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Dear It Is Written friend,

I hope you don't get tired of miracle stories, because I have another one to share with you. Sometimes the word "miracle" is used lightly, **but what you're about to read is nothing short of miraculous.** 

Remarkable things are happening through our Spanish-language ministry, Escrito Está. The pandemic could not stop Pastor Robert Costa from reaching hundreds of thousands of people with the gospel. In the past year, It Is Written has conducted 14 online evangelistic series in Spanish, as well as more than 50 training events! As a result, literally millions of people have heard the gospel, and thousands of decisions have been made for Christ. And, of course, there is much more. I have asked Pastor Robert Costa to share this incredible experience in his own words.

## Something supernatural was going on ... I had to help him.

Some weeks ago, I received a message on WhatsApp from another country. A man told me he liked our three-minute devotional program *Una Mejor Manera de Vivir* (A Better Way to Live). Something told me this person—whom I will call Albert—was in need.

I texted Albert a Bible promise, but he told me he struggled with a terrible headache every time he read the verse and that **it mysteriously disappeared from his phone.** I sent the verse back to him and three more times it disappeared. Something supernatural was going on, and even though we were in very different time zones and countries, I had to help him.

When we talked again I asked him if he had any association with satanic or occult practices such as Ouija boards, Harry Potter, rock music, supernatural movies, icons, symbols, supernatural games, or objects of satanic worship? His reply wasn't a surprise: "How did you know? *You have described everything I have!*"

Albert was an orphan, raised by his grandmother in a Latin American country. After he finished high school, he inherited his grandmother's property, including a room with an altar that she had dedicated to the occult. *I implored Albert to make a radical decision and turn his life over to a different master*.

Albert accepted, but I knew the fight would be long that night. I couldn't leave him alone. I asked him to destroy the altar and remove all objects and satanic symbols from the house. I also told him to remove supernatural games, movies, and music from his tablet, phone, and computer. Before he began this process, I sent him Psalm 91 and told him to read it over and over while he got rid of the occult material.

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When Albert started cleaning things out of the house, a door behind him shut by itself, and he couldn't open it. I asked him to read Psalm 91 again and ask God for strength to open the door.

Four times, Psalm 91 was supernaturally erased from his phone, and I had to resend it. Inside the room he felt himself being strangled. Every time he read the Bible promise, his headache returned and blurred his vision. *The fighting was very intense, but eventually he threw everything away.* Truly a miracle of God's grace!

I continued to work with Albert day by day, week after week. The Holy Spirit was working a transformation inside and out. *Today, he is preparing for baptism and is studying the Word of God faithfully.* This victory began with a three-minute devotional!

Escrito Está was able to remain busy throughout all of 2020 because of your support. And our mission continues!

Escrito Está programs are translated into Kekchi, one of the most spoken Mayan languages in Guatemala.



Last month, a brother in Guatemala volunteered to translate Escrito Está programs into Kekchi, a Mayan language spoken by more than half a million people. *Our programs in Kekchi will air, along with our Spanish programs, on a radio station that reaches the entire country.* Until now, we have had no programming in Kekchi.

Our next step is to purchase solar-powered radios loaded with Escrito Está programming in Kekchi and distribute them in the Mayan communities where there is no access to electricity. But that's not all. I need your help reaching people with the water of life, spiritually and physically.

A newly-baptized couple, Anthony and Angie, recently started working for Christ in Moyuta, a small town in southern Guatemala. Anthony told me, **"We come because we want to be their friends**, see what their needs are, show them compassion, and then invite them to follow Jesus. At first children ran away from us because they thought we were dangerous. **Now, they run towards us with open arms."** Two families in Moyuta have already accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and they allow volunteers to use their backyards for the activities they are offering to the community.

Leonardo Maldonado is the local pastor; his church is 45 minutes away, and he is blind. He said to me, "Though I'm blind, I see a bright future for our people."

I see a bright future too! But there is something we can do right now. **Moyuta doesn't have clean drinking water.** Although Guatemala has abundant rivers and lakes, nearly half of the population do not have access to basic water services.

Anthony and his group of volunteers have been working on this problem for some time. They have found a locally made water filter that uses clay, sawdust, and colloidal silver to trap solids, bacteria, and parasites.

## Escrito Está wants to help meet this need.

Samuel is a young man currently studying the Bible with Anthony's team of volunteers, and he helps his younger brother with the Bible activities. He was an early recipient of a filter. "Before, we would drink water from a very dirty hose and often suffered headaches and stomach pain. The Samuel and his younger brother have come to rely on the clean water system for their daily needs.









weather here is extremely hot, so we need to constantly hydrate. Now, instead of the hose, my younger brother Carlitos and I go directly to the filter to drink cool, fresh water." We want everyone in Moyuta to be able to say the same.

There is much more that we could tell, but I'll save the details for Pastor Costa to share later.

Travel restrictions have postponed several It Is Written mission trips recently, but that doesn't mean we cannot share the gospel. *We are still able to give a cup of cold water to those in need.* Just like Jesus with the woman at the well, we have the opportunity to share the water of life. "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

## Your generous gift this month works in two ways: **you are supplying the physical and spiritual water of life to those who desperately need it.**

Please take a few moments to fill out the enclosed card and return it with your gift. You will be making an eternal difference in the lives of people throughout the Spanish-speaking (and Mayan!) world. God is using Escrito Está to reach the world with the gospel, and you are an essential part of that plan.

Yours for a finished work,

Pastor John Bradshaw President, It Is Written



P.S. From translation of Spanish-language Escrito Está programs into the Mayan dialect of Kekchi to providing clean drinking water to the people in Moyuta, Guatemala, It Is Written is still sharing Jesus even when travel restrictions have closed borders. People like Albert are being miraculously freed from the power of the enemy. Pastor Robert Costa and the It Is Written Escrito Está team are dedicated to sharing the water of life—physically and spiritually. Your gift this month supports front-line evangelism throughout the Spanish-speaking world!



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