

■ HUNGER HURTS

A baby died in her arms.

Seventeen-year-old Lisa had taken a trip to Haiti with her Aunt Glenda. Every year, Aunt Glenda went to Haiti to donate two weeks of her time to help the poor.

Lisa had heard about hunger and starvation, but never in her wildest imagination had she dreamed poverty could be so terrible. Lisa had never been hungry in her life, nor had she known anyone who was starving. She felt sick to her stomach as well as guilty, selfish, and angry. She felt guilty because she had so much and had never helped anyone in need before. It wasn't easy to admit she might be selfish. She was angry. It wasn't fair for these people to have so little when she had so much.

Now Lisa stood there with the lifeless baby in her arms, gone now because it didn't have enough to eat. Tears filled her eyes. She wanted to scream or run or go home and tell everyone to quit being so selfish. Lisa's confusion and helplessness overwhelmed her. Hugging the baby, she just sat down in the dirt and cried.

- ▶ How do you feel about this situation?
- ▶ What is the main issue in this situation?
- ▶ What should be done about this situation?

- Scripture Guide: Deuteronomy 15:7–11 Proverbs 21:13
 1 Samuel 2:7 Proverbs 24:30–34
 Proverbs 19:17 Isaiah 3:13–15