



From the desk of
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Dear friend in ministry,

Years ago I lived near a beautiful lake which was famous for trout fishing. The area billed itself as the trout fishing capital of the world, and with a lake the size of the Hawaiian island of Molokai, and dozens of rivers brimming with rainbow trout, angling was a very big deal.

I learned while living there that, for many people, fishing required teamwork. Charter boats took people to the best spots on the lake, fishing guides led anglers to the hottest places on the rivers, stores sold equipment and gave advice, and people gladly shared fishing tips. The local radio station even aired a daily fishing report. Sometimes, it takes a village to catch a fish.

When Jesus invited His disciples to follow Him, He made a special promise. “I will make you fishers of men,” He assured them. There are two things I see in this. One, a person who takes the name of Jesus becomes a fisher, searching for others to lead to Jesus. Two, being a successful fisher of souls often takes teamwork, people helping people, working together to reach others for Jesus.

I want to thank you for teaming up with It Is Written to grow God's kingdom. We can do much more together than we could do solo. I want to share two stories with you that illustrate that God is using us—together—to grow the population of heaven.

Let me remind you of Ted's story, shared in our spring issue of *Impressions*. Earlier this year, It Is Written conducted evangelistic meetings in the Pacific northwest. When Ted arrived on opening night, he was greeted warmly by a lady at the door of the church. “We're happy you're here!” she said enthusiastically. Ted scowled. “Well, I'm



Ted's baptism.

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not happy to be here!” he barked, before storming off to take his seat. He was there to accompany his wife, who had been praying for him for many years.

On the surface, you’d have taken Ted as someone who would never be moved by the Spirit of God. But instead of looking at the outward appearance, God looks at the heart. As the meetings progressed, Ted’s heart began to soften. He sat a little closer and looked a little more interested as the nights passed by.

What we didn’t know was this: when Ted was serving in Vietnam, an enemy soldier shot Ted’s finger off during a firefight. If the bullet had not ricocheted off the ring on Ted’s finger, it would have struck him in the head and killed him. Ted knew God had spared him. It was a one-in-a-million occurrence, and even as a hardened young man, he understood he had been miraculously spared. But once back home in the United States, Ted carried on where he had left off and never did make any kind of decision for Jesus.

However, during the meetings, something clicked in Ted’s mind. “I recognized what God had done for me,” he said. “I decided I wanted to be saved, to have Jesus in my life, and have Him change my heart. I have chosen to follow Jesus.”

A miracle of grace, made possible by you and I working together as a team. Consider this: while far away from God, and far away from home, God miraculously saved Ted’s life. His wife prayed for him for many years. A local church agreed to host meetings. A team from It Is Written went to Oregon to share the gospel. Pastor Wes Peppers and I preached the meetings. A wonderful team of dedicated people pulled together to run the series. Wes visited with Ted in his home. The Holy Spirit touched Ted’s heart. And you made it all possible through your support of It Is Written. *Without you, the meetings would never have been held, and Ted would not have heard the good news.*

Teamwork.

Earlier this year, It Is Written was invited to lead a major evangelistic outreach in South America, where our Spanish-language program, *Escrito Está*, is widely viewed. In preparation for upcoming evangelistic meetings, we are paying to air our Spanish-language devotional on a major television network. *After just a few weeks of airing the devotionals, an incredible 90,000 inquiries had been received from people wanting more information, including Bible studies.* 90,000 people, in just a few weeks! And the reason? Teamwork. God at work through your support of proclaiming the three angels’ messages.

This year we have filmed many new television programs in English and Spanish, including a series on the seven churches of Revelation recorded on location in Turkey. New resources have been developed, with many more planned. Literally thousands of people have been trained to be fishers of men and women, and many

more thousands have been baptized. 7,000 in Bolivia. 3,200 in Ethiopia, where 1,700 people received free cataract surgery and a total of 15,000 people received medical care and education. 3,500 baptized in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and thousands more besides, including hundreds baptized here in the United States.

Teamwork.



A mass baptism took place in Ethiopia at the end of the series.

Mission dentists saw thousands of patients during the trip.



Your support of It Is Written, accompanied by prayer and the blessing of God, results in people coming to faith in Jesus. Lives are being changed, and those lives go on to change still more lives. Like the young man who came to an It Is Written evangelistic series in Chattanooga a couple of years ago and is now studying to be a pastor.

In one Colombian city of 600,000 people, church membership was only 300 earlier this year. But after two It Is Written evangelistic meetings, 323 well-prepared individuals have been baptized, with well over a thousand others taking Bible studies.

Teamwork.

I am thankful you are a special part of our It Is Written team. And I am looking forward to seeing God do even greater things in 2023. With your help, more Teds will be baptized. More cities will see the power of God descend. More families and hearts and lives will be changed.

What we cannot do on our own, we can—with the blessing of God—do together.

Your support now is urgently needed. Next year, God will use your gifts to It Is Written to conduct evangelistic outreach around the world. Souls will be won to

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faith in Jesus through television, radio, and the internet, and many new soul-winning resources will be developed. I have only had time to share a little of what we have seen God do this year, and I am excited to see what God will do in the year to come. Your investment in It Is Written right now will result in many more souls being won to faith in the God of heaven.

Thank you for your strong support of It Is Written. The world must be reached. The final warning message must be given to the world. The hope of the gospel must sound around the globe.

I am reminded of the Bible story in which a man suffering from paralysis was lowered through a roof into the presence of Jesus. One key but often-overlooked detail of that story is that the Bible says he came to the Savior “carried by four men” (Mark 2:3).

Teamwork.

It took a team to bring the man to salvation. I am so thankful that you are part of the It Is Written team. As we unite as fishers for Christ, we can expect to see God do remarkable things to lead men and women and boys and girls to faith in Jesus.

Your brother in ministry,




Pastor John Bradshaw
President, It Is Written

P.S. It Is Written couldn't do what it does without you. Your investment in the soul-winning ministry of It Is Written reached Ted, miraculously spared in Vietnam, and miraculously won to faith in Jesus earlier this year. Churches have doubled in size. Tens of thousands have requested Bible studies and other information. Many thousands were baptized this year. Thank you for your special year-end gift. Teamwork will help us reach many more souls for Jesus!

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