

## From the desk of JOHN BRADSHAW



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Dear friend in ministry,

When It Is Written was founded in 1956, we aired a single program in one language: English. But for nearly 30 years, we have been growing a global audience in Spanish. Spanish speakers all over the world watch and listen to programs presented by Pastor Robert Costa, who has been our Escrito Está speaker since 2004.

Escrito Está is being used by God in powerful ways. Earlier this year I joined Robert in Bolivia, where we led a series of meetings that were shared throughout South America. *As we collaborated with churches across Bolivia, more than 7,300 people were baptized and connected with congregations and small groups!* 

We have been privileged to see God use Escrito Está again and again to communicate His grace and love and to change lives for eternity. Recently, Robert met Juan in Columbus, Ohio, and learned the story of a brand plucked from the fire.

Juan grew up in a Christian home in Guatemala. His father instilled biblical principles in his heart from the time Juan was a little boy. Having been taught the art of woodworking by his father, Juan became a fine carpenter who manufactured quality furniture for some of the best stores in his country. Eventually he started a very successful business. But one day, he received an offer to make considerably more money. Entering the illicit drug trade, Juan's life started spiraling downward. For the next 14 years, he was involved in the world of crime and violence.

During his drug trade journeys, Juan would tune in to a Christian radio station as he passed through the mountains of Guatemala. *The message of Escrito Está caught his attention*. The program impacted him so much that every time Juan passed

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Pastor Robert Costa meeting with Juan and his wife at a recent evangelistic series in Columbus, Ohio.

Edgar and Marissa recently got baptized after he had a dream about finding the true church.



"Come as you are," the pastor said. "You need God, and today is the day for a new beginning." through that road, he would stop the car to wait for the program to be broadcast. Even though he was immersed deep in sin, God began to reach his heart.

It wasn't easy for Juan to detach himself from the drug cartels, and from the threats of his former bosses and colleagues, but he did. He and his wife emigrated to the United States, where his life turned around. His wife accepted the gospel and was baptized, but Juan—still not ready to commit himself to God—wrestled with guilt, feeling that his actions were unforgivable, seeing as he had ruined the lives of so many people. But he continued to tune in to the Escrito Está radio program from his phone. It was his only connection to God.

One morning, after a sleepless night, Juan called his wife's pastor just before the sermon began and briefly shared his history. The pastor told him to come to the church immediately. "Come as you are," the pastor said. "You need God, and today is the day for a new beginning." The church welcomed Juan with love and kindness. He began to study the Bible and was baptized.

Juan explained to Robert how the Escrito Está programs sustained him and helped him to see beyond the here and now to the second coming of Jesus Christ. Today, Juan is a faithful Christian, involved in multiple mission projects, and sharing the gospel with his family and friends. He continues to work remotely to help get his former colleagues out of the world of crime. Later this year, It Is Written will conduct a major evangelistic series in the country of Colombia. Many thousands of people watch Escrito Está programs in Colombia. In preparation for the series, It Is Written purchased time on a major television channel in Colombia to air our Spanish-language devotional three times a day.

Church leaders in Colombia were not ready to receive the deluge that resulted. They had to call an emergency meeting, asking retired pastors and church members for help with the avalanche of interests! *In the first three* 



Daisy from Massachusetts traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to share how she's been using the Escrito Está daily devotionals for evangelism.

## weeks, there were more than 90,000 requests for prayer and Bible studies!

Artificial intelligence is now being used to handle the volume of responses, in preparation for an upcoming three-week harvest led by Robert Costa.

One of the people whose life has already been impacted by the daily devotionals is one of Colombia's most renowned journalists, who previously worked for a major news outlet in the United States. She has already expressed interest in conducting an interview to discuss the work of Escrito Está in Colombia and around the world.

Additionally, a week-long evangelistic series will be conducted in Northern Colombia in the city of Cúcuta, bordering Venezuela. More than a million immigrants have taken refuge in this city. Church leaders have chosen to serve this group with a message of hope, offering them citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. I am grateful that you are committed to seeing others know the love of God and experience the power of the gospel. It is your help that enables us to invite souls to faith in Christ. Thank you for praying about how God can use you now to further this highly important, transformational work. Your support now will enable It Is Written to proclaim Christ throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

I want to thank you for your willingness to invest in souls for eternity. I'm looking forward to sharing stories with you of how your support today has expanded God's kingdom and brought light and salvation to so many.

May God bless and keep you.

Your brother in ministry,

Pastor John Bradshaw President, It Is Written

P.S. For nearly 30 years, Escrito Está has reached Spanish speakers around the world with the gospel. Pastor Robert Costa, speaker, films multiple television programs and conducts many evangelistic campaigns every year. This year, he is headed to Colombia for a major series, after concluding another series in Bolivia that resulted in 7,300 baptisms and interests! Your support today enables us to continue to proclaim Christ throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Thank you!

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