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It's hard to believe it's been a year since we arrived in Slovenia to serve here long-term. September 10 marked 365 days in the tiny, beautiful country the Lord has called us to.

We've made new friends and welcomed new teammates, while also saying goodbye to teammates who have returned to the States.

Our biggest highlight was welcoming Raegan into our family, and it's been a joy to watch her grow. It's also opened doors for friendships and relationships because Slovenes love talking with babies!

We feel comfortable using Slovene for the vast majority of everyday life now—like chatting with students, our neighbors, cashiers, and car service center employees, as well as reading articles and books in Slovene.

I (Jordan) even had an opportunity to preach an entire sermon in Slovene—a task I couldn't have dreamed of a year ago.

"I can tell you went the extra mile," Tanja, a member of our church, shared, "I was just with my sister—who isn't a Christian—for a week and the sermon was exactly what I needed to hear."

This year, we'll be spending more time connecting with students on campus and less formal time in language learning, and we're thrilled to put our language to use to introduce Slovenes to Jesus.

We can't thank you enough for enabling us to live out the calling God has on our lives to reach Slovene students for Christ through your prayers and generosity. The Lord has been so gracious to us in our time here, and we are excited to see him continue to move and work in the lives of students for his glory.

Helping fulfill the Great Commission through your partnership,

Jordan & Niki



Jordan preaching his first sermon in Slovene on Philippians 1.



Our language tutor Melita, who has helped and encouraged us immensely in our Slovene studies, smiles with Raegan.

Prayers

- o Pray for our transition from language learning to spending more time connecting with students on campus. Pray we would continue to grow even more comfortable using Slovene.
- o Pray for the start of the university year. Pray for students to have open hearts to the gospel and a desire to know Jesus personally.

Praise

- o Praise God for the wonderful year we've had in Slovenia, for him helping us learn a new language and culture, and for our teammates who are a joy to serve alongside.

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