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Dear Friend:

Jesus made it clear that He's the Good Shepherd who searches for one lost sheep until He finds it. But Jesus never mentioned that He might show up in a purple Chevy Cavalier. Maybe that's why Tommy never saw the Savior coming. Or maybe he was blinded by his own despair.

Tommy had decided that the rough road of life had taken one wrong turn too many. So the young high school student slipped a sharp knife into his jacket and headed out into the darkness with a plan. His rough road would end in a nearby vacant field.

Tommy was almost to his final destination when the busted-up Cavalier sputtered up beside him. "Hey, Tommy!" his Young Life leader shattered the darkness with delight. "I've been looking all over for you! I want you to go to camp with me tomorrow!" It was an enthusiastic ambush, and Tommy was effectively disarmed.

Tommy eventually climbed into the car with his Young Life leader and told him the whole heart-breaking story of his life. The next day, Tommy was on the bus to camp, though he had never been to club. Today, Tommy is following Jesus and training to be a leader. He wants other kids to know the Savior who can disarm them in their darkest hour with His love.

Thank you for supporting Young Life. I'm deeply grateful for your partnership in this mission. Thank you for introducing kids to the Good Shepherd who sometimes drives a Chevy Cavalier. I guess it makes sense that the car was purple. It is, after all, the historic color worn by kings.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Denny Rydberg'.

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P.S. In case you haven't heard, Marilyn and I have determined that this year will be our last with Young Life. Please go to www.younglife.org/rydberg-letter to read a message expressing our gratitude for your support and our confidence in the future of this mission, thanks to friends like you.

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