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1,200 Cru staff from around Eastern Europe and Russia joined together to share how God is at work, pray for Him to continue drawing people to Himself, and align ourselves with what He's calling us to in the next few years.

Of the 1,200 conference attendees, fewer than 200 were Americans. The rest of our conference, which meets once every four years, was made up of nationals from all around Eastern Europe who have placed their faith in Jesus and are now helping reach students, faculty, families, and athletes with the gospel.

It's incredible to see how God has reached Eastern Europeans and given them a burden to make disciples of Jesus in their countries. We were encouraged to see places like Albania, which was a spiritually dark place just 25 years ago, now with well over 100 Cru staff serving in Albania and around Eastern Europe, leading others to Christ.

We heard testimonies from our staff of how the Lord transformed their lives and how He's working in their countries. Cristian from Romania told me (Jordan) how they are reaching students by inviting them to help transform Romania's leadership and government from corruption and deception to one of honesty and integrity.

As the Romanian believers share their vision of a changed Romania through integrity-based leadership, they also share the gospel with students and help them see that only God can truly transform individuals and their country. We're excited about applying this idea in Slovenia, where students have a low view of government and a heavy distrust of their country's leadership.

We dream of the day when we have so many Slovenes who are walking with the Lord and helping reach college students, that we no longer need Americans helping reach Slovenia. We pray that one day Slovenes would be sharing their ideas of how to reach Eastern Europe for Christ, as Cristian shared with us.

God gave us a glimpse of how He is on the move in this part of the world, and we're encouraged to continue trusting him for more disciples in Slovenia.

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Cristian from Romania shares strategies of how they are reaching students for Christ with other staff from our area.

### **Prayers**

- o Pray for our campus team as we try new projects to be more strategic in reaching spiritually-interested students in Ljubljana.
- o Pray for our continued language-learning process, that God would grant us grace and growth in this endeavor, and that we'd develop new Slovene friendships.

#### **Praise**

o Praise God for the opportunity to connect with staff from around our area and hear great biblical teaching. We left encouraged and refreshed, ready to continue helping reach Slovenia for Christ.

## It's a girl!

We found out last Friday that we're expecting a little girl this July. Thanks for your continued prayers and support!



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