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From the desk of
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Dear friend in ministry,

It isn't every day you get to read about 14,000 baptisms. But I'm going to share with you about what might be It Is Written's best-kept secret—even though 14,000 baptisms should not be a secret! And I want to let you know about an incredible opportunity to touch hearts for Jesus.

There have been some truly incredible recent events taking place with the It Is Written Spanish-language ministry, Escrito Está. ***The Holy Spirit is working in remarkable ways***, and I need your help so we can make an even greater impact for the gospel.

Just last year, a lady I'll call Marta attended a series of meetings held by my good friend and colleague, Pastor Robert Costa, who is the speaker/director of Escrito Está. For months, Marta had been watching Pastor Costa on a local television channel, and her life was being impacted. She was learning Bible truth, she had changed her diet, her cholesterol was down, and she felt closer to the Lord. As well as being an educator and an author, Marta was an evangelical pastor! ***But what she was learning was changing her like never before.*** When she attended the Escrito Está meetings in downtown Phoenix, Arizona, she met Pastor Costa, who she had seen so many times on television. During the meetings, she gave her life to the Lord in baptism. When Robert asked her about how she would approach her congregation about the Sabbath, she told him it was not a problem. The entire church had already been keeping the Sabbath for several months!

In the United States and around the world, the ministry of Escrito Está is impacting people for eternity.

Recently, Pastor Costa visited Argentina and preached at 10 different locations during a



Marta beamed as she committed her life to the Lord in a deeper way through baptism.

one-week event. As well as speaking in large venues, one unique church in particular caught his attention. A group of people outside Buenos Aires in the small town of Máximo Paz started preaching the gospel in a tent on an empty lot. During the past three years, every church member has been involved in tent evangelism. What impressed Robert so much was the special attention taken in preparing programs for children. On the evening Robert attended, **over 30 children were at the meetings** and studying the Bible with their parents. The group in Máximo Paz is devoted to having a permanent church by the end of 2020. So far there have been multiple baptisms, and they are very close to reaching their goal.



Pastor Costa visited a group of believers in Argentina who have been doing tent evangelism for three years.

Right now, we are working to translate our *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* into Spanish so that children like those in Argentina can study along with their parents. These often need to be provided free or at a very reduced rate so that churches can use them. Your help this month will result in children studying the Bible and making decisions for Jesus.



Pastor Costa shared freedom in Christ with inmates at a maximum security prison in Argentina.

Pastor Costa also visited a church group that meets in a maximum security prison. Founded 18 years ago by a man who decided to reach out to prisoners, Pabellones de Esperanza (Hope Pavilions) now has 121 members. Volunteers visit each week to offer workshops and preach the everlasting gospel. On this visit, **five people accepted Jesus through baptism, and 17 more followed the week after.** Government officials are very thankful, as they see how the gospel message is changing the lives of prisoners, their families, and the entire prison.



Five prisoners confirmed their faith in Jesus through baptism at the end of Pastor Costa's visit.

It Is Written provides the *It Is Written Bible Study Guides* in Spanish for prisoners. We even offer the studies without staples, if required by the penitentiary. Usually, we offer them without charge.

I am thrilled that It Is Written is reaching millions of hearts each day through our half-hour *Escrito Está* television program aired on multiple television networks, as well as our Spanish-language daily

devotionals shared over different social media platforms and apps. We constantly receive messages from people stating: “This is exactly what I needed to hear,” or **“God spoke to me today through you.”**

A few weeks ago we received this message from a viewer: “Dear Robert Costa, I’m a pastor from Uruguay. I keep the seventh-day Sabbath. My family and I tune in to your program each week. Today **I’m requesting your videos to share with the people in my town because I want to reach my community** with the Bible message you teach. We don’t have the funds to purchase evangelism materials, but I ask, if it were possible, that you keep us in your prayers. Thank you very much!”

It Is Written wants to provide resources to Spanish-speaking communities around the world who need to hear the gospel. This takes translation, design, and production and often results in high up-front costs.

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Last year, as Escrito Está celebrated its 25th anniversary, **the television program was shared with millions around the world in more than 130 countries and over 10,000 TV channels and radio stations.** Pastor Costa preached 11 evangelistic series and personally participated in more than 5,000 baptisms where God’s truth was received. “God has given us the opportunity to share the message of hope and eternal life in Christ Jesus to millions,” Pastor Costa shared with me. **“By the grace of God, more than 14,000 baptisms have been reported** in the three Americas and western Europe as a direct result of evangelistic campaigns, small groups, and Bible studies.” These are truly phenomenal results! God is working!

All of these wonderful responses have happened because of your support. I want to thank you in a special way. **God is using you to make a difference in the Spanish-speaking communities** in the United States, Europe, South America, and around the world.

I want to ask you to partner with It Is Written to advance the work of Escrito Está. This year Pastor Costa is scheduled to share Jesus at events in the United States, Costa Rica, and Mexico. Lives will also be touched daily through television and online programming now available anytime on itiswritten.tv. And people responding to those meetings and programs



Children happily attended the tent meetings along with their parents in Argentina.

will request Spanish resources for themselves and their children. You make it possible to answer these requests for the Word of life.

Please help us raise at least \$80,000 in February to develop Spanish lessons for children, to be able to share lessons with prisoners free of charge, and to share evangelism resources with pastors wanting to share truth with others. Help us to produce and air programming that touches hearts and lives and results in decisions made for Jesus Christ. ***We need to continue this work and do more than we've ever done before to reach people with the best news ever.*** If we raise more, we can do more.

This is a huge opportunity. The thought of not being able to reach hungry, searching souls because of a lack of resources burdens me. Thank you for being willing to be the life-changing difference in the lives of so many of God's children. Your investment in souls will see many more people come to faith in Christ. Robert told me this: "I anticipate the day when the earth is to be illuminated with the glory of God, and my plea is for that to happen in our generation." And I say, "Amen."

The Holy Spirit is working with increasing power to change lives, and I want you to stand with us in saying, "Here I am; send me!" It is only by working together that we can light up the world with the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Thank you for making a difference and changing lives for eternity.

Your brother in ministry,



Pastor John Bradshaw
President, It Is Written

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P.S. We are seeing enormous interest in Bible truth around the world. God is using our Spanish program, *Escrito Está*, like never before. People are asking for materials in Spanish that they often cannot afford. We are working to produce content and materials that can be easily shared with our Spanish-speaking communities around the world. Thank you for your continued support and remembering *Escrito Está* in your giving this month. I am excited by what God is doing and look forward to seeing Him do much more.

