



The Shirkmans

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“There’s no hope for the stoic. Which means there’s no hope for me in the stoic system,” Simon told me (Jordan) regarding his medical situation and current outlook in life.

Over the past few months, Simon has suffered constant headaches after a surgery. No medicine has brought him any relief, and the doctors told him they aren’t sure they can find a solution.

I first met Simon in September 2012. He’s one of my closest Slovene friends and we’ve had countless spiritual conversations over the years. We first shared about him ten years ago in our newsletter from April 2013.

Simon grew up in a culturally religious family, but he has admittedly never experienced a genuine relationship with Jesus. Over the years, he’s explored different belief systems and became very interested in stoicism, which has had an uptick in interest recently through popular self-help books. Stoicism is an ancient Greek philosophy focused on pursuing virtue, but in practice it typically requires ignoring the pain and suffering that we all experience in a broken world.

“So from a Christian perspective, what hope is there for a person who is suffering?” Simon asked. I told him that we have two great hopes. Firstly, we have the hope of a great Savior in Jesus. He is not a distant God, but one who has experienced life as we have and suffered in our place. Secondly, we have the hope that one day those who have faith in Jesus will spend eternity with him where there is no more pain, suffering, sickness, or death.

Simon is still on a spiritual journey, and I have seen God continuing to work in his heart over the last decade. Would you continue to pray with us that the Lord would open Simon’s eyes and help him trust in Jesus?

Jordan + Niki



Simon rang the bell at the top of a hike we took together in the fall.

Prayers + Praises

Pray for God to heal Simon’s headaches and to open his eyes to his need for a Savior. Pray Simon would see the Lord’s love and care for him even in the midst of a hard season of life.

Pray for us to continue to minister to friends and neighbors around us. In the past week, we’ve had opportunities to spend time with multiple friends we have known for over ten years and who are not yet followers of Jesus.

Pray for continued supernatural encounters with people around Slovenia who want to follow Jesus and to make disciples for him.

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