



The Shirkmans

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At the end of December, our coworker Jay received an unexpected email from a young guy named Žan (like the French name Jean) that sounded more like a scam than a genuine request. Žan said that he had recently come to faith through meeting Christians in an online game he was playing and began attending their Virtual Reality church!

The guys he met were connected to Cru in the US, and when they searched for Cru staff in Slovenia, they found Jay's email. Žan reached out to Jay to see if we could help him grow in his faith. He said he didn't know any other Christians in his small rural town in the northeast corner of Slovenia.

We excitedly scheduled a time to meet with Žan. When we met, he quickly opened up about his struggles with depression as a teenager. His depression became so debilitating that he dropped out of high school and said he often could not get out of bed. He turned to online video games as an escape from his struggles. There Žan met some other players from the US who were Christians, and they began chatting online. These Christians shared the gospel with Žan, and he responded by placing his faith in Christ! He started attending their Virtual Reality church, but quickly saw the need to meet fellow Christians in his home country.

Since our first meeting, we have been connecting with Žan weekly over video calls to help him grow in his faith and make disciples. We have gotten to model how to pray in Slovene, since he's never heard anyone else pray in his native language. In other miraculous news, he recently found out that a friend from high school, Aljaž (AL-ee-ah-sh), also came to faith in Christ! Žan is now helping his friend grow as they study the Bible, pray, and share their faith together.

We couldn't have dreamed of God working in this way, but we are thankful for how he is calling people to himself all around the world, online and in person. Žan and Aljaž are two new lights for the Kingdom of God in a dark place.

Jordan + Niki



Last week Jay (left) and Jordan drove to the far northeast corner of Slovenia to meet Žan (right) in his hometown. There we prayer walked in his city, read the Bible together, and coached him in helping his friend Aljaž continue to grow in his faith.



It's been a joy to connect with Žan over the past two months. Since he lives over 100 miles from us, we meet online each week and in person as often as we can.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God for how he brought Žan to faith. Pray for him and Aljaž to continue to grow together and help establish a community of believers in their town, where there is currently no evangelical church.

Pray for our MyFriends training from March 22-24, where Christians from all over the country like Žan will join with us to learn more about how to live a lifestyle of following and sharing Jesus in our everyday lives.

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