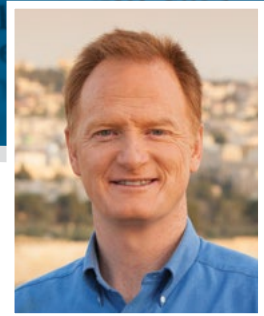




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From the desk of  
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Dear It Is Written Friend,

Deidra had been spiritually stagnant for years. She was lonely and needed something to fill her life. She had asked God for a sign — some ray of hope that there was something better.

When two young SALT students from Southern Adventist University knocked on Deidra's door offering Bible studies, she knew that it was an answer to her prayer. "I had a really good feeling about these two young men," Deidra recalls. "They oozed goodness. **God brought them to my front porch, and I knew I had to pay attention.**"

For the next several weeks Devon, Thomas, and Deidra studied the Word of God together. Devon and Thomas invited Deidra to attend a prophecy seminar conducted by our new SALT Director, Pastor Douglas Na'a. As Deidra listened to the meetings, she was inspired by the connection between current events and prophecy. She discovered hope for the future.

**Deidra realized this was the "something better" she had been looking for.** She noticed changes in her life.

Good changes! Her music tastes changed, her prayer life changed. She wanted to be bold like Devon and Thomas and share her faith with others. "I wanted to be like them," Deidra said. "They inspired me!"

On January 13, 2018, Deidra gave her life to Christ through baptism and is already bringing a friend to church faithfully each week. She's a lot like Devon and Thomas already!

At It Is Written, we realize the importance of discipleship, of intentionally developing people to be fully-surrendered followers of Jesus. A key aspect



*Deidra at her baptism with Devon and Thomas.*

of discipleship is training disciple makers, which is why It Is Written places a strong emphasis on training people to share their faith and grow the kingdom of God. It's an investment in lives — in the lives of people Jesus came to save, in the lives of church members, and in the life of the church itself.

***Devon and Thomas are two SALT students who have completed the accredited It Is Written Soul-winning And Leadership Training (SALT) program*** in association with Southern Adventist University. Graduates leave the fall-semester SALT program equipped to effectively share their faith and make disciples for Christ. Hundreds of church members from diverse backgrounds, ages, and educational experiences have completed the one-week intensive summer program and returned to their communities to share the gospel more effectively than ever before.

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***After seven years providing practical training, SALT's vision is only getting bigger.***

Pastor Douglas Na'a joined the SALT team as director last year, and I'm excited about his vision for the program. “I want to equip people to effectively do three things,” Douglas told me: “Know their faith, share their faith, and defend their faith. I want SALT to communicate to students that evangelism is more than just theoretical information. It's experiential knowledge that leads to transformation and revival in the student's life and the lives they touch.”

Pastor Na'a wants to mobilize a SALT program in cities where It Is Written is holding evangelistic meetings. Instead of only working in communities close to their Tennessee campus, he wants to give students the opportunity to connect with church and community members in cities around the country. ***SALT may be coming to a town near you!***

While SALT isn't just for young people, I'm always inspired by the number of college students who attend the program each fall as an optional part of their academic curriculum. My nephew completed the program last fall, and I couldn't have been a prouder uncle. ***These students radiate the love of Jesus and boldly share their faith with their community.***



*Last year's SALT class with their new director Pastor Na'a and his wife.*

Your support of It Is Written allows us to equip and train the young and young at heart to share the gospel. Some are full-time Bible workers in the traditional sense. Others are nurses in hospitals looking for a patient who is asking a question about faith or a social worker reaching out to a family in need or a realtor listening for the right moment to introduce a client to Jesus Christ.

It costs more than \$100,000 each year to fund the SALT program and equip and train students to share the gospel. ***Thank you for prayerfully considering a personal investment in the life of a SALT student this month.*** The ripple effect of that student's experience has the potential to ***touch hundreds and thousands of lives.***

Every time a SALT class is conducted, I see lives changed. I see SALT students become effective soul-winners, and I see people experiencing new life in Christ as a result. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). It is the privilege of each of us to share Jesus with others. I am so grateful for your support of SALT; it ensures more and more people will be trained to reach people searching for hope like Deidra.



*Fall semester SALT students learning field-tested principles.*

I want everyone who interacts with our SALT students to say what Deidra said: "I want to be like them, they inspired me." Our students inspire others because they have been energized by the love of Jesus and that's what evangelism is all about. Thank you for your gift this month and for making that inspiration and energy a reality.

Yours in the blessed hope,

Pastor John Bradshaw  
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

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P.S. For the past seven years, SALT has trained over 500 students to share their faith with people like Deidra. Deidra was inspired by the students who came to her door — she wanted the joy they had. Under the direction of Pastor Douglas Na'a, SALT is planning bigger and better things for the years ahead including a mobile training program that goes ahead of an It Is Written evangelistic series. Thank you for your support in students' lives — equipping them to share Jesus in a way that makes their enthusiasm attractive to others.



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