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Dear It Is Written Partner,

I recently officiated at the funeral service for a family member of one of our It Is Written staff. The lady we had gathered to remember and honor had been married for nearly 65 years. As I shared the hope of the resurrection with her family, it occurred to me that the resurrection will surely happen before another 65 years passes. No, I'm not setting dates. But I am convinced that the signs of the times tell us Jesus' return is near. We're counting down the years!

This month It Is Written celebrates its 65th anniversary. I am thankful! From a makeshift set in a living room filming one program, to a full production studio filming 10 regular programs as well as specials and evangelistic series, God has continued to bless, grow, and expand this ministry to make an ever-increasing impact. And He has done that through you. It Is Written is a donor-funded ministry. Each soul God touches through It Is Written—and there have been hundreds of thousands over the past 65 years—has been reached because you or someone like you sent a gift to It Is Written. It really is that simple.

## God is moving in swift and powerful ways to finish His work.

I have no doubt God is moving in swift and powerful ways to finish His work. As we push towards the finish of the great controversy here on earth, *I want to ask, in this anniversary month, that you make a special gift to reach another soul for Christ*. Although numerous milestones have been reached over the past 65 years, our work gets busier and more intense as Jesus' return gets closer and closer. I am aware my team and I are opposed by the forces of darkness as we do this work. But in just the past five years of ministry, the reach and effectiveness of It Is Written has grown monumentally. Let me share just a few examples.



Six years ago, we accidentally printed a Bible study mailer larger than we intended. As a result, we received hundreds of responses, at an unheard-of 10 percent average response rate! And so was born our Bible school, currently being used by churches all over the country. We now have a 24/7 online channel, It Is Written TV, which is impacting lives all over the world as we continue to add programs and platforms. Our SALT evangelism training program has graduated many who have entered full-time soul-winning ministry, and we continue to train pastors and lay people every year in soul-winning and evangelism.

We held major evangelistic meetings in many of the world's great cities, in both English and Spanish, and as a result, thousands of people have put their faith in Christ. We have produced landmark television series such as "500," which was sponsored by a ministry partner. Four years later people still tell me that the series changed their lives.



Physical and spiritual healing was provided to thousands during our mission trip to Ethiopia.



It Is Written provided disaster relief after a deadly volcanic eruption in Guatemala.

Pastor Robert Costa, who leads our Spanish-language ministry, Escrito Está, has held meetings all over the Spanish-speaking world. As a result, he and his team baptized 3,000 people in Colombia alone. During the pandemic, Robert has held 12 or more online evangelistic series as well as major training events, and literally hundreds and thousands of people have been reached with the gospel.

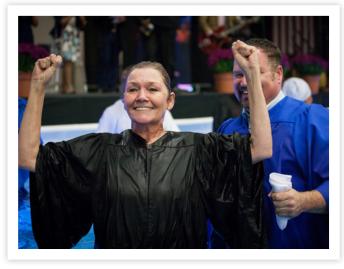
Eyes for India has expanded to give thousands more people the gift of sight, and now includes an annual event at a Hindu temple in Northern India that completes almost 3,000 cataract surgeries each year. *Life-changing mission projects have been conducted all over the world,* including Africa, Europe, and Asia. In each country, humanitarian aid and the hope in Jesus Christ has been shared freely with thousands. One project in Guatemala allowed us to provide more than \$20,000 in relief funds to a community devastated by a

deadly volcanic eruption. And Pastor Costa was able to speak to the Guatemalan Supreme Court, sharing the hope of the gospel.

The It Is Written *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* have become a staple for children's Bible study classes around the country. Our studies for adults, the *It Is Written Bible Study Guides*, have been translated into multiple languages, including Arabic, Hmong, Mandarin, and Korean.

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This past year we launched into online evangelism and watched in amazement as churches rallied to share Jesus in the midst of the pandemic. **Souls were won to Jesus in ways we had never seen before.** This was possible because we had recently moved into our new ministry headquarters in Collegedale, Tennessee, which were miraculously spared when tornadoes ripped through on either side of the building last spring. The list of miracles and interventions from God throughout just the past five years goes on and on.



After almost taking her life, Cathy found the love she had always been looking for in Jesus Christ.

There are so many stories of individuals who have come to faith in Christ. Laura, who ran

for her life from an abusive relationship, attended an It Is Written series and found a man she could trust and love with her whole heart. His name? Jesus. Cathy planned to take her own life when It Is Written Bible workers knocked on her door. She was baptized! Maria, a diplomat and local church pastor, was baptized after It Is Written meetings and testified that *her goal was to bring her entire congregation into the truth of the three angels' messages*. Pastor Miguel had been a high-ranking leader in his denomination and, along with his wife, united with the church and began sharing the everlasting gospel. Cal had been away from the church for decades when a friend invited him to watch Hope Awakens. After the series he was contacted by one of our Virtual Bible Workers and studied through the *It Is Written Bible Study Guides* with a dedicated church member. Cal was recently baptized! The stories go on and on. I haven't mentioned Isabel and Kristie and Jeremy and thousands more. But despite all these decisions for Christ, *there is still so much more to do*. God has more people to reach and more miracles to perform.

A couple of years ago a man approached me at a camp meeting and said, "I want to thank you for making my family whole." Through It Is Written, his wife and children had joined him in faith in Jesus.

But today, as I think back over the past 65 years of this ministry and look ahead to Jesus' return, *I cannot help but think that God is going to say those same words to you and me;* "Thank you for making My family whole." He doesn't want one of His sons or daughters to be lost. He wants every soul Jesus created and died for to be with Him for eternity. We have the unique honor to partner with Him in making that a reality. In fact, He's waiting for it to happen before He returns. Your support can help Jesus return sooner. That's amazing.

Can you imagine, a few short years from now, standing on the sea of glass and hearing Jesus say to you, "Thank you for making **My** family whole"? I cannot think of a greater honor.

Would you consider a special anniversary commitment gift this month? It's almost time to go home. Let's count down the years together. As a special thank you for your gift of \$65.00 or more, I would like to send you a book special to me, *Hope in Present Danger*. It's the inspiring story of a young girl's escape to freedom from communist Romania. It will encourage you in your faith in a great and mighty God.

Yours for a finished work,

Pastor John Bradshaw President, It Is Written COMING SOON!
April 23-29

Registration opens March 23



P.S. I hope we don't have too many more anniversaries. I'm serious. I'd much rather be in heaven than celebrating anniversaries here on earth. Over the last 65 years, God has used It Is Written to reach around the world with the message of God's love and the promise of Jesus' soon return. In just the past five years of ministry, our team and projects have increased monumentally. I need your help to reach more people than ever before. Thank you for joining me in finishing this work. Let's count down the years to Jesus' return together!

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