



The Shirkmans

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In many cities in Slovenia, the most significant interactions people typically have with their neighbors is just waving hello if you see them on the street. There's even an old Slovenian proverb that says, "It's ok if your cow dies, as long as your neighbor's cow dies too." Needless to say, that's not the vision Jesus had in mind when he called his followers to love their neighbors as themselves.

Niki had the wonderful, counter-cultural idea to host a fall party to build relationships with our neighbors, giving us the opportunity to have real conversations with some for the first time. We invited eight different households and prayed they would join us.

After days of preparing, cooking, baking, and lots of prayer, every single neighbor we invited joined us! It felt so natural as people mingled, talked with each other, enjoyed fall treats, and relaxed. We moved to this neighborhood right before COVID rocked the world, so this felt like one of the first times life went back to normal here.

One neighbor said, "Slovenes would never host a party like this. But we were so pleasantly surprised by your invitation and we're so glad you planned this." Another person messaged after the party and said, "Thank you! This was the best party ever."

We had opportunities to share about the work we're doing here and got to build bridges with the people we see all along our street each day. We thank God for his goodness in how everything turned out. We are truly grateful for the kind neighbors and families he's placed us beside. We're praying the Lord would continue to draw people to himself and that our neighborhood would become a light for Jesus in Slovenia.

Helping reach Slovenes in our neighborhood and around the country through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



We enjoyed spending time with families in our neighborhood and having meaningful conversations. We also got to introduce Slovenes to America's favorite campfire snack-s'mores!



Prayers + Praises

Praise God for all of our neighbors coming to the party this weekend and spending time building relationships with us and one another.

Pray for the Lord to continue to draw our neighbors to himself. Pray we would be able to continue spiritual conversations with them and that they would want to know Jesus.

Pray for the Lord to continue to bring us across the path of spiritually open people in Slovenia who want to read the Bible and know Jesus.

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