



# Jordan & Niki Shirkman

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**"I have food, a home, and friends, but when I go to bed at the end of the day, I feel like something is missing,"** Polona, a university student we met in 2012 during our first year in Slovenia, shared with me (Niki). When we first met, she was a high school student embarking on a relationship with Jesus.

Upon our return to Slovenia in 2014, Polona and I continued to get together as friends and also for me to practice speaking Slovene. During this season she wasn't very interested in spiritual things.

Now a first-year student in a city on the coast of Slovenia, Polona often messaged me to meet when she'd be in Ljubljana on weekends. As we chatted one week, she shared some difficult things going on in her life and her hunger for something more.

"I want to make God the first priority in my life again," she shared. Polona asked if she could come over once a week to study the Bible together. An emphatic "Yes!" was my reply.

What Polona said rings true for many in this westernized country. When all of your physical needs are met and you feel self-sufficient, it can be challenging to see a need for God. In his grace, the Lord used an unexpected hardship in Polona's life to draw her back to himself.

Meeting with Polona is a highlight of my week. She is a thoughtful, teachable, and sweet young woman. Her desire to grow in her walk with Jesus and study the Bible are an inspiration to me. After attending our overnight student retreat last month, she shared how encouraged she was to hear from other Slovene believers and how they live out their faith.

This summer she's considering going on a missions trip to Krakow, Poland for two weeks with our movement. Please be praying she would take that step of faith and trust God to use her in a significant way this summer.

Your partnership is enabling students like Polona to grow in their faith in Christ and influence others for his glory for a lifetime. We are so thankful for you!

*Jordan + Niki*



*Niki and Polona smile together at our retreat last month.*

### Prayers

- o Pray Polona continues to deepen her relationship with Jesus and for wisdom on how to grow as a believer.
- o Pray a sense of community would be built among the Christian students connected to our movement and for that to lead to an outward focus on reaching their peers for Christ.

### Praise

- o Praise God for Niki's friendship with Polona and how God is at work in her life!

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