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**“I’m convinced even more that we need to be sharing the gospel with others,”** Jernej (yair-NAY) shared with me (Jordan) during our first meeting of the new school year. Jernej is a second-year student studying at the University of Maribor. He got connected to our ministry last year and has been growing in his relationship with God and taking exciting steps of faith.

As I met with Jernej and three of the other key student volunteers with our ministry last Thursday during their weekly time together, my heart swelled with hope and encouragement. We helped the students create a vision plan for what they are trusting the Lord for this semester. They have a goal of finding four other students who have hearts for God and reaching students far from him. Each of the four also committed to sharing the gospel with five friends this semester who don’t know Jesus yet!

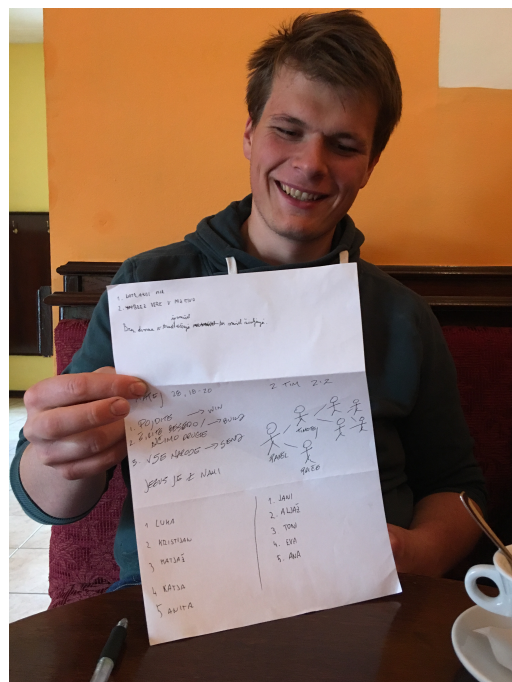
Talking about spiritual things in Slovene culture is uncommon—presenting the gospel is practically unheard of. That’s what makes this commitment from these students so exciting and counter-cultural. They desire to be obedient to God more than just following cultural norms—it’s true surrender to God and his will for them.

It’s a privilege to come alongside students who want to grow in their faith in Jesus and reach others for him. Jernej wants to be able to clearly explain and share the gospel, and he’s already taken a step of faith to share about Jesus with his friend Kristjan (krist-YAWN).

As Jernej and I were meeting in a cafe, a student behind us heard us talking about a Christian student movement and asked what it was all about. Jernej explained to her the heart of our movement and what we’re trusting God for. It was a sweet opportunity from the Lord for Jernej to have a chance to articulate his faith, and for the Lord to show that students are truly thirsty to know him.

Trusting the Lord to raise up more students who walk with him and help others do the same in Slovenia through your partnership,

*Jordan + Niki*



*Jernej sharing his vision of what he’s trusting the Lord for and the friends he wants to share the gospel with.*

## Prayers

- o Pray for the four key students in Maribor who meet together weekly—Jernej, David, Denis, and Manja (mahn-YUH) to each share the gospel with their five friends and to continue growing in their personal faith.
- o Pray more students would join the movement in Maribor and help reach others for Jesus on their campus.

## Praise

- o Praise God for how he is at work in Jernej’s life and for the steps of faith he has already taken. Pray the Lord would continue to use Jernej to influence others for Jesus.

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