



The Shirkmans

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“I wish every church in Slovenia would host a MyFriends training,” Whitney, an American married to a Slovenian pastor, shared during our recent training.

For the past few months, our team has been traveling to Celje (SELL-yay), a city about 45 minutes from Ljubljana, every other week to train a group of Christians eager to make disciples. We discuss and learn together how to make disciples in a postmodern culture—one where most people have no Christian background and aren’t actively searching for truth.

“We want to keep growing through your coaching in disciple-making, and we’re so grateful for your investment in us,” Lorens (Lawrence) told us. Lorens, whom we’ve mentioned before, has played a key role in coordinating the group and leading Discovery Bible Studies between our visits. His boldness and faith continue to inspire us.

As we pursue the vision we believe God has given us—to see **groups of people studying and applying God’s Word in all 212 municipalities of Slovenia**—we believe that this group in Celje will play a key role in expanding this movement across the region.

Each trip to Celje has been deeply encouraging for me (Jordan). I am amazed by the steps of faith these disciples are taking and their passion for helping others rediscover the ways of Jesus. They are laying down their lives to reach people far from God, and the Lord is rewarding their faith and obedience.

Learning a new way of sharing our faith, engaging those around us, and introducing them to Jesus requires courage and perseverance. While the message of Jesus remains eternal and unchanging, cultures shift, values evolve, and desires vary. We must be people who are both **faithful to Jesus and committed to reaching people where they are**. Just as most of us wouldn’t understand a message sent in Morse code—no matter how well we knew its content—we must learn to communicate in ways that people far from God can grasp. Only then can they experience His love and grace for themselves.

Jordan + Niki



Our twice-a-month trips to Celje have been a major highlight of the past few months as we equip Christians there to reach their friends, families, coworkers, and communities for Jesus. This is a photo from our last official meeting, where we shared a meal and celebrated all that God has done.

Prayers + Praises

Pray for the disciples in Celje who have completed the MyFriends training. Ask God to strengthen their faith and empower them to reach those far from Him.

Pray for open doors across Slovenia for more MyFriends trainings. Ask God to stir hearts and create in people a deep desire to reach their communities for Jesus.

Pray for divine appointments with those seeking Jesus. Pray that we would be ready to help them take their next steps toward the Lord and equip them to reach others.

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