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To inspire us to reach this goal, the first \$50,000 given by and through congregations will be matched, dollar for dollar. That means that your gift will double!

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