



# The Shirkmans

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**October 31 marks 517 years since the Protestant Reformation swept across Europe and, in time, the world.** German reformer Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, igniting a movement through which God reformed His church and restored it to the central message of the Bible: we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and all for God's glory alone.

The Reformation touched Slovenia as well. While Slovenia has a predominantly Roman Catholic background, this Protestant holiday is also a national holiday, commemorating the impact of Slovenian reformer Primož Trubar. Trubar was the first to translate Slovenian into a written language, helping shape not only the nation's identity but also its spiritual heritage.

Today, there are signs of God working to reform His church in Slovenia—a church often marked by division, in-fighting, and a lack of clear mission. One encouraging example is Lorens (pronounced Lawrence), a devoted follower of Jesus who attended our MyFriends training in March. Together with his wife, Mateja (pronounced MUH-tay-uh), he is looking for ways to bring Jesus to people who are outside the walls of the church. In fact, Lorens recently shared his faith with a neighbor who accidentally backed into his car in a parking lot!

Through Lorens, we're building connections with his church, and soon we'll be starting a weekly MyFriends training there for believers who want to learn how to better make disciples in Celje, a city about 45 minutes away. Lorens' faith, passion, and boldness are inspiring others, and we're excited to see more believers begin their journeys to bring Jesus to their families, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and those lost in darkness and searching for hope.

The vision of all these men—Luther, Trubar, and Lorens—remains the same: that those far from God might know His grace, embrace faith in Christ, and become lights for Jesus to everyone around them.

*Jordan + Niki*



*Last month, Lorens (left) attended a conference with some of our team for people committed to making disciples of Jesus across Europe. Here he's enjoying a discussion with Bobi from North Macedonia about making disciples in former Yugoslavian countries.*

## Prayers + Praises

Praise the Lord for how he continues to refine and grow his church. Praise God for Lorens, Mateja, and other disciples who are committed to making Christ known in Slovenia.

Pray for the upcoming MyFriends training with Lorens and others from his church in Celje who want to make disciples of Jesus.

Pray for continued divine opportunities from God to help people far from him enter into a relationship with Jesus.

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