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We're here! After months of prayer and preparation, we have finally arrived in the beautiful city of Ljubljana, Slovenia. God has provided for the 10 members of our team, and we are excited to begin sharing the gospel on campus and reaching students far from God at the University of Ljubljana.

It's been a successful first few days--our jam-packed, years-worth of luggage all arrived, we settled in quickly, and Niki and I found the apartment we'll be living in within 48 hours of being here. The apartment is a warm, modern place for a great price, and it's only a quick walk from the rest of our team. God has been incredibly gracious as we adjust to life in Slovenia.

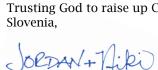
On our second day here, students from our ministry surprised us at our office by throwing a welcome back party. It was encouraging to get a chance to meet some of the key students in our movement--they were already asking when Bible discussion groups would be starting up again!

We'll be spending our first week and a half planning for the year, starting spiritual conversations on campus, assigning team roles, and prayerfully preparing for classes to start on October 1. We're excited to seek the Lord and pray for the campus before the rest of the students begin arriving in Ljubljana. We are expectant that God will move in a powerful way this year.

Slovenia is still the same beautiful country with delightful people, but spiritually it's just as desolate as we remember. There is hardly anyone talking about Jesus in this country of 2 million people. Few people think or talk about spiritual things, and even fewer have heard a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for partnering with us to reach the nations with the Good News. We pray the Lord blesses you and encourages you through the work he does through us in Ljubljana this year.

Trusting God to raise up Christ-centered laborers in





A picture of our team that will be laboring for Jesus in Ljubljana with the Slovenian flag.



A candid shot of our welcome party at our office with students from our movement.

## **Prayers**

- o Pray for the Lord to ready us in the next week as we prepare to begin engaging students with the gospel daily.
- o Pray for our students who are involved but who have not yet placed their faith in Christ: Eva, Maja, Jelka, Dejan, and Jan.

## **Praise**

- o Praise God for safe travels to Ljubljana, Slovenia and for His provision for our team.
- o Praise the Lord for the students who are already involved and excited to learn, grow, and reach their peers.