

## Jordan and Niki Shirkman



Reaching and equipping Slovenes for Jesus

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Dear Steve and Julie,

"I've been looking for you," Adam called out to me (Jordan). "I'm a Muslim, but I'll never forget what you did for me. Things have been going so well for me, and I know it's because of the prayer you prayed for me," he continued. It wasn't the response I expected as Žan (a follower of Jesus we've mentioned throughout this year) and I met for a quick lunch to connect about making disciples of Jesus in his hometown.

Last November, our family visited a new Mexican restaurant—a rarity in Slovenia. While there, I struck up a conversation with an employee named Adam, an Egyptian who had moved here after marrying a Slovenian woman. After we finished our meal, I offered to pray for him, and he eagerly agreed, sharing his desire for God to bless his future and grant him success in life and work. Placing a hand on his shoulder, I prayed that Jesus would meet his needs and, above all, that Adam would come to know how deeply Jesus loves him.

I had stopped by a few times to try to connect with Adam, but he was never working when I dropped by. Imagine my surprise when he remembered a simple prayer from a year ago! After catching up, I had a chance to pray for him again. Before we left, Adam said, "I'm a Muslim, but now I believe in Jesus." What that belief fully means is still unfolding, but it's clear God is at work, drawing Adam closer to Christ.

My interaction with Adam also encouraged Žan, who left inspired to take steps of faith to bless and pray for others around him. As we reflect on the way God is at work here in the lives of Adam, Žan, and many others, we're reminded of the privilege of joining the Lord in His kingdom work in Slovenia.

We're deeply grateful for your prayers and partnership in reaching Slovenes for Christ. God is moving in exciting ways, and we are blessed to make Jesus known alongside you. May His love and peace fill your heart this Christmas season.

With tremendous thankfulness,

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