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"I'm just lost. I'm financially well off and I get along well with girls. I even have a sense of purpose in my life at times, and yet I still have this overwhelming feeling of being empty inside," Marko, a second-year student, told us as he sat hunched over on the steps outside of a dorm with his head on his hand.

He continued to tell us, "My only problem right now is that I'm hungover. But otherwise, everything in my life is fine." Sadly, this interaction with Marko is both jarring and all too common. Most students in Slovenia have their basic needs met, perhaps they have a close friend or two, and yet they realize that something is missing. These students don't know that they are ignoring their spiritual life and don't realize there is a God who deeply loves them and sent his Son to die for them.

My teammate Justin and I (Jordan) met Marko as we were prayer walking around a central part of the university campus where there are college buildings and residence halls. On these prayer walks, we pray for the students around us, and we approach students to chat and ask them how we can pray for the needs of young people in Slovenia. We also ask if there is anything we can pray about for them personally.

Each week we're amazed to see the students the Lord brings across our paths, and we have been able to pray for people struggling with anxiety, a lack of purpose, challenging home environments, and all sorts of different struggles. Some of these students have even said they want to know more about the God of the Bible and have met with us to read and apply God's Word to their lives, many of them for the first time.

Would you pray with us that God would continue to bring students who want to know God across our paths? Would you pray for divine encounters for us as we seek to make disciples in Slovenia? It's a privilege and honor to serve the Lord with you and help bring hope and purpose to Slovenia through the life-changing message of Jesus.



We met Marko on our prayer walk between the dorms above. His story of emptiness is a common and heartbreaking reality in Slovenia.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God that he continues to lead us to spiritually open students who are willing to open the Bible and begin applying it to their lives.

Pray for the Lord to continue to put a spiritual hunger in the hearts of students. Pray he would open their eyes to their spiritual emptiness and help them see their need for a relationship with God.

Pray that we would be able to continue casting vision to believers in our churches in Slovenia to help them become equipped to make disciples in their neighborhoods, workplaces, and classrooms.

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