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Over the course of this year, we will continue to share stories of how God is at work in the lives of students in Slovenia to keep you connected to the movement there. We have many more stories to share, and we're excited to see how God continues to move in Slovenia during our time in the States.

"I never heard before about how God loved me," Žiga told me as we met together for the second time.

I met Žiga one afternoon in the Electrical Engineering building as he studied before one of his classes. I (Jordan) honestly didn't think I'd see him again. But during our last two months in Slovenia, Žiga and I met nearly every week.

He grew up in a religious family, but Žiga's interest in faith faded during high school. "I felt forced to do things-go to church, say certain things, and act this way. I didn't like that and decided religion wasn't for me," he told me.

Žiga isn't alone in his sentiment. Many Slovene students have become disillusioned with religious acts that don't connect to the heart and aren't centered on Jesus.

He and I studied the Bible together, and each week I could see the Lord was softening his heart and drawing Žiga to himself. Žiga's revelation of God's love for him was a major turning point.

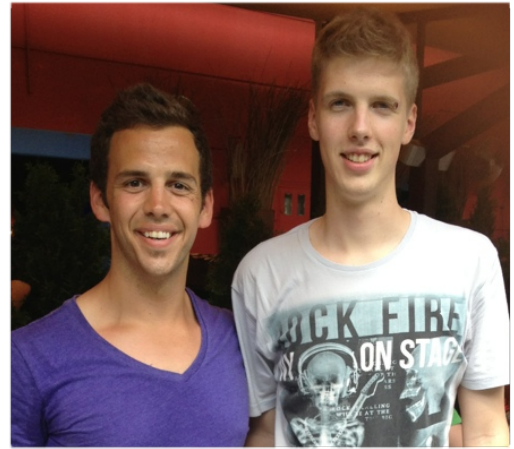
I introduced him to other Slovene guys who are walking with Jesus, giving Žiga the opportunity to see young men who truly love the Lord. He saw that these men don't just claim to be Christians because they are forced, but because of love-the love God first showed us.

Just before we left Slovenia, I asked Žiga how his view of God had changed over the last few months. He said, "God is not the most important thing in my life yet, but he's closer to becoming that."

Please pray that God would become the center of Žiga's life, and that he would trust Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Trusting God for Christ-centered disciples in Slovenia thanks to your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



Žiga and I during our last meeting together just before we left Slovenia.

Prayers

- o Pray that the Lord would continue to work in Žiga's life and bring him to saving faith in Jesus.
- o Pray for our New Staff Training that begins September 5. Pray that it will better equip and prepare us to reach students for Christ.
- o Pray for this year's team of 7 STINTers who will head to Slovenia the 2nd week of September.

Praise

- o Praise the Lord for how he is at work in the lives of students like Žiga who are reexamining who Jesus is and what he means for their lives.
- o Praise God that our believing students in Slovenia have continued to meet this summer to point each other to Jesus and build community.

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