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The father of the prodigal son threw a party when his son returned and there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:7). In short, God loves a party to celebrate his work. So it was time for us to have a party to honor all God was doing across Slovenia through our ministry and those whom we've partnered with to help launch Bible studies across the country.

At the end of the semester, we hosted a picnic for every person who is leading a Discovery Bible Group where people are reading the Bible, applying it to their lives, and sharing from the passages they are reading with others. There were people from the eastern part of the country in Maribor, from the far west near the border with Italy and in many places in between. We had a chance to meet some group leaders for the first time and hear amazing stories of how God is on the move across Slovenia.

We heard stories of how Kaja (KY-uh), our Slovenian teammate, helped her mom Katarina start a group and the impact she has had on her coworkers and students in the middle school she works in. Two brothers whose family owns a vineyard are sharing the message of Jesus with people all across western Slovenia as they meet with customers and vendors in their daily work. Nejc (NAY-c) shared about how he began reading the Bible and found a group leader online who helped him start his own group with his peers. Now Nejc, a music teacher, is composing Christian songs in Slovene to help his fellow countrymen worship the Lord in their own language.

From high school and university students to young professionals to older adults, we heard stories of God on the move, using his people who have stepped out in faith to help point others to Jesus all across the country.

This past year of ministry has been one of our most encouraging yet as God continues to draw people to himself and use them to impact their families, friends, and communities with the love of Christ.



Over 40 people came to our end-of-the-year picnic to celebrate how God is on the move and encourage one another to keep stepping out in faith.



## **Prayers + Praises**

Praise God for each person who attended the picnic whom God is using in exciting ways across Slovenia for his glory.

Pray that we can continue to encourage each other, support one another, and pray for one another as we seek to launch more groups to reach more people with the message of Jesus.

Pray that more groups would continue to form and that the Lord would continue to soften the hearts of Slovenes to himself.

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