

From the desk of JOHN BRADSHAW



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Dear Partner in ministry,

A few weeks ago, I stood in the warm waters of Lomolomo Beach, at the western end of the Fijian island of Viti Levu. I was not on vacation. I was there for a far more important reason.

Early this summer, a group of students from SALT, the It Is Written school of evangelism, traveled to Fiji to participate in a landmark evangelistic series. Collaborating with the churches of the Lautoka district, our SALT students not only preached evangelistic meetings but also taught evangelism to the talented and dedicated third-year theology students of Fulton Adventist University College. It was a significant growth opportunity for our students—many of whom have been called to pastoral ministry—and it also represented the most successful evangelistic outreach in the history of the Lautoka church district.



Baptisms in the Pacific Ocean at the end of the SALT mission trip to Fiji.

Along with Pastor Douglas Na'a, SALT Director, and other local pastors, I stood in the waters of the Pacific Ocean and baptized person after person who had given their life to Jesus. People from all backgrounds had surrendered their lives to Him. Businesspeople, teenagers, young adults, husbands and wives, and mothers and fathers. **It was a day of great rejoicing as the beach rang out with beautiful Fijian songs of praise and as heaven looked on with gladness.** As Jesus said, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).



As Pastor Na'a said to me, "This has been a unique series. Not only were there over 100 decisions for baptism, not only has the church experienced significant growth, but also the training the young people have received—from SALT and from Fulton College—has given them outstanding preparation for ministry." And the blessings didn't end with the final baptism.

"The meetings were designed to incorporate careful discipleship," Pastor Na'a told me. "The new members are being carefully mentored and will be taught how to reach others with the gospel."

I want to thank you for your support of It Is Written. Without you, there would be no SALT, which over the last dozen years has become a major part of It Is Written's commitment to training people to win souls. We have another outstanding group of students attending SALT from August to November of this year, and I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do in and through this class.

This month, I want to ask you to support another major evangelistic outreach. As I stood in the warm Fijian water, I thought of my own baptism, which took place after someone shared a book with me. Several books, in fact. After reading the book that changed my life, I called directory service to ask for the phone number of a Sabbath-keeping church. That book, that phone call, and the return call from a gracious, soul-winning pastor irretrievably changed my life.

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You can understand, then, that I have a strong commitment to sharing literature. At It Is Written, people call to receive our free offers after every weekly program we air. And because those programs now air daily on our full-time channel, It Is Written TV, we receive a lot of phone calls requesting a lot of resources. Additionally, we regularly ship pallets of resources in support of mission trips and other ministry initiatives, as well as providing Bible studies (and Bibles) to those who complete our Bible studies by correspondence.

And are lives being changed? One lady wrote, "My two sisters and I have been studying your Bible studies. I have completed many studies, and I have never had better studies. We are all Sabbath keepers now!"

I'm convinced. Evangelism brings people to Jesus. **Sharing the printed page is evangelism and leads people to faith in the God of heaven.** I feel a sense of urgency with this. There is coming a time when we will no longer be able to air our programs on television or online. How much time we have to do so cannot be known right now, but we know the time is coming when the three angels' messages will not be welcomed. Countries all over the world have hate speech laws that prohibit communication that is considered hurtful to others on the basis of religious belief. As well-intentioned as those laws are, they will no doubt make it impossible to broadcast present truth. At that time, the printed page will do a work that broadcasting will not be able to accomplish.

Thank you for supporting the printing and sharing of printed materials. Your gift this month of \$10 will enable It Is Written to share a set of Bible studies without charge. Your gift of \$100 will enable us to provide Bible studies for 10 Bible students. A gift of \$1,000 will allow us to share Bible studies with 100 people—and we want to reach thousands and thousands more.

Your gift of \$10 will permit us to send Bible studies to accompany mission outreach or to provide 10 sharing books on subjects such as the Sabbath, the state of the dead, or the second coming of Jesus. People are hungry for truth. I want to see It Is Written press ahead with distributing truth to those who are without hope.

We have hope to share. Your support today will place truth in the hands of people who are, at this very moment, being spoken to by the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you for your kindness. As you work together with It Is Written, under the blessing of God, we can expect to see more and more people commit their lives to Him in preparation for Jesus' soon return.

Yours in the blessed hope,

Pastor John Bradshaw President, It Is Written

P.S. This summer, students from our SALT program traveled to Fiji, where they presented evangelistic meetings and taught classes at Fulton Adventist University College, resulting in 100 baptisms and the most successful outreach the church has ever done in that area! Lives are changed through evangelism, whether that be preaching or the printed page. It Is Written Bible studies and other spiritual resources reach thousands of people every year. Books, Bible studies, and other printed resources can reach people where television sometimes cannot. Your gift this month will ensure that we are able to continue sharing the gospel through our printed resources. Thank you!

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