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From the desk of
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Dear friend in ministry,

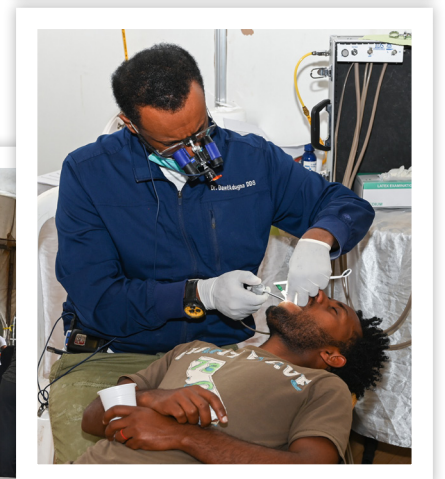
As I stood in the cool waters of an Ethiopian lake, the man I was about to baptize looked up at me and said something I will never forget. “Until recently, I was a [member of another religion],” he told me. “And what are you now?” I asked. He looked into my eyes and said with obvious conviction, “Now, I am a Christian!”

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This letter would need to be significantly longer if I were to give you a detailed report of the recent It Is Written mission trip and evangelistic meetings in Ethiopia. Our phenomenal team of medical missionaries saw 15,000 people, providing medical treatments and

health training. More than 1,700 people received cataract surgery, including 23 men from a nearby prison. One of the many people treated by our dental team was the first to come forward for the appeal during the evangelistic meeting that night. **Person after person spoke of how they had been blessed by the ministry of our hard-working medical team, while hundreds upon hundreds surrendered their lives to Jesus.**

More than 2,500 people were baptized. Another 600 were unable to be baptized owing to public transportation shortages. They will be baptized soon. A remarkable statistic: 65 percent of those baptized were previously from a non-Christian religion!



It Is Written medical missionary teams ministered to 15,000 people in Ethiopia.

Lives were literally saved by our team in Ethiopia. A 10-year-old girl was brought to our clinic with a tumor on her eyeball. Her condition was incurable, and without treatment, the tumor would have spread to her brain and taken her life. Her parents could not afford the desperately-needed, life-saving medical care. By the grace of God, It Is Written Missions was in the right place at the right time. The girl's eyeball was surgically removed, and her life was saved. She can now look forward to a long life, thanks to the blessing of God, the selfless work of our medical teams, and your support, which made this mission venture possible.

“We have never seen anything like this.”

What we witnessed in Ethiopia suggested this planet is on the verge of a truly remarkable moving of God's Spirit. Each thoroughly-prepared baptismal candidate will be carefully followed up and given the best opportunity to grow in their faith in Jesus. Church leaders remarked again and again: “We have never seen anything like this.” In secular Addis Ababa, the nation's capital, hundreds were baptized: men and women, old and young, former Muslims and former Orthodox believers, professionals and laborers.

The miracles we saw in Ethiopia were made possible with your help. Your support of It Is Written is an investment in the eternal life of people all over the world. As you give to It Is Written, lives are changed. People come to faith in Jesus Christ. The kingdom of heaven is enlarged. The gospel is proclaimed around the world. Your support matters, and it makes a significant impact for the glory of God.

As I write, It Is Written is conducting evangelistic meetings in Colorado and Central California, and we have a robust evangelism program in place for 2023. With 2,000 people a month being

baptized in It Is Written evangelistic meetings so far this year, we are looking for God to do even greater things in the year to come.



Local choirs provided beautiful music, while hundreds of people responded to appeals to surrender their lives to Jesus.



It Is Written TV, our full-time channel, broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and our audience is growing significantly. Our flagship *It Is Written* television program airs on channels around the world.

Doors are opening for the sharing of the gospel. This year's SALT evangelism training school class is our largest ever, and the class has a record number of Bible study interests. SALT continues to grow, and God continues to prepare even more people for effective ministry.

Your support of It Is Written this month will directly advance the work of evangelism. Our mandate is clear: proclaim the everlasting gospel and work to grow the kingdom of God.

When Eric Flickinger preached a series of meetings in Vancouver, Washington, earlier this year, he met a young couple who had a fascinating story. Both were raised in the church, both left a life of faith in God, and both joined the military, where they met. Over time, it became apparent that they had something unexpected in common: they learned they had both once attended the same church. After marrying and having children, they both felt a call to return to faith in God. "Let's try going back to the church we were both raised in," they said. They did so just in time to learn about Eric's meetings. Reacquainted with the stirring message of the gospel, the couple was baptized and are now active followers of Jesus.

Eric also spoke of a woman I'll call Nadya, a single mother in her early 30s. Nadya had attended a series of meetings six months or so earlier, but she was one of those people who have a knack for arriving just as the meeting starts and leaving as soon as it ends. One night, Eric raced to the door in time to intercept Nadya, who "made the mistake of shaking my hand," Eric told me. "I held on to it long enough to learn her name and a little about her. She was originally from Russia, and her grandfather had been a member of the church many years before." Nadya had been through some challenges but was learning that God was faithful. After Eric established a friendship with Nadya, it wasn't long before she surrendered her life entirely to Jesus.

It may often seem as though this world is spiraling out of control. But high above the circle of the earth, there is a God who is working to draw people to faith in Jesus. Even if you don't see it day to day, I can tell you there are people everywhere who are searching for answers, looking to make sense of the senseless, and longing for something of eternal value. They are connecting



Local church leaders said, "We have never seen anything like this here," as thousands came to the evangelistic meetings.



with us at It Is Written, and we have the joy of pointing them towards the Savior of the world. You make that possible.

You and I are so blessed. We have the answers others are seeking for. But we can't be satisfied with having the answers, and not sharing those answers as energetically as we know how.

Jesus is coming back soon. This is a time of ingathering, a time of both sowing and reaping. Even though this world is darkened by sin, there are great numbers of people looking in the direction of heaven.



Authorities closed roads and held a parade to welcome our team of volunteers to Ethiopian cities.

Will you help me this month to reach as many of these searching souls as possible?

Thank you for your support of It Is Written this month. There are many more people waiting to be won to faith in Christ. Your gracious investment in souls right now will result in a greater harvest for God's glory.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Pastor John Bradshaw.

Pastor John Bradshaw
President, It Is Written

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P.S. Our mission trip and evangelistic meetings in Ethiopia recently concluded. God's Spirit was at work, and our team ministered to 15,000 patients, and baptized over 2,500! A young girl with a tumor on her eye had life-saving surgery. This and other miracles would not be possible without your support. People are searching for answers, and It Is Written is connecting them to Jesus. Your gifts this month will enable us to continue the essential work of missions and evangelism.

