



The Shirkmans

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“I’ve never held a Bible before. The pages are so thin!”

Aleksander told me (Jordan) as we met to study the Bible together.

Aleksander is a first-year student studying Mathematics and comes from a non-religious family. He didn’t grow up with any spiritual background, and the only time he was in a church in his whole life was for his grandfather’s funeral. My teammate Michael and I met Aleksander through our student surveys in the fall, and we’ve been meeting over the last few months helping him develop a personal development plan through our program *Upgrade*.

Throughout our times together, Aleksander was typically quiet and reserved, but as our friendship grew, he started sharing more about his life with us. Eventually, Michael and I each had an opportunity to tell him how we began following Christ personally. We asked him if he’d be interested in discovering who Jesus is and understanding the God of the Bible. Aleksander admitted that he hadn’t thought much about spiritual things before and that he rarely talked about these topics with others, but he excitedly said yes to studying the Bible with us.

We’ve been walking through key passages of the Bible in our most recent meetings, and when I brought a Slovene Bible for us to read from, Aleksander held a Bible for the first time. It is clear the Lord is at work in his life based on the observations he’s making as we read the Bible together. Most recently we looked at the story of Jesus turning water into wine in John 2. At the end, we all committed to taking something from the passage and applying it to our lives. Aleksander said, “I think I should trust what Jesus says even when I don’t understand.”

It’s amazing how God’s Spirit works as people spend time reading and seeking to understand and apply the Bible. The Lord is at work in Aleksander’s life, and we pray the Lord would soon bring him to true faith in Jesus.

Helping reach students with the message of Jesus in Slovenia,

Jordan + Niki



Jordan, Michael and Aleksander smile together after their most recent meeting.

Prayers + Praises

- o Pray God would continue to work in Aleksander’s heart and bring him to faith in Jesus. Pray that Aleksander would then be able to influence many others and help them follow Jesus.
- o Praise God for two female students who recently came to Christ through interactions with our team! Pray that Maruša (muh-ROO-shuh) and Hana (hah-NUH) would continue growing in their faith and impact others.
- o Pray the Lord would continue to lead us to spiritually open students who would be able to meet, study God’s Word with us, and begin taking steps closer to Jesus.
- o Pray for our leadership outreach March 18-20, involving Christians who are former corporate executives from the US who will be traveling to Slovenia. This three-day seminar will help us connect with more students who have an interest in growing as leaders and also help us find spiritually open students.

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