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"I'm so happy that I made this decision," Katja text me (Niki) last Tuesday evening.

Katja is a freshman studying Mathematics. Last month, my teammate Joy and I were on campus initiating spiritual conversations with students. At the math building, we approached Katja and asked if she'd be interested in answering a few questions about spiritual things. After talking with her for over an hour about Jesus, I saw a deep spiritual hunger and longing in her eyes.

Our annual Christmas party was three days later. Katja came and brought her friend Katarina. That night, two of our Christian Slovene students shared their testimonies and the message of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection with the group. Katja and Katarina said they were amazed to meet other students who talked about faith in this way. They didn't know anyone who talked about Jesus as if they knew him personally.

Later that week, we met with Katja again. For three hours we helped her wrestle through the truth of the Gospel—our need for a Savior, Jesus' payment for our sins, and what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ. She asked question after question and was still grappling with the idea of following Jesus.

Last Tuesday, Katja came to our weekly Bible Discussion Group for the second time. After the Bible study concluded, I asked if she thought more about our conversations. As we began to walk through what this decision would mean, I asked her again if she was ready to surrender her life to Jesus. Katja said "yes" and then asked Joy and I to hold her hands. I held back tears as I grabbed her hand and listened to her pray in Slovene to receive Christ. The scripture in Revelation 7 describing people from every tribe, tongue and nation standing before God's throne played in my mind as Katja placed her faith in Jesus.

We'll be meeting with Katja weekly to help her grow in her love for the Lord and learn how to share her faith. The momentum that's been building in the ministry over the last month has been incredible. Three students have placed their faith in Jesus since December! It's evident that God is at work in Slovenia, seeking out those who are far from Him.

Praising God for the impact of your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



A group shot from our huge Christmas party outreach that 35 students attended.



Niki, Katja, and Joy smile together after Katja accepted Christ.

Prayers

- o Pray for Katja. Pray that she would grow in her faith in Christ and that should we be someone who makes disciples of Jesus for her entire life.
- o Pray for the next month of ministry, as many students head home after their 1st semester exams. Pray the Lord would lead us to students who are open to the gospel.

Praise

- o Praise the Lord that in the last few months, 250 students have heard the gospel through our team!
- o Praise God for His work in Katja's heart. Two other students, Sonja and Ana, also accepted Christ within the last month!

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