I'm going to keep on growing my faith in Jesus," Heather said. "And I want to get involved in ministry!"

There are more Heathers to reach. And 30 Nicks and Shelbys are just starting their soul-winning journey this fall at SALT. They thank you for your support. The people they will touch thank you; and the tens of thousands of people who will be reached because of the Outreach software thank you for investing in their salvation.

Investing with you,

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Pastor John Bradshaw President, It Is Written

P.S. Heather was baptized after Hope Awakens and is looking to be involved in ministry. Our SALT graduates have taken the current pandemic and turned it into an opportunity to reach more people than ever before. Online evangelism has been added to the curriculum for new SALT students this fall. They will be taking part in our online series in October and using our new software Outreach to reach people with the gospel. Your support this month will produce not only soul-winners, but also souls for the kingdom of heaven.

Sign your church up for online evangelism starting this October.

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