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When we respond to our faith and the call of God to learn more about what it means for our brothers and sisters to live without access to clean water and look for ways to help, really help, we are offering hope to this world.

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