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From the desk of
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Dear It Is Written friend,

I was standing on what was essentially a glacier of sand, ash, and rock. Only three weeks before, it had raced relentlessly down from the summit of Volcan de Fuego — the Volcano of Fire — in southern Guatemala.

The desolation I witnessed was difficult to comprehend. I learned ***I was standing on top of what had been a town of nearly 15,000 people.*** All that was visible was an occasional roof or the upstairs floor of one or two houses. Heavy equipment was digging to locate some of the 1,700 people buried in the volcanic debris.

Pastor Robert Costa and I were joining a mission team from a church located near our ministry headquarters in Tennessee. In the week leading up to the mission trip, It Is Written raised \$20,000 to provide relief for victims of the tragedy. The mission team distributed fresh water, supplied house-tents for many families that were now homeless, provided clothing for children and adults, and set up a medical clinic that provided 4,000 patients with medicine, vitamins, supplements, and eyeglasses.



Pastor Costa and I visited areas impacted by the volcano in Guatemala.



But the people had an important request, **“Please, can you help us provide schooling for our children?”** The volcano had devastated the schools in the area, and the families were desperate to see their children back in school, not only learning again but experiencing normalcy in their lives. So the team paid for supplies, uniforms, and tuition for 68 children to attend the local church school. They even donated a bus for transportation! For the next year, dozens of families don’t have to worry about how their children will receive an education while they focus on rebuilding their lives. **And the children will learn about a God who loves them.**



But, tragically, the human cost of the volcano eruption was far greater than it should have been. I talked with Rosa, a volunteer for a government agency that issues emergency warnings when Fuego threatens. She had personally gone from house to house telling people to leave the area. “Some believed that if they locked the door of their home and shut themselves inside, they would be safe,” Rosa told me. “But even though I urged people to leave and get to safety, many wouldn’t listen.” **In spite of clear warnings, many chose to remain when they could have fled.** Worshipers in a local church chose to remain there and pray that God would protect them despite warnings. The entire congregation is still there; under 20 feet of ash and rock.

Top: A team of volunteers gathers for prayer. Above: Rosa, who warned her community to escape, is now overseeing a local shelter.

Even though so many made it to safety, **it’s an absolute tragedy that so many were lost.** Needlessly lost.

I want to see people make it to safety, and I know you do too. All around the world there are people who still need to hear the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; the messages of the three angels offering safety to a world in spiritual danger.



That’s why It Is Written continues to share the gospel here at home and around the world. **It Is Written**

Pastor Costa visits with a young girl impacted by the volcano.

Missions conducts eye surgeries in India and has recently led major medical missionary outreach in Moldova, Mongolia, and Guatemala. A team has just returned from the Philippines. We're going to South Africa this fall, and ***new projects are being considered for Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America.***

There is literally a world to reach with the good news. The need is vast. We have to call people to safety wherever we can. Lives depend on it. Wherever our mission teams go, our medical missionary evangelists make a huge impact. People are won to faith in Christ who would not have been had our team not gone. The fields are white, ready to harvest. Your financial support will make it possible for people to come to safety, to come to Jesus Christ.

Thank you for joining Jesus' ministry of touching hearts for His kingdom.

Sincerely,



Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

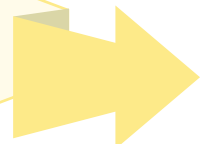
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P.S. I recently returned from the ruins of a city at the summit of Volcan de Fuego in Guatemala. Thousands of people lost everything and, according to local reports, hundreds are still missing. It Is Written was on the ground through partnership with a local Tennessee church to provide necessities and long term relief. Through our annual mission trips around the world every year, It Is Written's goal is to make eternal friends for Jesus Christ. Please consider a special gift this month to fund life-changing mission trips to places in desperate need around the world.

Update!

Turn the page for an exciting update from my letter last month.





Baptism!

In my letter last month, I told you about Ryan who had been faithfully studying the *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* and sharing them with his cousin Daniel. I sent him a new *My Place With Jesus Bible* and his mother wrote just a few days ago to tell us that Ryan had been baptized. I knew you would want to see these awesome pictures of this young man committing his life to Christ and being supported by his family and friends. Keep praying for Ryan, Daniel, and the millions of other children around the world who need to understand the love of Jesus.

