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Reaching and equipping students for Jesus in Slovenia



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Dear Friends,

“Your question wrecked my life for a few days. All I could think about was that. What is life about? What am I doing here?” Tomaž (toe-MAH-shh) told me (Jordan) when we met last week.

I met Tomaž, a first-year student studying Social Informatics, through the surveys we had students fill out at the beginning of the school year. He started our personal development program called Upgrade, and we quickly made a genuine connection. I have been able to share my testimony and the gospel with him a number of times already. During one meeting, I shared with Tomaž that the only true and secure identity we can have is in a relationship with Jesus. If we find our primary hope and security in our careers, success, or even relationships with others, all of those things can be stripped away from us. “Is there anything other than a relationship with God where we can find a lasting identity?” Tomaž asked. I told him that I haven’t found anything else, and I suggested that he should take time to consider this question on his own.

“If someone would have shared this message with me 10 years ago—if they would have explained Christianity in this way—my life would be a lot different now,” Tomaž shared with me. “Now I have a rebellious spirit, and I’m inclined to distrust the things I hear.” The truth is that we have all had rebellious spirits, and yet the Lord has drawn us to himself. We are praying God would change Tomaž’s heart and bring him to faith in Jesus.

People like you enable us to share the gospel with students like Tomaž who, although they have questions and doubts, are wrestling with the true message of Jesus. We thank God for you, your prayers, and for the opportunity to be in this mission together.

We are encouraged and hopeful about how the Lord is at work in Slovenia and what we get to be a part of with you. As we head into 2019, we are trusting the Lord for additional resources to continue impacting Slovene students for Christ at full capacity. Would you consider giving a year-end gift of \$500, \$250, \$100, or some other amount to help reach students like Tomaž for Christ? You can give by mailing a check made out to “Cru” in the enclosed envelope or securely online at: <https://give.cru.org/o642948>

By God’s grace you are helping us impact students and through them their friends, families, and the future of their country in tremendous ways. However the Lord may lead you to respond, please know that we appreciate you, your encouragement, and your prayers which enable us to live out God’s calling on our lives and help reach Slovenia for Christ.

In Christ’s love,

Jordan + Niki

P.S. Whether you're able to give a year-end gift or not, we'd love to have a prayer request or two from you!



Name: _____

Yes, I/we would like to invest in your ministry to enable you to continue reaching and equipping Slovene students for Christ in 2019.

☐ I/we will give a special gift of \$_____ online at <https://give.cru.org/o642948>.

☐ I/we have enclosed a check made payable to *Cru*.

Prayer Requests: _____
