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It's not often that nearly every high school senior in Slovenia makes a pilgrimage to the capital city of Ljubljana.

But Friday, May 19 was that day.

That Friday, almost every single high school senior—from the coast, from the far plains of the northeast, from the mountains, villages, and cities—came to Ljubljana to celebrate the end of high school for the Matura (muh-TOUR-uh) Parade. The students do a traditional Slovene dance with a partner for the parade, which stretches nearly a kilometer down the main street of the capital city.

This event is a right of passage for graduating seniors, and it's also an incredible opportunity for us to meet as many of those soon-to-be college freshmen as we can.

Our team spent a few hours surveying students that Friday morning as they trekked in from the far reaches of Slovenia. Each student had to receive their Matura packet at the main convention center in town, and the line stretched hundreds of students long, which gave us plenty of time to reach out to them.

As the students waited in line to receive their packets, we invited them to fill out a survey in exchange for an energy drink for the long day ahead of them. As they filled out surveys, we asked them if they knew the dance steps well (most were pretty nervous but grateful they were in a large crowd!) and how they were feeling about university in the fall.

Of the hundreds of students who filled out the survey, nearly a third asked for more information about knowing Jesus!

As these incoming freshmen embark on their university studies, they are at a pivotal time when they'll make decisions that will impact the rest of their lives. Please join us in praying that the Lord would draw these students to Himself, that they would meet Jesus during university, grow in their faith, and live for His glory and the good of others for the rest of their lives.

Reaching students with the gospel in Slovenia through your partnership,

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A photo of the Matura Parade stretching down the main street of Ljubljana.



A few of our teammates doing surveys with graduating seniors.

Prayers

- o Pray we would be able to meet with and share the gospel with the students who asked for more information about a relationship with God.
- o Pray the Lord would transform Slovenia through university students walking with him and making disciples for the rest of their lives.
- o Pray for the 5-week summer mission of American students arriving this week to help reach more students with us this summer.

Praise

- o Praise the Lord for the opportunity to meet hundreds of graduating seniors in Ljubljana last week.

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