



# The Shirkmans

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**"I used to hate religion but now I can see that a byproduct of it is a happy life,"** Simon told me (Jordan) as we met together for the first time. I met Simon, a second-year university student studying Computer Science, on campus as he was preparing for his exams.

Our team recently developed a program called "Who Am I?" This one-on-one coaching program helps students better understand themselves and their own story. This process allows us to connect the truth of the gospel to their life in a personal way. As we interacted with students on campus and shared about our program, Simon was eager to sign up.

Simon has high aspirations and hopes to pursue a Master's degree at an Ivy League school in the US after graduating. During our conversation, Simon freely shared about his life and background, and at the end of our first meeting, he began asking me more personal questions.

"So can I ask you why you're in Slovenia? What brought you here and why are you working with students?" Simon asked me. I was able to share about how Jesus changed my life during my time in college, and that when I came to Slovenia on a summer mission's trip I was heartbroken at how few students here knew Christ or had even taken the time to consider what life is really all about. Simon told me that although he wasn't religious and considered himself a militant atheist in the past, he was opening up to the idea of faith.

"This was a really positive experience. It was the highlight of my day," Simon told me as we wrapped up our first meeting together. Would you pray for God to soften Simon's heart? Please pray that as I share with him about Jesus and extend Christ's love to him that he would come to genuine saving faith.

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

*Jordan + Niki*



*Simon is a second-year Computer Science student participating in our "Who Am I?" coaching program.*

## Prayers + Praises

Pray for Simon and for other students to have soft hearts as they join us for the "Who Am I?" program. Pray our team could continue to expose more students to the gospel and that they would respond with faith in Christ.

Pray for health and safety for our team. The coronavirus has spread to Italy, Austria and Croatia—three countries which border Slovenia. Pray we would be wise and safe, but also that we would not live in fear.

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