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From the desk of  
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Dear Ministry Friend,

I remember as a child calculating how old I would be when the year 2000 arrived. When I became a Christian and a church member I wondered how long it would be until Jesus returned. While I'm not in the business of setting dates, I find myself wondering the same thing today. It cannot be long.

As this new year arrives, your It Is Written ministry is determined to reach as many people as we effectively can with God's life-changing, end-time message of faith in Jesus Christ. ***And if I were to try to tell you why we continue to do what we do, I would tell you about Ron and Bette.***

Ron and Bette lived in North Dakota where my Associate Speaker, Eric Flickinger, conducted an evangelistic series.

As a young man, Ron was "rough around the edges" and had no time for God in his life. His friends referred to him as "Party Boy." He owned a number of successful businesses until the economic downturn cost him a majority of his wealth. During this time, he found faith in Jesus and decided to run what remained of his businesses in a way that represented his new Christian principles.

Ron began to support a number of worthy causes in his community and sponsored the monthly "friendship dinners" held at the church where Eric held his evangelistic series last year. ***Ron and Bette didn't miss a night.***

At the conclusion of the meetings, they wrestled with the question of baptism and church membership. After much prayer and discussion, Pastor Flickinger said to them both, "This decision is up to you. But if you'd like to be baptized, be here tomorrow with a towel and a change of clothes." ***That night, Eric prayed for Ron and Bette, and the next morning he was thrilled to see them arrive at church, prepared for baptism.***



*Eric Flickinger speaking in North Dakota.*

After their baptism, Ron and Bette invested their time and resources in helping others study the Bible and grow in their faith in God. They continued to sponsor the monthly friendship dinners and did all they could to help others know the Savior. They loved God, and they loved His people and His church.

Just two weeks ago, Eric received a phone call. **Ron had died suddenly.** As Eric told me the story, and our hearts ached for Bette, I couldn't help but praise God for the

way He had worked in Ron's life. Once a wild young man who lived apart from God, he was led to make a decision for Christ in an It Is Written evangelistic series — just months before he passed away.

The It Is Written series had taken place at precisely the right time for Ron and Bette. This is why we do what we do. Our television and other media productions, our resources, our evangelistic outreach events and training programs are for the purpose of reaching the Rons of this world.

This month, will you help me reach more Rons for Jesus? They're everywhere. Many of them contact us and thank us for what we're doing — which is really what you're doing — to bring them to faith in Christ.

**Ron could have been your father, or spouse, or grandfather, or neighbor, or friend.** You see a Ron or a Bette at work or when you do your grocery shopping. I know you want to reach them with God's precious gift of salvation.

Imagine if that series had not been held. Imagine if Pastor Flickinger had not appealed to their hearts! Imagine if It Is Written hadn't been able to conduct that series because of a lack of resources. That series was held because you made it possible. **God worked through you to provide the means to reach Ron and Bette.** Just in time.

This year our evangelism calendar is full. We have more requests to hold meetings than we can accept. This year will be the busiest year for media production in It Is Written's history. We'll produce more effective soul-winning resources. And why? Because of Ron. And because of Bette. And because you make it possible.

**Will you please give generously this month to make it possible for It Is Written to reach more people, just in time?** I can't tell you how much your support of this work means.

Again, thank you for your kindness. Because of your support, Ron was reached just in time. Thank you for doing something special for God this month...before it's too late.

Sincerely,



Pastor John Bradshaw  
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

P.S. Ron and Bette were hesitant to make a commitment to Jesus Christ but let the Lord lead them to baptism through Eric Flickinger's meetings last year. Just a couple of weeks ago, Ron passed away unexpectedly. He had made a decision for Jesus just in time. We never know when the Lord is using us to give someone their last offer of salvation. God worked through you to provide the means to reach Ron and Bette. There are Rons everywhere. Please consider a special gift this month to help us reach more people, just in time.

## **God just covered Mexico with the gospel!**

Our Spanish-language Escrito Está television program has gone from being broadcast once a week in one region of Mexico, to being broadcast twice a week all over Mexico!

For some time, the Inter-Oceanic Union in Mexico has been sponsoring the broadcast of Escrito Está on a public channel in their territory, which covers approximately twenty percent of Mexico. An executive of the television channel recently watched the channel when Pastor Robert Costa was presenting a program on the Sabbath. He was so blessed that he contacted his sales representatives and instructed them to sell the Union more television time so Escrito Está could be seen throughout all of Mexico. When he found out that the Union did not have any extra money to pay for more television coverage, he instructed the network's management to extend Escrito Esta's coverage to the entire nation of Mexico without cost! That's the country's entire population of nearly one hundred and thirty million people! And on top of that, he instructed the network to show the program TWICE every Sunday, instead of the one time slot the Union had been sponsoring!

God is blessing It Is Written's Escrito Está ministry to reach more souls than ever before! Praise the Lord!



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