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From the desk of
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Dear It Is Written friend,

In early December I was at a special weekend for our ministry Partners in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. It was a wonderful weekend filled with stories of lives changed by Jesus Christ, uplifting music, a bear sighting (or two), and inspiring messages of hope. On Sabbath morning, as I was preaching, ***a man was being baptized 300 miles away in a church in Kentucky after God reached him through It Is Written.***

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Let me tell you his story. After watching an It Is Written program, Darrel's wife called and requested some health material. Something about what Darrel's wife said during the call prompted our representative to ask her about taking Bible studies. Darrel's wife accepted the lessons. In the following months, she and her husband studied the Bible and attended a series of meetings that grounded their faith in Jesus Christ. She had been baptized previously, and on the first weekend in December, her husband joined her in baptism.



While I was preaching in Gatlinburg last month, Darrel was committing his life to Christ in baptism.

Not every story ends in baptism; at least not right away. Ray had struggled—alcohol, prison time—but he fell in love with Jesus and gave up his past life. His family mocked him and made fun of his new beliefs. In December of 2015, he called us in response to a television program and **again our representative was inspired to offer him in-home Bible Studies**. He accepted and the representative put Ray in contact with someone near his home who met Ray and became his friend.

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This spring, Ray decided to be baptized. He was struggling with health issues and the baptism was delayed and rescheduled. Two weeks before his new baptismal date, Ray attended prayer meeting but suffered a heart attack when he got home. His death was hard on the church family, but something incredible happened. Because of Ray's connection with Christ, his family members—**the same ones who had made fun of him**—started coming to church and learning about Jesus. Now they are making decisions for baptism!

Ray's family weren't the only ones making this important decision. Evelyn had originally called It Is Written in 2015 and multiple times since then. Our representatives encouraged her and prayed with her. Finally, it was time for the harvest. During one of her calls to the ministry, a representative offered Evelyn Bible studies, and she gladly accepted them.



I would love to send you one of these It Is Written TV window decals.

A Bible worker in Evelyn's home town received her name just as a local church was beginning a series of meetings on the book of Revelation. They extended an invitation for Evelyn to attend and she gladly attended. **A few weeks ago, Evelyn sealed her commitment to Jesus Christ through baptism.**

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free offers or special prayer and often they accept Bible studies. I'm thrilled by stories like these. People who—because of a simple phone call and caring heart on the other end of the line—found their way to salvation through Jesus Christ.

As we begin 2019, I want to challenge you to take every opportunity to connect someone with the love of Jesus. It may be as simple as a phone call but it can make an eternal impact. In fact, ***I want to help you make those connections.*** This month, for your gift to the ministry of \$50 or more, I want to send you our brand new It Is Written TV window decal to help start conversations and prompt people's interest to learn more.

Every year, ***your investment in It Is Written results in people being reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*** You make it possible for It Is Written evangelism—which takes place in many forms—to reach souls for eternity.

As we bring in the new year, may I encourage you to make a commitment to the Darrels, the Rays, and the Evelyns who are waiting to be reached and won to faith in Christ.

Thank you for being a part of It Is Written's ministry to touch hearts for Christ one soul at a time.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Bradshaw", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

P.S. Darrel, Ray, and Evelyn all made decisions for Jesus last year because an It Is Written television program led them to reach out to It Is Written. The representatives who answered the phone saw them searching and connected them with people who could tell them more about God's love. These one-on-one connections make the difference between a casual phone call and a decision for Jesus. This year, I challenge you to make connections count for eternity, and I ask for your support as we connect searching souls with the One who can answer every question.

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