



# The Shirkmans

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**“Do you have the Bible in English? Maybe we can meet and study it.”** I (Niki) received this follow-up text from my neighbor and friend, Mojca (MOY-suh). A year ago, I had only met Mojca briefly in passing. Shortly after that, a fellow neighbor told me that Mojca just had her second baby, and I felt prompted to make her a meal and bring a gift, though we didn’t really know each other. This small gesture led to big open doors as our friendship with Mojca and her family developed quickly.

In the fall, she texted me to ask if she could come over once a week to practice her English with me, then she sent the message above, asking to read and study the Bible together. I was blown away by her initiative, and quickly responded with an enthusiastic “Yes!”

Since then, we’ve been meeting and working our way through the main story line of the Bible, spanning the Old and New Testaments. Mojca is very open and clearly searching for God. During our first time of studying the Bible together, she said, “I just feel so tired and exhausted, and I need something for me. I asked Matjaž (her partner) for one hour to meet with you each week and do this.”

Mojca is an accomplished woman and, from the world’s perspective, has everything. But there’s a longing in her heart for something more—something nothing in this world can satisfy. Whenever she asks about my life, I’m quick to remind her that what she sees in me and wants is not something special about me, but rather it’s my relationship with Jesus.

Would you pray that as Mojca continues to read and study God’s Word that the Lord would open her heart and give her understanding? It is humbling and encouraging to see how God takes our seemingly small, ordinary efforts and uses them in significant ways for his kingdom.

Reaching our neighbors in Slovenia together through your partnership,

*Jordan + Niki*



*In December, Niki hosted our church’s annual women’s Christmas party and was asked to share the gospel and more about how it impacts her daily life. Mojca attended and was so encouraged by the time.*

## Prayers + Praises

Praise the Lord for Mojca reaching out and desiring to read God’s Word. Pray Mojca and Niki would continue to meet regularly and that she’d see God’s great love for her, and the relationship he offers her.

Pray for Mojca’s partner, Matjaž (ma-tee-OSH), and their two kids Jonaton (YONE-uh-ton) and Olivia to also be drawn to Jesus. Pray that they would be a family transformed by the power of the gospel.

Pray for continued depth in our relationships with our neighbors and for opportunities to share about Jesus. We have seen the Lord bless and grow these friendships in great ways over the last year.

Niki had a bad ear infection two weeks ago and she’s still experiencing ringing in that ear and hearing loss. Please pray for continued healing for her.

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