



The Shirkmans

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What do you do to celebrate the end of a school year, the end of months of lockdowns, and the first opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in larger groups? Host a one-day English camp!

Our team hosted SpeakOut Connect to bring together high school students from across the country to have fun, practice conversational English, and have meaningful conversations. Seven students joined our team on July 2nd for games, food, and a discussion of freedom, independence, and the person of Jesus. We want to highlight three of the students who joined us for SpeakOut Connect.

Klara (KLAH-ruh) met our teammate Chealsia in the fall through our online advertising efforts. Klara shared that she has experienced pain and judgment from the church but she is open to the idea of a relationship with God. After the one-day camp, she shared her objections and questions about the Bible in a fruitful conversation with our team.

Rok (ROW-kuh) is not yet a believer, but after attending SpeakOut camp last year he befriended a few American college students and has had ongoing conversations with them as they've read the Bible together. He is thinking about what makes someone a good person and what the purpose of faith could be. He has formed deep friendships with a number of people on our team, and we are praying God would draw Rok to genuine faith in Christ.

Tina didn't know anyone personally before she came to SpeakOut Connect, but she joined us because her teacher recommended it. Through conversations we realized that she is related to Marija (MUH-ree-uh), a student who accepted Christ during quarantine! She opened up and discussed faith with our team and she seems spiritually open as well.

While this season has been anything but typical, it is clear that God is still at work, and we are so grateful to partner with you in what he is doing.

Jordan + Niki



Students and some of our teammates smile together during our SpeakOut Connect event. Klara is the second from the left in the top row and Tina is the second from the right in the front row.



Rok leans forward during a game for SpeakOut Connect.

Prayers + Praises

Pray for Klara, Rok, and Tina. Pray God would draw them to true faith in Christ and enable them to reach many others with the message of Jesus.

Praise God for his protection of our team and families during this season. We are grateful for our current visit to the US and our kids have loved the time with our families and friends here.

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