



# Jordan & Niki Shirkman

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**“Could I record our next conversation? I want to remember the questions you ask so I can use them when I talk to people in the future,”** David asked me (Jordan) after we went on campus to chat with students about Jesus.

David, a key volunteer in Maribor whom we mentioned in April, has an incredibly teachable heart. He’s leading the other involved students with humility, dedication, and a hopeful spirit. His desire to learn and grow in sharing his faith and making disciples has been a huge encouragement to me. I explained to David that a friend showed me how to talk about Jesus when I was a student, and now I have the same opportunity to show him.

Talking about God isn’t taboo in Slovenia, but it certainly isn’t common either. David is breaking through cultural barriers to point his family, friends, and classmates to Christ. Slovene students haven’t grown up in an environment of discussing deeper life themes or questions, but it’s obvious there’s a God-given longing buried deep in the hearts of all people to find answers that only the Lord can give. God is using these students as they step out in faith to bring others closer to saving faith.

David’s story is a tiny picture of what God is doing in Slovenia. At the beginning of the school year, we had no idea the Lord would grow our ministry presence from one campus to three.

Over the last five weeks, with the help of the summer mission of American students, we’ve been able to talk with thousands of students across Slovenia in search of a few who have a heart inclined toward God. We’ve found around a dozen students in all three university cities in Slovenia—Maribor, Koper, and Ljubljana—who love the Lord and want to be used by him to reach others for Christ.

The last few weeks have been a flurry of seeing God on the move, and we’re trusting this core group of students in each city will be the catalyst for reaching the country of Slovenia for Christ.

In our six years of being involved with the ministry in Slovenia in some capacity, we’ve never been more excited and encouraged by what God is up to.

Trusting the Lord for transformed hearts and lives for Jesus in this country through your vital prayers and partnership,

*Jordan + Niki*



*David and I pose together in the Maribor city center after sharing with students about Jesus.*

### Prayers

- o Pray God would unite these groups of students together on their campuses and that they would develop deep community as they join together in the mission God has called them to.
- o Pray we’d be able to stay in touch with these students we’ve met over the summer university break and that they would be excited to reconnect with us in the fall.

### Praise

- o Praise God for David and his steps of faith. Pray he would continue to trust the Lord and walk by faith as he shares with others about Jesus.

**Join us for an open house this July! See the enclosed insert for more details.**

We sadly won’t be able to connect with everyone individually this summer because of our limited time in the States, but we want you to know how grateful we are for you and your partnership with us! We’d love to see you on one of these open house nights in July.

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# Connect with us this summer at an open house!

Come enjoy a coffee and treat on us this July. Just let the worker at the register know that you're here for Jordan and Niki and we'll take care of the bill.

**Sunday, July 17**

**2:00pm - 4:00pm**

Panera - Arlington Ridge  
790 Arlington Ridge  
Akron, OH 44312

**Wednesday, July 27**

**4:30pm - 6:30pm**

Panera - The Strip  
6543 Strip Ave NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

Please note each open house is at a different Panera location in the Akron / Canton area. If you aren't able to attend but would still like to connect with us, please reach out by phone or email to Jordan at 330-608-9756 or [Jordan.Shirkman@cru.org](mailto:Jordan.Shirkman@cru.org).