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From the desk of
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Dear It Is Written friend,

Christmas is a season of joy. And I want to share with you how your support of It Is Written has brought joy into the lives of thousands of people who have made decisions for Christ. Jesus said in Luke 15:7 that there is “joy in heaven” when a single sinner repents. ***Your sacrifice has resulted in a lot of joy in heaven over this past year!***

I want to tell you several stories of lives changed through the ministry of It Is Written. And I also want to share with you a personal concern.

There is joy in heaven!

Our recent evangelism initiative in Phoenix, Arizona has so far resulted in more than

700 baptisms. Minerva attended our Spanish-language meetings held by Pastor Robert Costa of our Spanish-language ministry Escrito Está.

Minerva was a church pastor who regularly watched Pastor Costa on television. She was thrilled when she heard Pastor Costa was coming to her hometown. She even canceled an international trip to attend the meetings. At the end of the meetings, Minerva was baptized. Today she is actively sharing her new faith, and her entire congregation is now keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. There is joy in heaven!



In our English-language meetings, I was blessed to meet a pastor named Michael. Michael was a leader in his denomination but had been searching for years for a more Biblical faith. “I had seen some things in my denomination that I felt were not scripturally accurate. ***I wanted my faith in God to rest entirely upon the Bible.*** When I heard the message on the United States in Bible prophecy, it was settled in my heart. This is Biblical. This is where God wants me to be.”

Pastor Michael recently told me he will be baptized “by the end of this year!” More joy in heaven!

On the opening night of the meetings, one of our volunteers approached me and said, “I’m here because of *It Is Written*.” I didn’t think too much of that. It was an *It Is Written* series, after all. But then she told me that after watching *It Is Written* she called for the offer and asked for more information about the Bible. Helen was 80 years old and making the most important decision of her life. “I’ve lived all these years and I’m just now learning what the Bible teaches,” she said. As

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she attended her first Sabbath church service, she said, “Everything about this experience just felt so right.” Helen got involved, volunteering at a free healthcare clinic. She participated in classes that taught her how to share her faith. And Helen was baptized at the conclusion of the Revelation Today meetings. She has already brought her daughter and granddaughter to church and her great granddaughter is preparing for baptism. That’s a reason for joy!

God is continuing to do great things in Phoenix. One of the pastors who took part in the meetings now has more than 100 people in continuing Bible studies at his church.

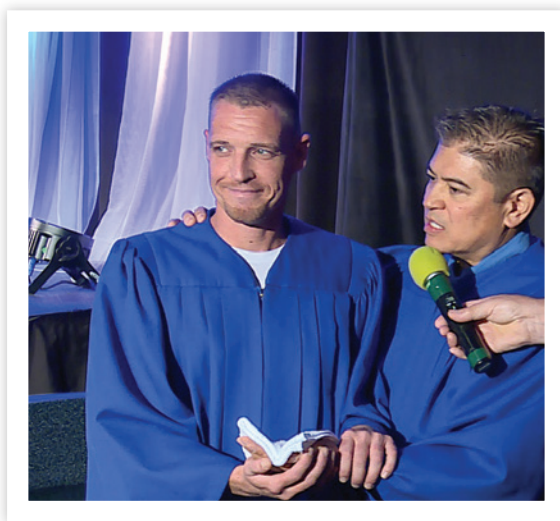
Tom reluctantly agreed to attend the *It Is Written* meetings in Phoenix with his wife. Then he got hooked.

Previously an infrequent churchgoer, Tom didn’t miss a single meeting. He surrendered his life to Christ, and he was on top of the world. But there was one issue. In just a few days, Tom was going to jail for past crimes. The urgency in his heart told him that he couldn’t wait, and although there was no baptism scheduled, **he requested that he could be baptized before going to jail**. The night before Tom went to prison, he gave his life to Christ in the waters of baptism and shared a powerful testimony of God’s grace. He’s sharing Christ in jail now and plans to continue ministering to others when he is released.

Tom’s baptism early on in the meetings had a ripple effect. Several people approached the pastor also requesting to be baptized. Among them was the Miller family. They had received a flier in



Helen’s face beamed as she sealed her decision for Christ.



Reluctant at first, Tom’s whole life was changed by Jesus.

the mail inviting them to the meetings. When they called asking for more information, they said, “We’re looking for a church that will accept us.” The truths of the Bible deeply touched their hearts. Their children loved Buried Treasure, the new It Is Written children’s evangelism series. The family traveled home discussing what they learned each night and returned hungry for more. Toward the close of the meetings, Mrs. Miller said, **“I know if I bring my family back to God, our lives will get better.”** And that’s exactly what happened. At the final meeting, the Miller family all gave their hearts to Jesus through baptism.



Inspired by Tom’s decision, the entire Miller family was baptized.

I can only attempt to tell you how happy that makes me. I was lost once, and I know the joy of being found, of coming out of darkness and into God’s marvelous light. And I want to see many, many more people do as the 700+ people have done so far through the It Is Written evangelism project in Phoenix.

But here’s my concern. While it seems that every new day brings us fresh evidence that the world has veered way off course, it becomes more and more obvious that an enormous amount of people either don’t know or don’t care. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes. There are people everywhere who want to follow God, who want to know a better life, who want to live in the light of God’s love, but they’re not sure how to do so. **They need someone to show them the way to heaven.** And we know the way!

That’s why your investment in soul-winning is so vitally important. There are people we haven’t yet been able to reach still waiting to hear the good news. That’s why our new channel, It Is Written TV exists—to reach more people with the gospel. It’s why we continue to train people how to effectively reach people for Christ. It’s why we hold evangelistic meetings. People simply have to hear.

The devil is not asleep. The world is restless. Behind the scenes we know the enemy of souls is planning to take the world to ruin, and it looks like he has almost succeeded. How much time does the planet possibly have? Surely, there isn’t much time left. But while our job isn’t to calculate how many grains of sand are left in the hourglass of time, **we must do all we can to reach people while there is still time.**

Your support of It Is Written means there will be more people in heaven. Your investment in what we do—together—will grow God’s kingdom. Last year, we fell a little short of our annual

budget. While God has been able to get us through and keep us on the front lines of ministry, ***I don't want to do less to reach souls when we really must be doing more!***

Thank you for giving from your heart. The investment It Is Written makes in evangelism is money well invested. But we need to do more, not less. People everywhere are waiting to hear!

This is why I do what I do. And this is why you support It Is Written. ***You have brought joy to hearts and lives all over the world.*** Please consider a year-end gift that will bring joy to searching souls all over this world. For your gift of \$100 or more, I would like to send you an audio CD of my sermons and ministry updates from our Partnership weekend this year. You'll be inspired by more stories than I have been able to tell you here. And each one is a story of how God has changed lives for eternity through your support of It Is Written.

I'm approaching the new year believing God is going to do greater things than ever. Thank you for giving the gift of salvation through your gift this month. May God bless you as you invest in sharing the gospel.

Your brother in ministry,



Pastor John Bradshaw
President, It Is Written

P.S. Thousands of lives have been changed in 2019 because of your support of It Is Written. Minerva is now leading her congregation in Bible truth. Michael has found Bible truth that he will share with the world. Helen, 80 years young, made the best decision of her life and was baptized and is now bringing her family to Jesus. Tom was baptized the day before he went to jail, inspiring an entire family to also be baptized. All of these stories and thousands more happen because of you each year. Please help share the best joy possible this holiday season with a special gift for It Is Written evangelism.

*Names have been changed.

