

"I just want one thing that will make me happy."

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It was a warm day in Ljubljana (lyoo-BLYAH-nah), Slovenia. Founded just after communism ended in Europe, the country is 24 - about the same age as most of the college students milling about the campus. Many of these students commute from



The country of Slovenia is small - a little smaller than the state of New Jersey!

their small villages and towns to get an education, and return back to their tight-knit communities weekly, if not daily. But for now, they were in between class and home, enjoying a moment of free time.

This is where Katie and Ali met Marjetka. Ali and Katie, students at Ohio University, were in Slovenia on a Summer Mission with Cru. As the girls talked, they got to know each other.

"I just want one thing that will make me happy," Marjetka shared. She was an atheist, as are most young people in her country. (The long and brutal communist rule in this region has effectively wiped out Christianity, and what few churches remain are mostly empty and seen as more of a cultural heritage than a belief system.) But it was clear that her heart

was longing for something more.

Ali and Katie continued to meet with Marjetka on campus, developing a friendship. Eventually, they were able to share the gospel through the "Knowing God Personally" booklet. As they explained how she was created to know God, but is separated from Him by her sin, something began to change in Marjetka's heart. When Ali and Katie asked her if she wanted to place her faith in Christ, she knew the answer - "Yes!"

Marjetka continued to meet with Katie and Ali for the next several weeks, each time reading through the Bible and learning about her new relationship with Christ. When Ali asked her on a scale of 0-100%, to rate how sure she was that she would go to heaven, she hesitated and then said,

"Is it OK if I say I'm 100% sure?"

Praise God for the way he has used Ali and Katie in Marjetka's life! Through a handful of college students, Marjetka got to hear the gospel - no small feat in a former communist country where even finding a Bible can be a challenge. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing to change Slovenia with the Gospel.

'Til the whole world knows

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(L-R) Marjetka, Katie, and Ali.

Prayer Requests for The Selways for July

Stick this card anywhere that will remind you to pray!

1. For Marjetka, as she returns home for summer break. Pray that she would remain strong in her faith and continue to grow.

2. Pray that Marjetka, and all of the Slovene students who came to Christ through the Summer Mission, would connect with our long term team in the fall. Pray that they would grow and become a vital part of the movement there.

3. For the ministry of Cru in Slovenia as a whole. Pray that God would raise up new

believers within the country, and that current believers would grow and boldly share their faith.

4. Please pray for us as we travel to Cru's biannual National Staff Conference in Colorado. We will be driving there July 11th-13th, attending the 13th-21st, and driving back the 22nd-24th. Please pray for safety as we travel, and that the conference would be a time of refreshment and growth.

We'd love to pray for you. Please share your prayer requests with us! 937-657-0694/emily.selway@cru.org