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“When are you coming back to Slovenia? We miss you here,” Uroš, a student leader in our ministry, wrote to me (Jordan) in a message last week.

It feels good to be missed by our friends in Slovenia. It’s easy to become so focused during our time in the States preparing for Slovenia that we can lose sight of *why* we’re returning. We want to continue introducing students to Christ for the first time, helping them grow in their faith, and ultimately making disciples of Jesus in Slovenia.

Uroš is a second-year student at the University of Ljubljana. Our team met him last year and although he was very familiar with Christianity, he didn’t know how to practically live out his faith. The Lord has used Bible studies, discipleship and training to grow Uroš in significant ways. It’s been incredible to see how God has been at work in his life over the last year.

Our Bible study for students in Slovenia has grown large enough to split into two groups—one for students more comfortable speaking English (like exchange students) and the other group for students who prefer speaking Slovene. On top of that, Uroš is leading the Slovene group! A student who didn’t know how to share his faith a year ago is now shepherding other students toward the Lord.

“I feel like students are much more comfortable discussing the Bible in their own language,” Uroš shared, “and we’ve had some great discussions so far.”

It’s amazing to see how God is raising up students in Slovenia like Uroš who live unashamedly for Jesus and are helping their peers understand what it looks like to have a relationship with the Lord.

Trusting the Lord for lost students becoming Christ-centered laborers in Slovenia,

Jordan + Niki



Uroš (left) and John, a Cru staff member, on a hike in Slovenia.



A picture of the student leaders, including Uroš, and Cru staff members together on a leadership retreat.

Prayers

- o Pray the Lord would continue to bring an increasing number of students to our weekly Bible studies.
- o Pray God would raise up more student leaders to start additional Bible studies on campus at the University of Ljubljana.

Praise

- o Praise God for Uroš and how he has grown in his faith in Christ. Pray that the Lord would continue to use Uroš to influence students for Jesus.
- o Thank the Lord for the two groups of students that are meeting to study the Bible each week.

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