

## *What shall we do?*

*“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’” Matthew 25:40 (NASB)*

Her name is Pauline. She is 3 years old but looks 18 months. She has orange hair, stick legs and arms and an extended stomach with constant bowel trouble.

Down the road from her house is a clinic where she could go to have a blood analysis to determine what might be afflicting her underdeveloped body. The cost would be 200 kwanzas, about \$2.50. In three years, she has been to the doctor once.

Her mother died at age 22 with malaria, as did an older sibling. Her father has abandoned her, so she lives with her grandmother, who is pregnant with her ninth child; three of the other eight have already died. The family of a dozen lives in a small two-room house, and none of them have any meaningful employment.

Without help, Pauline will die at an early age. With help, her family will learn to pass the responsibility for her on to someone else, namely us. It is the constant dilemma we face in a place like Angola. How to help in a positive and responsible manner is a decision we have to make day by day. What shall we do? We can't ignore her, because she lives 50 feet from our house. What would our Lord do?

After weighing the options, we will take Pauline to the local clinic and take it one step at a time. It may result in a host of sick children arriving at our doorstep, but how can we do less than this?

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*Father God,* YOU LOOKED OUT INTO THE MULTITUDE AND FELT COMPASSION. HELP ME TO HAVE A COMPASSIONATE HEART TO MEET NEEDS THAT YOU CALL ME TO MEET. GIVE MISSIONARIES WISDOM TO DISCERN WHICH ONES YOU DESIRE TO MEET THROUGH THEM. *Amen.*