



# The Shirkmans

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**What could God do in one special week?** To find out, our team partnered with a dozen other believing Slovenes for a week we called "Push Week." Each day we went out and prayer walked around a city in Slovenia. We prayed for God to open people's hearts and also to see if there were specific people we could pray for and ask the Lord to meet their individual needs. As we continue to trust the Lord for at least one Bible Discovery Group in each of the 212 municipalities in the country, we sensed the Lord leading us toward a week of stepping out in faith to join God in what he is already doing in Slovenia.

My (Jordan) personal highlight was meeting a student named Matej (MUH-tay). He was with his friend Sandy, who is a Muslim. The two students told us that they were feeling especially stressed about university and their classes, and I asked if I could share a short story from the Bible with them. I told them the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10, that while Martha was worried and frustrated trying to take care of all of her responsibilities, Mary chose to spend time with Jesus and sit at his feet.

The story resonated with the two young men, and I asked if I could pray for them there. They said yes and I asked for God to meet them in their time of stress and anxiety and that they would experience his presence and peace. I asked if either of them would be open to meeting and talking more about the Bible, and Matej said yes.

During our first meeting Matej told me it was such an encouragement to meet people who take their faith seriously. Matej grew up in a Catholic family, but his father had faded away from faith due to hard life circumstances. Matej said that he wanted to share the story we read from the Bible with his dad to try to encourage him. Matej is also thinking about ways he can help those at his university and praying about other people he can invite to read the Bible with him.

We praise God for the way he worked during Push Week, and for the divine appointments he set up for us to meet people like Matej. We're excited and expectant for this new year, that God will continue to work and move in miraculous ways.

*Jordan + Niki*



*Our team and other Christians from Slovenia joined together to sing and pray the Sunday night before our Push Week in December.*

## Prayers + Praises

Pray Matej would continue to grow in his faith and reach out to others to invite them to know the Lord through studying the Bible.

Pray the others we met during Push Week would continue to meet with our team and find others around them who want to discover who God is.

Praise God for how he is working and moving in Slovenia and for the many other believers who partnered with us and took steps of faith to pray for their community and for people they encountered on their prayer walks.

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