



# The Shirkmans

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**The beginning of the school year typically starts off like a 100-meter dash.** Lots of prayer, preparation, planning, and then a quick burst to the finish line of the first week of university as we get in touch with over 1,000 students within the first few days of classes.

This year, like many things, is different. The prayer, planning, and preparation remain in place, but the race has transformed from a sprint into a marathon. The typical involvement fair of students on October 1 won't be happening due to COVID-19 restrictions, and many students will still be taking courses online this fall. That means there are far fewer students in Ljubljana and new challenges for our team.

We are trusting the Lord for new ways of reaching students when we can't physically meet them on campus. I (Jordan) am helping lead our digital efforts to find students who are open to meeting with us—online or in person.

We're excited for the opportunities that this new season has provided for us, which includes reaching not just students who are physically in our city, but also those from around the country. For those who will eventually come to Ljubljana, we hope to be able to meet them in person when they return.

As we seek to reach new students, we're also challenging 13 believing students to form a disciple-making community. Together they will study God's word, pray for each other, and encourage one another to reach the people around them with the message of Jesus. Some of these students are new believers who have never experienced true Christian community before. We pray the Lord would use these 13 students to help transform their families, schools, and communities for Christ.

We can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for this different school year in Slovenia, and we're so grateful to have you standing beside us as we trust him.

*Jordan + Niki*



*University students begin classes October 1 as they do every year in Slovenia, but many classes will be online only. This photo was taken at a previous October 1 involvement fair, which won't take place this year.*

## Prayers + Praises

Three of our teammates are having significant visa issues. It has caused a number of problems for them including not being able to leave the country or register their vehicles. Please pray their visas would be processed quickly and that they can put their full attention toward reaching students for Christ.

Pray we can continue to find new ways to meet the needs of the student community to show them the love of Christ and share the message of Jesus with them.

Pray for the 13 believing students to join together in a disciple-making community to study the Bible and challenge each other to take steps of faith and share Jesus with those around them.

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