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From the desk of  
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Dear It Is Written friend,

This new year is very special for It Is Written. We have another very busy year ahead in evangelism and missions. It Is Written TV is up and running, we plan to move into our new ministry headquarters, and it is the 25th anniversary of Escrito Está, our Spanish television and evangelistic ministry led by Pastor Robert Costa.



Most silver anniversaries have a fancy reception, gifts embossed with memories, and a fondant-covered cake. No expenses are spared to celebrate years of dedication and commitment. Escrito Está's celebration is no exception, except for this exception: there is no cake, nothing embossed, or frosting covered. Instead, ***we are celebrating 25 years by committing to sharing Jesus' love in more countries than seems humanly possible this year.*** The ministry is recommitting to making new friends for Christ everywhere possible!

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I cannot think of a better anniversary gift than seeing people with the joy of salvation written all over their faces. People like a man I'll call Roberto who attended a series of meetings that Pastor Costa gave in Mexico City. After the first evening, Roberto approached Pastor Costa and said, “Pastor, I just want to let you know that I appreciate your messages, but ***I'm a devout Catholic, and I intend to stay that way.*** I'm a firm believer in the Virgin Mary.” Pastor Costa smiled and replied, “That is wonderful! If that is the case, there is one piece of advice that the Virgin Mary taught, that you must follow also.” He reminded Roberto about the story of Jesus making water into wine and Mary's instruction to the servants with the water pots, “Do as Jesus says.” Roberto was encouraged by this and continued attending the meetings.

A few nights later, Roberto approached Pastor Costa again. He shared about his new interest in the Jesus of the Bible and how he had begun Bible studies. He also had a special request,

***“I want to be baptized by you.”*** Usually the local church pastor conducts the baptisms, but an exception was made and Roberto prepared for baptism.

Shortly after, Pastor Costa welcomed Roberto into the baptismal tank. As they waited, Roberto whispered in Pastor Costa’s ear, ***“Please hold me under the water for as long as possible.*** I’ve lived such a sinful life, I just want to make sure all my sins are washed away.” Pastor Costa had never received such a request, but he agreed. He simply asked: “How will you let me know when you are ready to come out of the water?” “I will squeeze your wrist,” Roberto replied.

***“Please hold me under the water for as long as possible.”***

It was time. The entire congregation celebrated as Roberto was lowered under the water, but then *what was taking so long?* Five seconds passed, ten seconds, fifteen seconds, thirty seconds, forty-five seconds. Finally the sign! Roberto came out of the water beaming with joy. He looked at Pastor Costa and made another request: “Can I borrow the microphone? I would like to make an appeal and invite others to surrender their lives to Christ.” ***Inspired by Roberto’s powerful testimony, another group of people approached the altar recognizing their need to be born again.***

Now that’s cause for celebration: souls brought to the foot of the cross and surrendering everything for a new life in Jesus Christ! Escrito Está has been doing this faithfully for 25 years,



*Pastor Robert Costa held meetings in Mexico where Roberto surrendered his life to Jesus Christ.*

and it feels like we are just getting started. ***This year, Pastor Costa will host evangelistic meetings in Argentina, Canada, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, and the United States.***

In France, Pastor Costa will meet with lay Latin-American church members, who live in different countries throughout Europe, to provide evangelism training. All throughout Canada, Hispanic churches will come together and hold simultaneous evangelistic meetings. “In every country we visit this year,” Pastor Costa told me, “we will let people know that ‘if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.’”

I would like to invite you to join this year’s anniversary celebration by supporting our meetings in Europe, North, and South America. It takes hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to reach the Spanish-speaking world for Christ through our weekly television program, daily devotionals, and live events. It Is Written has committed significantly to reaching the Spanish-speaking world through Escrito Está. ***Your anniversary gift will enable the message of Jesus’ love and His willingness to forgive sin to circle the globe and touch hearts like Roberto’s.*** Thank you for rejoicing with us.

I’m not certain angels make anniversary cake in heaven, but I know they rejoice over each soul won to faith in Christ. Your support of Escrito Está makes this year’s heavenly reception even more exuberant as we are able to reach further than we ever have before. From my heart, thank you.

In His service,



Pastor John Bradshaw  
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

P.S. This year, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Escrito Está by sharing Jesus with more people than humanly seems possible. Pastor Robert Costa will be conducting meetings in Argentina, Canada, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, and the United States in addition to our weekly Spanish television program and daily devotionals. I honestly cannot think of a better way to celebrate 25 years of bringing souls to Christ than by bringing more souls to Christ. Please join me by supporting this intensive evangelistic outreach to the Spanish-speaking world.

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## ***Escrito Está on Televisa***

Beginning Sunday, January 20 at 8:00 a.m., Escrito Está will be airing on Televisa, a local television channel in southern Texas. The channel has a potential reach of two million people, some within Mexico. Please pray for the people hearing the message of Jesus’ love.



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