



# **EARLY WARNINGS THAT SAVE**

December 2017

**An Amazing Fact:** *The deadliest storm in American history was a Category 4 hurricane that struck Galveston in 1900. The Texas city was destroyed by a 16-foot storm surge, and an estimated 12,000 people lost their lives. By contrast, Hurricane Irma was the most powerful hurricane in recorded history—a Category 5 that lasted three days! Yet, because of early warnings provided by weather satellites, only 73 lives were lost.*



Dear friend,

There has never been a storm quite like Irma to hit America. The metric energy of this one hurricane topped seven of the other major storms of 2017, including Harvey, combined! Yet thousands of lives were saved because of weather satellites. These “eyes in the skies” provided several days of warning and helped people find shelter.

You also provide early warnings that save lives too. By helping to proclaim the prophecies in God’s Word—accurate forecasts for what is soon to come upon the world—you are helping thousands find shelter in Christ. Your dollars (especially this month; I’ll tell you more about that in a moment) fulfill the mission of Amazing Facts: to preach the gospel to every tribe, tongue, and people *before* earth’s final storm strikes.

Whether you build your house on the rock or the sand, everyone alive on the planet at that time will be hit by this apocalyptic storm. *“There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be”* (Matthew 24:21).

Time is extremely short. Like weather satellites do, we must give advance warning so people will find safety in the shelter of Christ. We cannot wait, for we are told to work while it is day for *“the night is coming when no one can work”* (John 9:4).

## **Restraining the Winds**

The apostle John saw our day in vision. He witnessed powerful angels holding back the forces of evil until the work of God on earth was completed. *“I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree”* (Revelation 7:1).

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Angels from heaven are keeping Satan's armies at bay. They are holding back his raging power to destroy our world. When the four angels finally release these violent winds, the whole earth will be involved in unprecedented ruin (Daniel 12:1).

Why does God restrain the deadly work of the devil? It is because the Lord longs to receive more of His children into His kingdom. Someday probation will close; nature and governments will collapse in chaos. My heart grieves to think of the millions who will descend to hopeless graves. We have but a short time to carry the message of salvation to the world—to sound the warning! *"Hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me"* (Ezekiel 3:17).

Your gifts to Amazing Facts alert others how to survive the coming tempest. Your dollars lead others to Christ the Rock of Ages. No storm can shake those who rest their faith on His Word.

### Historic Headlines

Anyone can see things are happening fast. Consider just a small sample of the record-breaking catastrophes from 2017.

- **Hurricanes** Harvey, Irma, and Maria struck the Atlantic Coast. During Harvey, a record-breaking two feet of rain fell in 24 hours. At its peak, a third of Houston was underwater.
- **Major earthquakes** struck central Mexico, Iraq, and Iran—killing hundreds.
- **Violence** struck Las Vegas, the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, and Texas, the deadliest church shooting in U.S. history.
- **Fires** in California scorched 200,000 acres, destroyed 9,000 buildings, and killed 43 people—some of the most destructive fires in California history.
- **Flooding** and mudslides struck Bangladesh, Colombia, Sierra Leone, China, Peru, Zimbabwe, and Sri Lanka. Thousands died and millions were left homeless.

These mounting disasters are harbingers of Christ's soon return. They have increased a sense of urgency in my heart to tell others about Jesus.

And beyond these, religious trends are fulfilling prophecy. On the 500-year anniversary of the Reformation, leaders from the Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, and Reformed Churches gathered in Westminster Abbey on October 31 to sign a unity statement titled "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification." These clasping hands are another warning that Christ will soon return.



## What's Ahead

As we close 2017, you standing with Amazing Facts is more important than ever. The winds of strife will soon be released, and people must hear the three angels' messages to the world before it's too late. Your year-end gift today will help Amazing Facts finish this year strong and make bold plans for new, bigger evangelistic projects in 2018. Here's a small taste of how God is already leading ...

- God has opened the doors for Amazing Facts to conduct a new public evangelistic meeting in a large city in China. (More about this later).
- Amazing Facts is producing a new series for children 8-12 called *Amazing Kid Questions* to reach the next generation for Jesus.
- We have evangelism opportunities in Africa, South America, India, Europe, New Zealand, Indonesia, and many more places!
- One of the most exciting developments is that Amazing Facts will complete a new global ministry center where we can broadcast evangelistic programs, health seminars, worship services, Bible studies, and Sabbath school classes around the world. This last summer, site preparation began on the new W.O.R.D. Center. As the Lord leads, we hope to move into the two-building facility in the fall of 2018 and proclaim the gospel further than ever.

The heart of Amazing Facts is evangelism. In all the planning, printing, broadcasting, and building, this focus never changes. As we prayerfully move forward with new ways to reach the world in the first part of 2018, we invite you to join us in sharing Christ through special evangelistic meetings in Canada, India, and China.

Now let me tell you about another door of opportunity that has just opened ...

## Your Gift Quadrupled!

You know how urgent it is for us to send warning messages to millions who are desperately looking for life's answers. Now God has provided an incredible way to multiply the impact of your gift this month.



Some generous supporters of Amazing Facts—who believe we are living in the last days—have offered up to \$400,000 in matching funds for your gift received on or before December 31, 2017. In this huge, generous matching opportunity, they will not just double or triple your gift—they will **quadruple** your donation!

Here's what that looks like ...

- Your \$10 gift will become \$40—*quadrupling* the number of souls you'll reach for Christ.
- Your \$25 gift becomes \$100—reaching *four times* more listeners with the gospel truth.
- Your \$1,000 gift becomes \$4,000 of life-changing resources that will grow God's kingdom!

That's how God's math works! When we give from the bottom of our hearts, He *multiplies* our dollars for His work. But you must act now, this amazing offer only applies this month! Storms are breaking our world apart. *"The whole creation groans in labor pain"* (Romans 8:22). We cannot wait until the last minute to give the warning sound from the trumpet of truth as millions desperately seek answers in the chaos of the world.

Thank you for standing with Amazing Facts. I'd like to express my appreciation for your faithfulness this month by sending you a message that provides inspiration for these times. It's called "Courage, In the Face of Discouragement." It reminds us that God will never abandon us in any storm. After watching this sermon, give it away. Carry it with you and share it as the Holy Spirit opens a door.

And please take a moment to share your prayer requests on the enclosed reply card. We will faithfully pray over your petitions in our weekly staff meetings. The Lord cares about your needs even more than a mother yearns for her wayward child.

Please respond today to ensure your gift will be multiplied. This matching opportunity is only good before the end of 2017, so please write out your check now. Your gift will help more souls hear the early warning signs and be ready for the Second Coming!

Longing for Jesus' soon return,



Pastor Doug Batchelor  
President, Amazing Facts

P.S. Remember, whatever you give this month will be quadrupled by some very dedicated supporters up to \$400,000. This is the greatest opportunity we have ever had to multiply our gifts for global evangelism. Of course if it is postmarked by December 31, it is deductible on your 2017 tax return. Thank you for your faithful gift in this time of urgency!

**Reaching the World With God's End-Time Message**