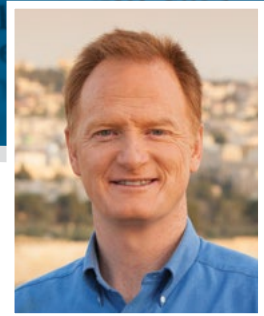




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From the desk of
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Dear ministry friend,

A couple weekends ago I was in Kansas City, Missouri, for a weekend rally in preparation for our city-wide evangelistic meetings starting there in just a few weeks. **For over a year now, our Bible workers have been working with local church members to reach their communities for Jesus.** This is a large undertaking, covering two states, many cultural and socio-economics groups, and around two million people.

The city's economy is driven by several strong business and government entities including the IRS, Honeywell, and Ford Motor Company, and the city is known for its breweries and barbecue. **But as our Bible workers quickly discovered, the city is searching for more** than a healthy paycheck and a medium-rare prime rib.

As I met with our dedicated churches and Bible workers in the area, I heard a phenomenal story from Greg and Cathy — two area church members — that I really want to share with you.



Greg and Cathy weren't sure they were the right people.

Greg and Cathy had held various offices in their local church — treasurer, teacher, elder — but they were hesitant to respond to requests for Bible studies. They felt it was simply outside their comfort zone. Their pastor and fellow church members encouraged them until they decided to try. They attended a training class and accepted some interest cards requesting Bible studies.

Cathy described their initial impression: “As we approached the house, we heard voices and laughter. A smiling girl answered our knock and almost instantly invited her sister to join her at the door. Then other faces began to appear. **The original request for two Bible studies quickly became five!**” That was the exact number of lessons Greg and Cathy had with them. Other members of the family who lived at a different address had also requested Bible studies.

Cathy continued, “The following week, the whole family was there again, waiting for us! They were so excited to see us that we had a hard time getting away after the study!” Every week, Greg and Cathy met with, prayed with, and studied with this family.

“They had a lot of questions,” Cathy recalled. **“Many Saturday evenings I’d start getting texts nearly as soon as we left, asking more questions.** That would often continue until 10:30 in the evening.”

Three months into their studies, the family requested baptism and Greg and Cathy invited them to church. They loved the Bible study time before the service and began attending church regularly.

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One of the studies covered what the Bible says about health. Two of the family members work for an area grocery store and had just purchased a large amount of meat on the employee discount program. Through the study, they were impressed that unclean foods weren’t a part of God’s plan for them. They went through their freezer and threw out 90 pounds of pork on the spot! Cathy commented, “God said it — they did it! When they told us the following week what they had done, my husband and I were so amazed! Yet we believed what we were seeing — **God was convicting them and they were responding.**”

It wasn’t long before an entire family had given their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ through baptism. But the story doesn’t end there. Cathy continued, “Every week, we watch with excitement for their vehicles to enter the church parking lot — and praise God that they are attending our small group during the week and the activities our church is involved in.”

Greg and Cathy know that it is just a matter of time before this family will be knocking on someone’s door and offering It Is Written Bible studies.



Greg and Cathy joined heaven in rejoicing over this family’s decision for Christ.

God abundantly rewarded this couple's commitment to step into the unknown and invite someone — in this case, a whole family — to study the Bible. Cathy concluded her story, eyes beaming. "If someone asks you to join a team responding to Bible Study interests — remember this story can be yours — all you have to do is pray, go, and watch God work!"

"Watch God work!" I have that privilege every day as I hear story after story of people who are touched by this ministry and drawn to faith in Christ. ***As the final countdown to the meetings in Kansas City approaches, I want to ask you for a special gift for the souls in this busy, prosperous, and hungry city.***

The It Is Written budget for these meetings is well over \$100,000. This will be a reaping series for hundreds of Bible study interests, small group meetings, and countless church activities that have gone on over the past few years to connect people with God's last day message. ***Please pray for me, the area team, and the people attending this series*** starting March 30 at the Reardon Convention Center.

And please consider a special gift this month for the people in Kansas City. They are hungry! Not for barbecue, but for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I'm looking forward to sharing more amazing miracle stories from Kansas City. Thank you for helping us reach this great city with the good news of salvation.

Sincerely,



Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

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P.S. It Is Written Bible workers and Kansas City-area church members have been working diligently for over a year to prepare for a city-wide It Is Written evangelistic series beginning March 30. Dedicated church members Greg and Cathy didn't think following up on Bible study interests was for them but they tried it one afternoon. Two interest cards turned into five people studying the Bible weekly and ultimately giving their lives to Jesus Christ. Kansas City is hungry for the gospel and we need your help to reach them through the reaping series this spring.



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