



The Shirkmans

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On October 1, hundreds and hundreds of first-year university students descended on the annual involvement fair in the center of Ljubljana. This event is one of our biggest opportunities to interact with first-year students all at once, and the event only takes place if it doesn't rain.

Just days before the event the forecast appeared gloomy, and we were afraid it would be canceled. Thankfully, the Lord answered our prayers for good weather. Between the involvement fair and meeting students the next day near their dorms, we were able to interact with over 1,000 students!

Enticing students with free energy drinks, we asked if they were willing to fill out a survey indicating their interest in a variety of opportunities we offer students—from how to have a personal relationship with God to personal development opportunities (which often lead to significant gospel conversations) to discussing the deeper topics of life. Of the 1,000 students that filled out a survey, over 600 said they were interested in one of the opportunities we offer! Over the last few weeks our team has been calling these students to set up a time to meet face to face.

I (Jordan) have been so encouraged by many of the guys I have met over the past few weeks and the conversations we've engaged in. I've had the privilege of sharing my story of how Jesus changed my life and also explaining the message of the gospel. The Lord has allowed us to quickly forge genuine relationships with these students in a short period of time.

Just yesterday my teammate Michael and I met with a student named Andraž (on-DRAW-shh). He told us about his desire to have more meaningful relationships with his friends and asked for advice on how to talk about deeper topics with them. We were able to share the gospel with Andraž and ask questions about what he believes. It is clear the Lord is at work in his life, and we're praying he would continue to consider who Jesus is and what that means for his life.

We thank God for the many new students we have already connected with, and we pray that many would come to know Jesus through our conversations as the Lord works in their lives.

Reaching Slovene students with the gospel through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



We're so grateful for the many of students we were able to meet at the involvement fair, pictured above in the center of the city.



An action shot of Jordan asking a student to fill out a survey to receive a free energy drink.

Prayers + Praises

- o Pray for continued opportunities to meet with the students who filled out surveys with us. Pray they would be spiritually open and able to meet.
- o Pray for a Christian student we mentioned in our August newsletter named Jure (YOU-ray). He was diagnosed with cancer and is going through chemotherapy. Pray for the Lord to restore his health, for strength for him and his family in this season, and for the Lord to use Jure to impact others through this tremendous trial.
- o Praise the Lord for the significant conversations we've been having over the past few weeks with students and for the way he is at work in the lives of students like Andraž.

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