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"I have nothing to hope for," Anamarija's classmate "Tijaša" said, "because I know my dad won't be part of my future."

[This inspiring story is from our friend Hilary, who is currently serving in Slovenia.]

Anamarija is a Slovene student who deeply loves the Lord and desires to tell her classmates about Him. Two weeks ago I (Hilary) met with her in one of our favorite cafés. She glowed with excitement. "I have so much to tell you about how God has blessed me over the past few days," she said.

Anamarija recounted a conversation with her classmates. They were chatting about the future and where they put their hope. Halfway through the conversation, one classmate—Tijaša—became uneasy and Anamarija thought she was offended.

Later that day, Anamarija went to apologize, but before she finished Tijaša started weeping. Tijaša explained that her father was diagnosed with cancer and it had spread throughout his whole body.

"There's nothing I can say to give you hope right now. But could I tell you what I find my hope in?" Anamarija asked.

Over the next hour, Anamarija shared the gospel with her and explained how years ago she found hope in Jesus Christ. Tijaša shared that she had little knowledge about faith and that she had a negative experience with the church.

"I stopped her and said, 'God is not about religion, He's about a relationship. I'm living my faith practically.' I didn't even know what I was saying—it was like the Holy Spirit was talking through me!" Anamarija exclaimed.

[It's encouraging to see Anamarija's step of faith in sharing with her classmate—pointing Tijaša to Jesus as worthy of all our hope. We're excited to return to Ljubljana and join in the work He is already doing through students there!]

Trusting the Lord for faithful followers of Jesus in Slovenia through your partnership,

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Hilary and Anamarija pose with flowers from the Women's Spring Tea event.

Prayers

- o Pray Anamarija would have another opportunity to talk with Tijaša about Jesus. Pray Anamarija would continue to boldly share her faith with her peers.
- o Pray for 20 Slovene students to join with the American summer missions trip coming to Ljubljana next month. Pray all the students would grow in walking with Jesus and sharing their faith.

Praise

- o Praise God for Anamarija's heart to reach lost students with the gospel in Slovenia.
- o Praise God for a successful start to our language learning class. We've already started to see the benefits through new perspective and ideas during the first two weeks!

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