



# The Shirkmans

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**Can cookies help advance the kingdom of God?** Inspired by Australian friends who used cookies to build relationships with neighbors during Christmas, our team committed to baking, wrapping, and distributing hundreds of treats in our neighborhoods. It was a small step that we hoped would (quite literally) open doors to the gospel.

"You really didn't need to do this," the man who runs a car wash at the end of our street told us. We learned that he is originally from neighboring Croatia, and now he waves vigorously anytime we walk or drive by his business.

"My wife is a Christian from Indonesia, and she has been looking for Christian community," another new resident told us as we met for the first time.

After being invited into one neighbor's home, she shared her perspective on faith. She was open, honest, and curious about our beliefs. She mentioned not having many friends and expressed how nice it was to spend time with us. Before we left, we asked if we could pray for her and her daughters. "Of course, you can pray for us. Would you pray with my oldest daughter right now? She is interested in Jesus," she told us.

An elderly neighbor, with whom we've had numerous conversations about faith, brought over a homemade Slovene baked good and said, "Thank you for praying with me and for me over the years."

Our teammates had many similar encounters, and we continue to see fruit from this opportunity. We're encouraged by how the Lord used this simple gesture to help us meet neighbors we hadn't before, deepen relationships, and even pray and share our faith.

We praise God for your partnership with us and for the opportunities to see Him work in great ways in Slovenia.

*Jordan + Niki*



*Our team and other disciple makers in our city joined together to wrap the cookies to give them to our neighbors. We had a great night of anticipation and prayer as we prepared to step out in faith and see how God would work.*

## Prayers + Praises

Please pray for continued opportunities to talk with our neighbors about Jesus. Pray for open hearts and a desire to know God and read the Bible.

Pray for a Bible Discovery Group to start on our street. We have read the Bible with a few people in our neighborhood and hope we can help a group form.

Pray for physical health for our family and team. We have experienced various illnesses over the last few weeks. We thank God for the care of our friends and teammates who have helped us in many ways.

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