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Dear Friend:

Nina was the answer to her own prayers, she just didn't know it. Every Wednesday the Young Life regional administrator would walk into the local high school and sit at the cafeteria table, hoping to meet kids at lunch. She saw herself as a placeholder. "I just kept showing up, praying that one day a Young Life staff member would come and find a school ready to start ministry."

The first two Wednesdays, Nina sat alone. "It felt weird," she said. "But my regional director told me that it's the rule of showing up. The students need to get used to you." So Nina kept coming.

On the third Wednesday, Paul, a student with Asperger's Syndrome, sat down next to Nina, and Nina was prepared. She laid a deck of UNO cards on the table and asked Paul if he wanted to play. That was four years ago. Today, Nina is still showing up to play UNO with Paul at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, and her prayers have been fully answered. There is now a staff member on campus in the thick of a thriving ministry, and her name, as you might have guessed, is Nina.

After UNO each Wednesday, Nina leads club at the school where more than 30 kids gather to hear about Jesus and to do service projects in the community. Nina has taken kids to paint murals on homeless shelters; she has taken kids bowling with teen refugees; and last year she took 15 kids to camp. I might also mention that Nina's school is located in Lorrach, Germany, right on the Swiss and French borders. What God is doing through Nina is seen as nothing less than a miracle by her European Young Life peers.

Thank you for supporting this mission. Nina is not the first person in Young Life who became the answer to her own prayers, and I doubt she will be the last. In fact, I suspect your gift to Young Life represents an answer to your own prayers for kids who need to know Jesus. I am deeply grateful for both your prayers and your financial support. Thank you for helping us reach countless kids across this country and around the world with God's redeeming love.

In Christ for all kids,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Newton".

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