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**70 Cru staff members from around the United States and Canada converged in Fort Collins, Colorado to prepare to take the gospel to 22 nations.** These 22 nations have thousands and thousands of students who aren't following Jesus, and, in many cases, don't even know a single Christian.

This 5-week, cross-cultural crash course equipped us to learn a new culture, work through international conflict, transition to life and ministry overseas, and help students meet Jesus in their own cultural context.

We're holding more tightly to the truth of the gospel, while praying the Lord would loosen our grip on the non-essentials of our own culture and way of thinking to better understand and serve Slovenes.

Our desire is to make faithful disciples of Jesus in Slovenia. To do that successfully, we must understand Slovene culture and their worldview, speak their language to clearly communicate God's message, and become insiders in a tight-knit community that's not our own.

We dream of a Slovene-led ministry where Americans help bring the hope and love of Christ to students at the University of Ljubljana, and then students help lead the ministry and reach their own people. We're confident this training has prepared us to do those things well, in a biblical, God-honoring way, and it will pay dividends for years to come.

We heard stories of how God is at work around the world—from the Middle East to Africa to East Asia and Europe—and we're thrilled to play a part of what He's doing in Slovenia thanks to you and your prayers.

As our training concludes, we remember why we came together this summer—with the goal and mission of helping people far from God follow Jesus and make disciples of all nations until Christ returns.

Helping fulfill the Great Commission through your generous partnership,

*Jordan & Niki*



*Our teammate Sally, who is also heading to Slovenia, with us at our conference banquet.*

## Prayers

- o Pray for the 70 Cru staff heading overseas. Pray the Lord would help them adjust, learn the local language, and have a flourishing ministry in their new countries.
- o Pray for our visa process. We're in the final stages of obtaining our Slovenian visa—pray that everything goes according to plan and we're able to leave in the beginning of September.

## Praise

- o Praise the Lord for our training. We feel more equipped and excited to return to Slovenia. We have a lot to learn about Slovenia—its culture, language, and ministry there—but we feel better prepared for the challenges ahead.
- o Praise God for how he has called each person and family to follow him to nations around the world. Pray for His peace as we transition to life and ministry abroad.

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