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**The average spiritual conversation with an Atheist can be tough, but these two were especially difficult for a different reason. They happened entirely in Slovene!**

No, I (Jordan) haven't mastered the language yet (although I'm making progress), but it was actually one of the students I work with who was sharing his faith on his own! Anže has had opportunities to go with STINTers in the past to share his faith, but this was the first time he was *leading* the conversation.

My teammate Steve and I have the pleasure of meeting weekly with two Slovene believers who have been connected to our ministry since our first year. Anže and Žiga have developed tremendously in those few years, and I'm encouraged by their hearts for God and their desire to grow in their faith.

They both come from Catholic backgrounds, but they both said their faith has truly become genuine in the last few years as a result of our teams in Ljubljana. We meet weekly to study the Bible and to help them understand what it means to be fruitful Christians.

When I told the guys last week that our plan was to go share our faith on campus, they were excited and understandably a bit anxious. After praying together, Steve and Žiga headed one way, and Anže and I hopped onto a packed bus toward the spiritually-diverse Philosophy university building.

On our way, I told Anže he had the freedom to contribute as much or as little as he wanted. I planned to give him more exposure in sharing his faith by modeling it for him; however, Anže had different plans. "Would it be ok if I asked the questions and spoke in Slovene?" he asked. I was amazed at his boldness and gladly handed him the reigns!

We had two conversations that day--both with students who were Atheists. Anže led both conversations and I did my best to follow along in Slovene and chime in when I could. At the end of each conversation I had a chance to verbally share the gospel with the students we were talking with.

"That's why I wanted to come here--to talk with people who were convinced of their atheistic views," Anže told me. He wanted to share the gospel with people far from God. How awesome!

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*Jordan + Niki*



*Žiga, one of the two believers I meet with regularly, and I stand together at our booth from the student involvement fair last month.*

## Prayers

- o Pray for Anže and Žiga. Pray the Lord would continue to grow their love for Him and their faith. Pray they would become godly leaders who other students would follow.
- o Pray for our next month of events that will happen between now and the end of the year: Guy's and Girl's Nights, Story of the Soul outreach, A Night of Worship, and our annual Christmas Party outreach.

## Praise

- o Praise God that students are hearing the gospel in their native language through our students' steps of faith!
- o Praise God that we were able to distribute 1,600 surveys at our student fair last month and that 1,400 students wanted more information about what we do in some way!

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