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Dear It Is Written friend,

I think we both know in our hearts that Jesus is coming back soon. And thank the Lord for that! This earth simply cannot continue much longer. As I read the responses and comments of the thousands of people viewing our October online series Answers in Prophecy, I realized that a sense of urgency and desperation has gripped the minds of many. People know that change is coming. **It's more than the election. It's eternal**.

The angels holding back the four winds spoken about in Revelation 7:1 are starting to release their grip. More and more turmoil is coming to this earth and as a result there will be a polarizing among people. Some will be hardened in sin, while others will be drawn toward the security found in Christ. In this month of Thanksgiving, I want to especially thank you for giving people hope through your support of It Is Written this year. **The** 

opportunity available today to share the gospel may not be available much longer. I want to ask for your continued support in the coming year. I'm convinced we have to lift Him up while we still can.

I'm blessed to be able to see what your support of It Is Written is accomplishing, and I want to share with you two stories of how God is working in life-changing ways.

"Jesus is changing my son's life, and I've been given the privilege to witness it!"

Bill was baptized in 2016 and ever since had been praying for his son Christopher who struggled with addiction. Bill had his whole church praying for Christopher, and he could see God working in Christopher's life. Bill was a virtual Bible worker with our online evangelistic series, Hope Awakens, and when he invited his son to register for Hope Awakens, he did. And he gave his heart to Jesus!

That was just the beginning. Christopher's girlfriend accepted Jesus into her life. Bill was touched when Christopher called him in tears during Hope Awakens and thanked him for sharing Jesus with him. Imagine Bill's joy as he got to hear his son pray for the first time. "Jesus is changing my son's life, and I've been given the privilege to witness it!" Bill said.

Unfortunately, Christopher was incarcerated during the summer for a previous offense. But Jesus followed him to jail! A fellow inmate who had trouble seeing asked Christopher if he would read the Bible to him. After reading, Christopher took the Bible back to his own cell and kept reading. He couldn't put it down! His desperation to get out of jail was replaced by peace. He told his dad, "I'm okay if I have to be in here a little longer."

Today, Christopher is growing in his faith. He is out of prison, has just completed our online Bible studies, and is in the new believers' Bible study class at his church. He's even helping to run the audio and video technology for his church's services. *Jesus has changed his life*.



Bill and son Christopher rejoice about what God has done in their lives.

My team at It Is Written learned that when churches closed and society shut down, **it was time to do MORE for the Lord and not less.** We are absolutely committed to sharing the Three Angels' Messages. We are absolutely committed to lifting Jesus up. As we look towards the approaching new year, will you commit to supporting evangelism like never before? We need you to help finish the work.

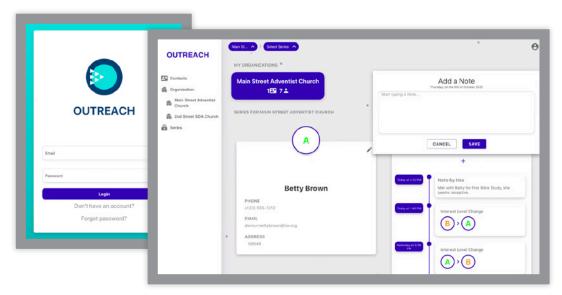
Last month, It Is Written launched ACTS 20:21, a one-year evangelistic outreach connecting churches with searching people in their community. ACTS 20:21 includes six online series and started last month with Answers in Prophecy, which ran for 10 nights. Thousands of people signed up and watched, and churches all over the country are now working with those who attended. I spoke with several pastors who are following up on well over 100 people who

Outreach enables churches to effectively reach their communities for Christ. registered for Answers in Prophecy. The internet is going places a live series could never go.

An essential component of ACTS 20:21 is Outreach, our new, cutting-edge evangelism database. Our IT team is working harder than I have ever seen them work (and that's saying something because they are

always busy). Outreach enables churches to effectively reach their communities for Christ. But our work on Outreach has revealed some needs we didn't know we had. The level of programming our department is doing requires equipment we don't currently have, updated servers we don't own, and additional programmers we haven't hired.

Let me explain how this software works. Outreach captures the email addresses and zip codes of people who have registered for an It Is Written event—like Hope Awakens or Answers in Prophecy. It then sorts those people by zip code and assigns them to the church who advertised to that geographic area. It can show what series they have watched and provides a tracking system



The Outreach database from It Is Written provides churches with the ability to connect with and track interested contacts in a meaningful and effective way.

so that church members and Bible workers can ensure no one falls through the cracks. Now church members have the tools to create a relationship with someone in their area who is interested in Bible truth. This is exciting!

Living in an online, virtual age, doesn't eliminate people's need to be personally touched by another human being. If anything, this year has deepened our need for personal, meaningful connection. Outreach gives churches the ability to make sure those connections happen. We launched Outreach during Answers in Prophecy, and our team is now working feverishly to complete more updates and increase functionality. We are working to include a communication component that allows emails to be sent directly from the software. Outreach will be tied to our online Bible Study Guides so churches will know what lessons a person has completed. Outreach will help churches everywhere to focus on developing relationships by tracking a person's engagement with any evangelistic outreach.

Here's how important thorough follow-up is: One of our Hope Awakens online Bible workers texted Olivia to discuss her prayer request. Olivia had forgotten that she had registered for the meetings, but after the text, she began watching. At the end of the series, Olivia accepted the invitation to attend an online Bible study group, and started not only attending church but also helping at the church's community center. *Olivia said, "I have found a new family.*" And she did so because someone followed up with her after she registered to attend an online It Is Written series.

There is one more tool I need to ask you to help me with: the technology to ask for decisions for Jesus online. During an in-person evangelistic series, people fill out decision cards to indicate their decision for Christ. In online evangelism, those decisions are often made in the privacy of someone's home, and it's easy for the moment of conviction to pass.

We need to purchase a custom number—like a phone number—that

People watching our online evangelism programs can make decisions for Christ by text message.



## will enable meeting attendees to immediately text their response to my appeal questions.

This will also allow local church members to follow up with them right away.

Technology can be a powerful tool for good. Right now we have \$120,000 in evangelism technology needs. These are funds that will absolutely make evangelism more effective. We'll reach more souls for Christ. Our technology window for sharing the gospel will not be open long. **Once the opportunity passes, the gospel will be shared slowly compared to what we can do today.**This month, please consider a special gift to complete Outreach and help churches reach their communities for Jesus Christ.

As you consider your gift this month, please remember to join me and my team for the It Is Written Online Partnership. It's available live November 6 and 7, December 4–6, and on demand at itiswritten.tv. You can find the details at **itiswritten.com/partner**. I want to be able to personally share with you the stories of lives impacted by your support of this ministry. There are so many stories that I cannot share here. God is doing incredible things through your support of It Is Written. Thank you for your investment in souls. Thank you for your investment in eternal life. God is using you to lead people to salvation. I'm more grateful than I can say.

In ministry partnership with you,

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Pastor John Bradshaw President, It Is Written

P.S. We're almost home! Right now we have access to some incredible technology that allows us to reach people personally and effectively like never before. Your support of It Is Written is making an incredibly powerful impact. When the world was locking down, It Is Written was able to press forward and take the gospel to the world. Great things are still happening as a result! Thank you for supporting evangelism. Thank you for investing in the lives of people like Chris and Olivia. They and we are eternally grateful.



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