



# Jordan & Niki Shirkman

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**"I wish my boyfriend could have been here,"** Pia told me (Jordan) between sessions. **"When I think about the way we communicate, I realize how much we need this."**

Pia was one of the driven, hungry-to-learn students packed into a classroom for our Emotional Intelligence seminar at the University of Ljubljana. Emotional Intelligence (or EQ, a play on IQ), is the concept of developing effective communication skills, emotional control, and self-management to become more effective in relationships, studies, and careers.

Our EQ seminar provides a unique opportunity to connect with passionate and motivated students who may not normally be interested in spiritual things and likely wouldn't come to an explicitly Christian event. However, over two days we get a chance to chat with these students about what they're learning in the sessions and build significant connections with them. We then meet with them for a coaching appointment after the event to help them craft personal development plans.

Through discussing their personal development plans, students often open up about their current struggles and desires to lead more fulfilling, more effective lives. This is when we share with them the only way to a truly eternally significant, satisfying life—through a relationship with Jesus.

In the past, we've seen the majority of participants from an EQ seminar become more spiritually open or interested, and a number have even placed their faith in Christ! It's amazing to see how God uses discussing our meaning and purpose in life—and what leads to true and lasting change—to open up the doors of people's hearts to Jesus. We're excited to see how He'll work in the hearts of this new group of students to help bring eternal change and transformation through the gospel.

Helping reach students far from God with the life-changing message of Jesus through your partnership,

*Jordan + Niki*



*The group of students interacting during our EQ seminar.*



*Jordan shares with students how to more effectively listen and communicate.*

## Prayers

- o Pray for God to open students' hearts as we meet with them for coaching appointments and to share the gospel.
- o Pray for the group of American staff and students arriving May 14 and joining us for a summer missions trip in Ljubljana. Pray the Lord would grow their faith and use them to help reach students for Christ.

## Praise

- o Praise God for the more than 20 students who attended the EQ seminar and the new relationships we developed with them.
- o Praise the Lord for continued health for Niki as she enters the third trimester. Pray for comfort as our little girl grows inside of her and for grace as her due date approaches in July.

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