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From the desk of
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Dear It Is Written Partner,

Several months ago, I shared the story with you of a young man in Mongolia who was ministered to by our Mission: Mongolia medical missionary team.

I'd like to tell you the rest of the story.

Erden and his family were not Christians when they visited the It Is Written medical clinic held at a church in their neighborhood. They attended the evening “Jesus Talks” presented by Pastors Yves Monnier and Eric Flickinger and were excited to be baptized.

After the meetings, Erden — a teenager — began sharing his new-found faith with others. Sharing your faith in a non-Christian country isn't easy. It's especially not easy if you're unable to talk. **Erden was tongue-tied and couldn't verbally share with his friends about the Jesus he had just met.** But he wasn't deterred and found ways to share his new Best Friend with them. As a result, some of his neighbors became interested, started attending church and were also baptized!

Two years later Erden has led four families to faith in

Jesus. His soul winning began because a team of It Is Written missionaries responded to God's call to serve others and share their faith in Christ. And Erden, thanks to an It Is Written donor and another group of It Is Written medical missionaries, has had a successful operation and speech therapy enabling him to speak for Jesus in a whole new way.

Mission work is powerful. That's why It Is Written conducts medical missionary evangelism initiatives. At the end of this month, a group of twenty-six missionaries — including seventeen youth — will travel to Moldova, the poorest country in Europe. Medical missionary work



Erden at meetings in 2017
and getting ready for surgery.



The years of medical missionary work in Mongolia resulted in hundreds hearing about Jesus last year.

during the day will be followed by youth-led evangelistic meetings in the evening, especially designed to reach children.

In March, another It Is Written medical missionary team will return to Mongolia. This time our team will travel to a city outside the nation's capital, conducting the city's very first free health care clinic and sharing Christ in evening public meetings.

In July of this year, a team of nearly 50 It Is Written volunteers will visit Manila in the Philippines to conduct multiple evangelistic meetings. ***We expect thousands of people to accept Jesus and be baptized.*** Thirteen million people live in metro Manila. There is an enormous work to do.

And in October, another mission team will head to Johannesburg, South Africa to reach out to the millions in Gauteng Province with physical and spiritual healing.

So why do we go? We go because Jesus told us to go. We go because there are people in darkness who must receive the light of God's word. ***We go because serving in mission work overseas results in more involvement in mission work at home.*** We go because there are souls to be won to Jesus Christ.

People like Erden and his neighbors are won to Christ during mission trips like these. In many countries there simply aren't enough resources to share the gospel like we can here at home. When you and I get involved, the results are great. One of our mission teams in Mongolia was amazed to see the children of the neighborhood shaman priest attend the Jesus Talks. There was no way the church could directly reach that family, but a mission group made it possible for the gospel to reach the home of a witch doctor.

Let me share another amazing story with you.

Late last year, It Is Written's Associate Speaker Eric Flickinger conducted an evangelistic series in South Texas where he met Marie, a young mother of four children. ***The same night Eric's meetings began, Marie had walked out of an abusive relationship with her boyfriend*** and had wandered the streets in the rain hoping to find a local shelter where she could spend the night. In the midst of her search, a kind lady offered Marie a ride and after hearing her story, invited Marie to her own home. The lady lived right next door to the church where Eric was holding his meetings and Marie began attending with her kind hostess.

The power of the Holy Spirit transformed Marie! ***Everything about her changed as she opened her heart to Jesus.*** She immediately began sharing the Bible with others, and a short time after the meetings were over, Marie was baptized. Her past is gone. Her past drug use and prison time no longer defines her. Marie has been made new. She is a child of God!

That's what the Holy Spirit does. That's what Jesus does. That's what evangelism does. ***Our overseas mission trips are a significant part of our plans for this year.*** We are committed to seeing the gospel go to the multiplied millions who haven't yet come to faith in Jesus.

I'm asking you to help make these mission initiatives happen. Our evangelism outreach in Manila and Johannesburg will cost \$150,000. Would you please do all you can to help us reach the many people who are waiting to hear the Bible's message of hope?

There are many, many more people like Erden and Marie looking for hope, and we have hope to share. Your generous gift this month will make it possible for It Is Written to reach, baptize, and equip more disciple-makers like Erden and Marie. Will you help us this month with this vitally important work?

Thank you for being used by God to bring hope and light to those for whom Jesus died.

Sincerely,



Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

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P.S. This year, It Is Written mission groups are returning to Moldova and Mongolia as well as conducting major evangelistic outreaches in the Philippines and South Africa. Over a hundred volunteers are sacrificing their time and financial resources to go with us. But there are additional needs to make these mission trips a success. Your gift this month will reach the people of Manila and Johannesburg with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To learn more about being part of an It Is Written mission venture, please call 1-844-WRITTEN.



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