



The Shirkmans

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Sometimes it's especially clear that God is leading us to specific people whose hearts are incredibly open to him. Matej (MUH-tay) is one of those people.

Our team regularly spends time prayer walking around the city. On these prayer walks, we pray for the needs of people in the city, for spiritual openness, for God to transform lives, and for the Lord to bring people across our paths who are hungry to know him. That last prayer was answered in an amazing way when our teammates Justin and Jay were prayer walking and met another young person named Matej.

Matej (not the one from our previous letters) said that our team met him at the perfect time. He said that he had struggled with depression and felt like he was entering into a dark place again. He mentioned that he had gotten to a breaking point and had considered trying to go to a church because he had tried everything else. Justin and Jay chatted with him for about 20 minutes and set up another time to meet and talk more.

During their second meeting, they shared the story of the ten lepers in Luke 17, when Jesus healed all ten of them but only one of them, a Samaritan, came back and fell before Jesus to thank him and praise God. Jesus then asked where the other nine were and told the one to stand up and go on his way as his faith had made him well. After hearing this story, Matej said, "I want to be like the one who came back. It seems like I should go and get the other nine and tell them to come back too!"

Matej has been sharing the stories from the Bible that he has been reading with Justin and Jay. Unfortunately, the friends he had been sharing with didn't seem too interested in these stories and Matej was beginning to feel discouraged. But just last week Matej found a friend who was open to reading the Bible and curious about how it might apply to his life. Matej and his friend committed to trying to find others who could read the Bible with them.

Jordan + Niki



Jay (right) shows Matej (left) how to use the Bible app on his phone so he can read the Bible anywhere he goes.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God for leading our team to Matej and for how the Lord has prepared his heart. Pray he would be like the one leper who truly praises and thanks God.

Pray that Matej and his friend would find others who are interested in reading the Bible and that they could all form a group together.

Pray that the Slovenes we have been meeting with and coaching over the past year would continue to grow in their faith and share with others over the summer.

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