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"Could you tell me more about Christianity?" Mike asked as we talked with him and his brother Steve on the beach.

During our training in Florida last month, we had the privilege of engaging people in spiritual conversations. One afternoon, Jordan and I headed to the beach and began talking with Mike and Steve. As pre-med students, they had a high view of science and they didn't grow up with a spiritual background.

As we got to know them, Mike shared that he had been exploring different religions and wanted to hear more about Christianity. We got to share the message of Jesus with Mike—painting a clear picture of what Christ's life, death and resurrection mean for us.

While he didn't make the decision to follow Jesus that day, he said it was the most helpful explanation of Christianity he had ever heard. And, Mike said he could see himself putting his faith in Jesus one day!

Initially, Mike didn't seem interested in talking, but I was humbled at how God created an opportunity for a conversation. It wasn't our words or personalities that intrigued Mike—it was God continuing to open the door to his heart.

Mike and Steve asked more questions about our faith and ministry and thanked us for talking with them. As we said goodbye and exchanged contact information, Mike said, "I hope this isn't the last time we talk." We pray that our conversation will lead them both closer to discovering the truth found in Jesus alone.

What a blessing to play a small part in their spiritual journey. The seed has been planted and we pray that more Christians will influence Mike and Steve toward Christ. As we prepare to return to Slovenia this year, we're reminded that people around the world are in desperate need of Jesus, and we are all sent by God in some way to share that message with the world.

Standing beside you as we are sent for Christ,

Jordan + Niki



A picture of us at our training in Daytona Beach the day after we met Mike and Steve.



Niki and some of our friends at a women's luau dinner during our training.

Prayers

- o That the Holy Spirit would soften Mike and Steve's hearts to receive Jesus.
- o For an upcoming retreat in Europe for Christian students connected with Cru that want to grow in their faith and learn how to share it with others. Pray for great laborers to be raised up through this conference—in Slovenia and throughout Europe.

Praise

- o Praise God for the refreshing time we had at our training last month. We took two biblical courses and were energized for the mission ahead of us.
- o Praise the Lord that he uses us to introduce people to himself and invites us all to be a part of his mission.

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