The Shirkmans

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"After this weekend, I feel really different," Simon told our group as we shared about the impact the MyFriends training had on each of us. And it's not just that Simon feels different-he's living differently as God is at work in his heart, and he is actively taking steps to share his faith in Christ with others.

A group of Finnish Christians journeyed to Slovenia to help train our team and seven additional Slovenes in how to live out our calling as ambassadors for Jesus wherever we are. The training, called MyFriends, was biblical, practical, and visionary. Simon was one of the attendees who joined us for the weekend.

This wasn't just a weekend training or seminar-it's the beginning of a lifestyle of following Jesus and engaging with people about him. After the training, we split up into three groups, mostly divided by geography as people from across Slovenia attended the training. These groups, called Lifestyle Groups, will meet each week to study God's word, pray together, and encourage and celebrate steps of faith.

In just the past week, the six members of our men's group in Ljubljana had a chance to pray with or have a spiritual conversation with 15 people! The Lord is helping us take steps of faith and blessing our obedience as we trust him.

The kingdom of God is breaking through across Slovenia. We are so grateful for how the Lord used this training to encourage us, challenge us, and equip us to continue to live each day surrendered to Jesus as we look for ways to point others to him.

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Above: We spent many hours looking into God's Word and discussing practical steps to live out our calling as Christ's ambassadors at our MyFriends training.

Below: Our whole group enjoying an afternoon break outside during the training. Simon is in the middle of the front row holding up the peace sign.



Prayers + Praises

Praise the Lord for the seven Slovenes who attended the training and are now part of LifeStyle Groups with us. Pray the Lord would continue to use each of us to impact our families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers for Jesus.

Pray for spiritual protection for these followers of Jesus as they boldly proclaim the gospel to those around them, step out in faith, and engage people through conversations and prayer.

Pray that these LifeStyle Groups would multiply and that the Lord would raise up new believers who will be sent out into God's spiritual harvest in Slovenia.