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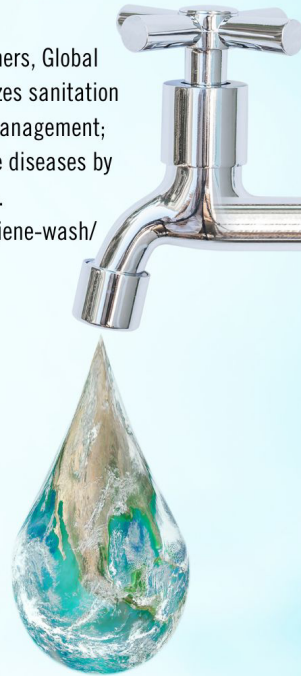
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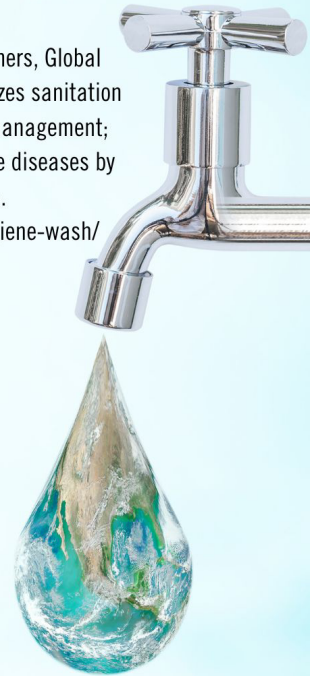
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What happens when we begin to consider how God's gift of water offers life to all people? How does life transform when all of God's people have access to safe, clean water?

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What happens when all of us get involved in bringing clean water to all the communities of our state? We transform too. We are transformed by the deep love that God has for all people. We are transformed by the way God wipes away tears. We are transformed by God's love and compassion, and we find that we have hope and can offer the gift of hope.

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