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As the crisis continues, our partners and the people they serve will need our ongoing prayers and support. Please stand in the GAP for families affected by Ebola.

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