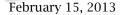
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Missionaries from across Europe, Africa and the Middle East packed two hotels in southern Spain. Our mid-year conference carried refreshing sessions, celebrations and an abundance of opportunities to connect with the Lord and others laboring for Him.

We departed from Ljubljana at the end of January in snow boots and thick winter jackets, bundled in scarves and gloves. We arrived in Nerja, Spain quickly swapping our boots for sandals and jackets for t-shirts.

We experienced rich mornings of worship and teaching. Speakers reminded us of God's sovereignty over our lives and ministries, and of His nearness to us. He is truly walking with us every step of the way as we serve overseas.

We prayed earnestly for all countries represented at the conference--specifically asking the Lord to work in the lives of individual students and to raise up laborers for His Kingdom from unreached places.

A Cru leader named Dan who spent significant time ministering in East Asia shared valuable insights with our team. He encouraged us to do the right things with the right students to reach the whole University of Ljubljana for Christ. Training sessions on vision casting and digital strategies opened our eyes and allowed us to refocus on our mission with new zeal.

On our free day, we visited the Rock of Gibraltar where we enjoyed God's beautiful creation and played with some of His most entertaining creatures--monkeys!

It was an incredible time for Niki and I to reconnect with each other as well as with friends who are serving around the globe. God spoke to our hearts, and we're gaining more peace and clarity about what He has in store for our future. Celebrating what the Lord is orchestrating across continents filled our hearts with joy. We heard first-hand how He is bringing Muslim students to faith and reaching international students from Asia who are studying abroad in Western Europe.

Our time in Spain helped us evaluate our first semester, connect deeply with the Lord, and refocus and adjust course.

Trusting God for a movement of Slovene students passionate about Jesus through your partnership,



Niki and I made new a new friend at the Rock of Gibraltar.



Prayers

- o Pray that students will adapt to changes we're making this semester. Pray they will step into leadership roles and grow in their desire to share their faith.
- Pray the Lord would continue to guide us (and the rest of our team) for our future. We plan on continuing in ministry with Cru, it's just a matter of where (either Slovenia or the States).

Praise

- o Praise God for how He is drawing students around the world to Jesus!
- o Praise the Lord for the refreshment we enjoyed in Spain and for the opportunity to spend quality time with Him and others.