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"Please teach me how I can grow in my relationship with God," Amadej (ahh-muh-DAY) told me (Jordan) and my teammate Joe as we met with him for the first time this semester. I was shocked.

Amadej didn't grow up with a spiritual background and had never heard the true message of Jesus. Joe shared the gospel with Amadej last year and he expressed interest in following Christ, but he was hesitant or too busy to meet in the months that followed. I was excited that Amadej wanted to reconnect, but I was unsure if he would truly want a relationship with Jesus based on his hesitancy in the past.

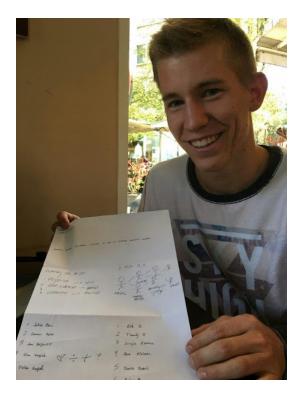
As we met, I re-explained the gospel message to Amadej and helped him understand that we all have a choice to make-we can either pay for our own sins and be separated from the Lord and his love, or we can accept God's loving offer of eternal life by faith and be fully forgiven through Christ's death and resurrection. Something clicked, and Amadej's eyes lit up. As our conversation continued, it seemed his faith was genuine and he truly wanted to know Jesus.

"I don't know how to read the Bible or pray. Can you teach me that too?" he asked excitedly. We gave Amadej resources for prayer and Bible study, and we also challenged him to share the gospel with others. He made a list of five friends who aren't Christians whom he wants to tell about Jesus. We encouraged him to start a conversation with at least one of those friends before our next meeting.

During our next time together, we asked Amadej if he had taken any steps of faith. He told us, "I talked with my roommate and asked him the same questions you asked me. We both agreed that the world would be a better place if more people had a true relationship with God." How amazing! Amadej, as a new Christian, is already taking steps of faith to reach others and help them know Jesus.

Stories of how God is at work in the lives of Slovene students like Amadej give us great anticipation for all the Lord will do in 2017!

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Amadej's vision for his university and list of friends he wants to reach with the gospel.

Prayers

- o Pray for Amadej to continue to grow in his faith and reach his friends with the message of Jesus.
- o Pray for students like Amadej in Ljubljana to be able to gather together to study the Bible and encourage one another in their faith.

Praise

o Praise the Lord for how he is at work in Amadei's life and for all he is doing across Slovenia in the hearts of students.