

# FOCUS

Bringing help, healing, and hope  
in Christ to vulnerable children



## NO MORE STIGMA

“Tim” and “Millie” were born with albinism, a genetic condition that results in the absence of melanin, a pigment that gives color to the skin, hair, and eyes. In Angola, as in other African countries, the condition often leads to stigmatization. The children’s father could not accept their condition, so he abandoned their mother, who later died of alcoholism. The orphaned children, along with their sister “Maggie,” were cast aside, living separately and in great need. When they showed up at Project SER, run by ACTION fieldworkers Paulo and Dayse Varao, the leaders could not turn a blind eye to the difficult circumstances of their lives.

Through much prayer and seeking help, Paulo and Dayse were able to place the three children into a healthy home – together – something the children only dreamed could happen. Maggie, Tim, and Millie study, receive food and biblical discipleship at the Project, and are accompanied to monthly medical appointments due to their poor health and skin condition.

Every day, the leaders of Project SER receive hundreds of children who are malnourished. Some of them are left by their parents all day long without food, some are found wandering the streets alone. Other children are orphans, relying on the help of extended family members who may not want to care for them. For many children, the food they receive at Project SER is the only meal they will eat that day. Project SER plays a vital role in helping them develop holistically.



Paulo and Dayse praise God for being able to be the hand of the Lord, blessing and helping these children towards a better future. They embody the words of James 1:27: “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...” Will you help them? By contributing to ACTION’s Children in Crisis Fund you help our fieldworkers bless children like Maggie, Tim and Millie.

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# PLEASE PRAY FOR US

1. Pray that God's love will shine through ACTION's field workers serving vulnerable children and teens.
2. As field workers reaching out in creative and practical ways this Christmas to needy children and families, pray for open doors to share the gospel.
3. Pray for strength, wisdom, perseverance and provision as ACTION workers like Paulo and Dayse deal with the challenges of ministering to traumatized children.



**CHILDREN IN CRISIS HAVE BEEN AT THE HEART** of ACTION's mission work, beginning fifty years ago with ministry to street children in Manila. Today, ACTION has a variety of ministries to children who lack protection, position, and care, including full time and part time care, camps, street outreach, evangelism, discipleship, family support, research, trauma counseling, refugee care, disaster relief, feeding programs, and safeguarding support. More than 110 ACTION field workers work with vulnerable children and youth, continually seeking ways to reach them holistically with the message of hope in Christ.

ACTION's Children in Crisis Fund assists these field workers worldwide. Over the past 14 years we have disbursed almost \$250,000 to ACTION ministries serving children and youth in crisis. Thank you for being part of fulfilling Jesus' words, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

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We are going digital! If you would like to make the switch to email newsletters, reducing expenses so more funds go directly to children, please sign up using the QR code or on the enclosed response slip. The content will be the same so you will not miss a thing!



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