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“Before this weekend, I didn’t realize how simple it could be to take time to read the Bible and connect with God,” Jure (YOU-ray) shared at the end of our retreat. “I also realized how great it is to be part of a Christian community.”

Jure was one of the nine students who joined us for our spring retreat last weekend. We traveled an hour and a half north of Ljubljana to the beautiful and peaceful Millstatt, Austria, where there is a Christian retreat center. Students normally go back home to their families at the end of the week, so it was no small feat for them to forsake their usual weekend ritual to join us.

Pastor Peter Novak, the pastor of the church we attend in Slovenia, joined us and gave a couple talks from the gospel of John. He shared about how to grow in our personal relationship with God and encouraged us to be part of a Christian community. It was so significant for Slovene students to hear from an older Slovene who became a believer in college and is now pastoring a church, and we were all spurred on to keep growing and helping one another.

I (Jordan) was excited that Urh (ur-HUH), a high school student who became a believer last summer, joined us for the weekend. It was great seeing him interact with other believers and even pull Pastor Peter aside after one of his talks to chat further and ask questions. It is obvious the Lord is at work in Urh’s heart, and I’m so grateful to come alongside him as he grows in his faith. “It was a great weekend! Thank you so much for inviting me,” Urh told me at the end of the retreat.

A number of non-Christians also joined us for the retreat and got a taste of the special joy of Christian community. Our believing students made deeper connections with the Lord and with one another, and we all had a great time together.

Trusting God to continue to work and move in Slovenia through your partnership,

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(Above) A group photo of us all from the retreat. Jure is the tallest one in the back row.

(Below) Urh is playing piano while Jordan plays guitar during a time of worship at our retreat.



Prayers

- o Pray for God to work in the hearts of Matic (MUH-tee-ts), Ana, Tina, and Barbara, the four non-believers who joined us at the retreat.
- o Pray for our believing students like Jure and Urh to continue to grow in their faith and share the gospel with their friends.

Praise

- o Praise the Lord for a fruitful and fun retreat and for the extra time to connect with students.

We’ll be in the US this summer!

We hope for it to be a time of refreshment, rest, and connecting with family, friends, and ministry partners like you! We’ll share more details in our upcoming letters, but for now we know we’ll arrive June 12 and head back to Slovenia in late August.

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Raegan will turn three years old this June! This little girl is talking so much now (some in Slovene as well!). Raegy loves to dance, be outside and blow bubbles, help in the kitchen, and take care of her baby brother. It's amazing to see how the Lord has already given her such a servant's heart. Often at gatherings she is quick to help serve the food, and to take dirty dishes into the kitchen and throw trash away. She's so much fun and keeps us laughing (and depending on the Lord) every day.

Everett is four months old! He loves his big sister and lights up when she is around. He enjoys "talking" and has the sweetest little laugh that melts us. Ev is overall a very content and happy baby. He mostly sleeps through the night now and we are grateful =) We're continually reminded of what an answer to prayer this little man is.

We'd love for you to meet our kids this summer!

