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Though God used Noah to open Elton’s eyes to a wider world in need, Elton’s experience at Blue Ocean and The Bonfire helped him grow in his understanding of God’s heart for those found outside the walls of the church. On the last night of the 2018 Blue Ocean in Vancouver, British Columbia, everyone walked one and a half kilometers past a slew of shops and restaurants on tourist-friendly streets to get to the venue for the evening’s meeting. At the end of the night, the group was directed to take different streets back, which took them through an entirely different world only a few blocks away from the first one, a world full of abuse, poverty, and pain.

As believers, we are called to be lights in the darkness through our words and our actions. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14). One tangible way you can serve as a light to others is by giving to the Ministry Resource Fund to support Kingdom pursuits around the world. Your gift to this fund will help sustain ongoing missional endeavors such as Blue Ocean, The Bonfire, and Ethos, in addition to many other ministry efforts. Above all, every gift to the Ministry Resource Fund is directly supporting the light-bringing ministries of pastors and leaders throughout the NAB. Thank you for choosing to take part in this missional movement with us.

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