



The Shirkmans

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The most exciting action at our annual OSU-Michigan football party was well outside the lines of the football field. In fact, it was in a seat near the back of the room—far away from the big screen—where heaven broke through and Barbara placed her faith in Christ.

Barbara has been around our ministry for a number of years, first attending our SpeakOut English Camp in 2017. Since then she has joined us for many fun events, camps and trips. Barbara never seemed especially spiritually open until her cousin Urška (ur-SH-kuh), who attended our English camp with her last summer, told some of our teammates that she wanted to read the Bible with them.

As Barbara sat with our Slovene teammate Diana at the back of the room during the football party, the reality of her own sin and need for a Savior finally hit her. Even though she grew up in a religious family, Barbara had never truly placed her faith in Christ. When Diana asked her if she'd like to pray to receive Jesus, she said, "Yes!" While others cheered over touchdowns, heaven was rejoicing over a new daughter joining God's family.

Since Barbara's conversion in late November, she joined four other students from our ministry at a Christian conference in Germany with over 3,000 attendees. She committed to sharing her faith with 20 people in the year 2020, and she's already had conversations with family and friends about her new faith in Christ.

Barbara's story is a wonderful reminder of God's kindness as he seeks us out and patiently waits for our response to his love and grace. We're so excited to see how the Lord continues to grow Barbara and how he uses her to reach others with the life-changing message of Jesus.

Helping students far from God come home to him through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



Barbara (back row, far left) smiles with others from Slovenia at a Christian conference in Germany.



(Left to right) Barbara, our teammate Diana, Saša and Maruša snap a picture while exploring the city together during the conference they attended.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God for Barbara's new faith in Christ and for the steps of faith she is already taking to help others know him.

Pray for Barbara's cousin Urška to continue reading the Bible with her and for her to come to genuine faith in Jesus as well.

Pray for the Christian students involved in our ministry to continue taking steps of faith like Barbara.

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