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From the desk of
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Dear It Is Written friend,

A few weeks ago I was blessed to be in Phoenix, Arizona in preparation for a major evangelistic series It Is Written will be conducting there in October. Numerous churches are coming together, many dedicated pastors and Bible workers are preparing, and the Holy Spirit is working now to make our autumn series a big success.

As well as being busy with evangelism at home, It Is Written is helping the church grow in challenging territories around the world. Two years ago, a physician couple and ministry Partners asked me at a Partnership weekend if It Is Written would consider working in their home country of Ethiopia. They traveled there often and shared their medical experience, but they wanted to do more for the people they consider to be family.



Pictures from Yves Monnier's recent trip to the rural district south of Addis Ababa.

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This January, our evangelism director, Pastor Yves Monnier, went to a rural district near Addis Ababa, the country's capital, to determine what It Is Written could do to help. He returned with a burning desire to make a difference in the lives of the Ethiopian people. **He found hundreds of thousands of people living in poverty south of Addis Ababa.** Many have no running water and only intermittent electricity. The locals spend their lives just trying to survive. It's difficult to obtain work and improve their quality of life because transportation is limited. Most use donkeys and carts to travel within their rural community.

Several years ago a Christian physician from California built a hospital in the area — the only one available to the local people. Yves walked through the halls where patients were lined up along the walls and out the door waiting to be seen. He saw why our Partners had asked for our help. He could see the potential for sharing the gospel and knew *It Is Written* would want to be involved.



During Pastor Monnier's visit, patients lined up along the walls and out the door waiting for treatment at the rural hospital outside Addis Ababa.

Ethiopia has a population of 108 million people, one-third of whom are Muslim. It is a friendly, beautiful country with a rich history. Yves met with the local pastors in the area and was immediately encouraged by their dedication. There are about 20 pastors in the area, each covering multiple churches and walking between them by foot. ***When they heard that It Is Written was coming to help with medical care and to conduct meetings, they became excited.*** They are expecting crowds of five to seven thousand people at the meetings and anticipate that over 80 percent will be non-members. It sounds like Pentecost is coming to Ethiopia!



Right now our Evangelism team is planning extensive medical clinics in July in rural Ethiopia. Dr. Jacob Prabhakar from our Eyes for India program has been invited to perform hundreds of cataract surgeries, and we are recruiting medical volunteers to join us. We will be conducting meetings proclaiming the everlasting gospel at four sites over two weeks. If you are a preacher, we need you to join us too!

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While Yves is working on recruiting volunteers for this medical missionary trip in July, I'm preparing for important meetings in Lebanon later this month. A middle eastern country with a tumultuous past, ***Lebanon is ripe for the loving and tender touch of Jesus.*** The country has opened its doors to hundreds of thousands of Syrian and Iraqi refugees, the vast majority of whom are Muslim. Right now, they are searching for hope and security. A team of medical missionaries will be in Lebanon with me ministering to people who are greatly in need of healing and the love of Jesus.

I visited Lebanon this past December in preparation for the meetings I'm holding this month. **The local church is small.** There are few native Lebanese church members and only four congregations in all of Lebanon. But these believers are dedicated to sharing Jesus in their challenging field. They have started a free school for refugee children, they offer stop-smoking classes and health-related consultation, and they invite their Syrian and Iraqi neighbors to church and help them to feel a part of the local community.

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As I am writing this letter, one person is preparing for baptism because of friendships made at a church-sponsored stop-smoking clinic and at the local Christian school where their children attend. They have been so excited about what they have learned that they are already bringing their refugee friends to church. Their decision to be baptized will make returning to their home country impossible. As one young man told me, **"If I go back to my home country, they will kill me."** But following Jesus means more to these people than family and home. I'm inspired by their faith and courage.

I'm preaching two series of meetings in Lebanon — one for the refugees and one for the local Lebanese people. I'm praying and I'm asking you to pray with me that my team and I can show the love of Jesus to these people like never before. Please pray that **our ministry can bring healing to cultural wounds and economic hardship** and ultimately provide hope for a better, vibrant tomorrow.

It Is Written is honored to work with our Partners, volunteer medical professionals, and volunteer preachers to make these events successful and meaningful. As a group, we are able to accomplish so much more than I would ever be able to do on my own. Your support is just as vital. **You are empowering the hands and feet of Jesus.**

The small churches in Lebanon are excitedly preparing for the meetings I'm holding there this month.



The scale of the evangelism and humanitarian projects that It Is Written and Escrito Está — our Spanish-speaking ministry — have planned this year is daunting, but it is being undeniably blessed by Jesus. Please consider joining us as a volunteer on one of these trips (visit itiswritten.com/missiontrips for more details). If you cannot join us, ***please make a special gift this month to help us reach these precious souls for Christ.***

I know you understand there are real expenses in touching hearts and lives for eternity. Your gift will make an eternal difference in the lives of so many people. In these challenging parts of the world, it is not easy to learn about the God of the Bible. ***It Is Written is going where few go, taking the gospel to people in desperate need.*** Eternity will recognize that your support brought the hope of salvation to many people who otherwise might never have heard the name of Jesus.

Thank you for investing in the hearts and lives of the people in Ethiopia and Lebanon, and around the world. Your support will bring the everlasting gospel to people in desperate need.

Your brother in ministry,



Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

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P.S. This year, in addition to evangelism efforts in Arizona and other places at home, we are preparing for special projects around the world. In July, volunteer health professionals and preachers will be ministering to people in rural Ethiopia, and this month, I'm preparing to share the love of Jesus with Syrian and Iraqi refugees as well as Lebanese people in Beirut, Lebanon. These are people in desperate need of hope and community. Preparation has begun and people are already making decisions for Christ — decisions that will make it impossible for these refugees to return home. Please consider joining us on these trips, pray for us, and make a special gift this month to support our efforts to share the love of Jesus.

