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“This was one of the best days of my life,” Blaž, a Christian student connected to our ministry, shared at the end of our overnight retreat.

Last Thursday afternoon, we crammed into a few cars and headed to the southeast corner of Slovenia for our first Christian student retreat. It was the end of the exam period for students and our kickoff event for the second half of the school year.

Eight Christian students from around the country joined us to worship together, spend time studying the Bible, and get to know each other better. Students who grew up in Christian families and others who have just recently become believers gathered to grow in their understanding of God’s Word and to experience a taste of true Christian community.

One of our greatest challenges in Slovenia has been helping build community among students, and the Lord used this retreat in a significant way to begin breaking down that barrier.

I (Jordan) led one of the discussion groups with students, and was amazed at the depth of understanding and desire to follow Jesus that students showed.

Polona, a friend of ours and a student at a university in Slovenia near the coast, said “I was so encouraged to hear these other Slovene girls talking about how to practically live out their faith.”

Connections were made, friendships are budding, and a sense of community is emerging. We thank God for how he used this retreat to bring students together and we pray he will use them to reach their country for Christ.

“The only problem was that the time went too quickly,” Alenka, another student shared. This simple 24-hour retreat exceeded our expectations as we saw students, whose hearts desire to reach others with the gospel, come together for the first time and leave united.

Helping reach and equip students for Jesus through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



A fun shot of some of the students and staff at our retreat last week.



Alenka, Jana, Natalija, Katie, Mateja, and Sally smile together after our first Bible study of the retreat.

Prayers

- o Pray these 8 students would continue to grow in their walks with Jesus and that they would develop genuine friendships with one another.
- o Pray for the Spring Break trip with students from the U.S. who will be in Slovenia March 12 - 19 and will be helping us launch our ministry at the University of Maribor, about 70 miles northeast of Ljubljana.

Praise

- o Praise God for each of the students who joined us: Alenka, Blaž, Bojana, Jana, Mateja, Natalija, Neža and Polona.
- o Praise the Lord for the community he’s building among students and how he is growing their hearts for reaching others with the gospel.

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