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Dear Friend:

“Nobody goes there.” Folks said it so often that you could have called the dark corner of the city by that name. I can just see the ominous sign beside the road: *Welcome to “Nobody Goes There.” Population: murderers, rapists and thieves.*

But Alexis went there. Armed with only a soccer ball, he went looking for kids to play. It took some time, but gradually kids began to trust the guy with the broad smile and the deep laugh. So not only did Alexis get a soccer game going, but he eventually started Young Life.

One night at club, Alexis was talking to kids about the death of Jesus and the fact that He served our sentence so we could walk out of our jail cell and be free. All eyes were on Alexis – until Eddie walked into the room. Eddie was the notorious leader of one of the most dangerous gangs in the city. You might say he was the young “Godfather” of “Nobody Goes There.” Suddenly all eyes were on Eddie, but Eddie’s eyes were on the man with the Bible talking about Jesus.

After club, Eddie waited to walk and talk with Alexis. “You touched many kids’ hearts today,” Eddie reflected. “That was good.” Then Alexis, who had developed a habit of going where no one else was willing to go, went straight to the heart of this young man. “What about you, Eddie?”

Eddie replied, “You really don’t know who I am. I am very bad,” and proceeded to tell Alexis about his broken life. Alexis listened and then once again went where no one had ever gone. “Eddie, are you in the jail cell or out?” Eddie replied, “I want to be out.” So the two stopped and prayed beside the road, and Eddie found freedom in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for supporting this mission. Thank you for sending leaders to “Nobody Goes There” armed only with the love of Jesus. It has been years since Eddie met Christ, and Alexis is still walking beside him, helping him find his way. Meanwhile, the population of “Nobody Goes There” keeps changing. More and more kids are meeting Jesus, thanks to the faithful support of friends like you. It’s a privilege to partner with you in Young Life.

In Christ,

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