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“We’ll definitely be back next week,” Vasco, an exchange student from Portugal, told me (Jordan) as he and his three Portuguese friends left our kickoff meeting last week. I wasn’t expecting that response from an exchange student only studying in Slovenia for a semester, but it’s clear God is working in Vasco’s heart. The Lord didn’t bring him to Ljubljana on accident.

In addition to Vasco, more than 20 other students—Christians and non-Christians, familiar faces and others we met for the first time—joined us to hear how they can have a relationship with Jesus and grow in their faith during college.

Our teammate Melissa explained how the Lord transformed her life and brought her to Slovenia—all in Slovene! It was amazing to see students’ faces light up as she shared her story of God’s grace in their language. It was a further reminder that learning someone’s language opens doors far beyond being able to communicate with them—it can open up hearts to the gospel.

Uroš, a key student leader, shared what our ministry, Vsak Študent (Every Student) offers. He invited the students to our weekly Bible studies and encouraged them to join us for a one-one-one meeting. These meetings provide students a personal opportunity to discuss questions about Jesus and the Bible, and give us a chance to show them why a relationship with God is the most important thing they can focus on.

Finally, a friend and alumnus of our ministry, Matic, shared what it meant for him to have a community of believers helping him walk with God in college. He reminded students that we want to meet them wherever they are on their spiritual journey—whether they identify as Atheists or Christians—we want to help them truly know Jesus.

The school year is just beginning and we’re excited to see how God continues to work and move in the lives of students at the University of Ljubljana.

Reaching students with the life-changing message of Jesus through your partnership,

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Melissa sharing how God changed her life at our first large-group meeting of the year.

Prayers

- o Pray for more Slovene students to step into leadership roles with our ministry. Pray for an expanding network of volunteers who would be involved in helping reach students for Christ on campus.
- o Pray for Vasco and the other students who joined us at our kickoff meeting. Pray they would continue to come to Bible studies and events and that God would bring them into a genuine relationship with Himself.

Praise

- o Praise the Lord for our language classes. We have great teachers and we’re excited about what we’re learning. Pray we would continue to grow more comfortable in using and understanding the language.
- o Praise God for the smooth transition it has been for us. We’re developing new friendships and reconnecting with old friends. We’ve also found a home church in Slovenia where people love Jesus and have graciously welcomed us into their community.

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