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“Is SpeakOut happening next summer? It’s been awesome,” one of the 16 high school students attending our one-week English camp, SpeakOut, shared.

As part of our effort to reach all students in Slovenia with the message of Jesus, this year we expanded our scope to reaching high school students. Our teammates Justin and Kaelyn got connected to Jana, a Christian teacher from an evangelical church in town. Jana invited them to teach English classes multiple times at a local high school.

Justin and Kaelyn built relationships with students at the high school as they taught about Biblical principles for everyday life. Students and teachers in the school loved the content, and we were quickly invited to teach in other English classes there as well.

This connection God made through Jana provided us an opportunity to invite these high schoolers to our first summer English camp, which has been incredibly successful in other parts of Eastern Europe.

We’ve noticed that for many young people who grow up without any Christian background, it often takes months or years for them to come to Christ. By reaching out to them while they are still in high school, we’re able to point them to the Lord while they are at a pivotal season in life. We’re trusting God will use our SpeakOut English camps as a gateway for the gospel.

During the five-day camp, students have opportunities to improve their conversational English. Each day consists of large group activities, seminars in English, one-on-one tutoring and lots of fun. The theme was “The Hero’s Journey: Your Journey” and focused on how our lives tie into God’s bigger story of redemption.

On the last day of the camp, our team had an opportunity to share the gospel with every one of the 16 students. Six of them said they were interested in knowing more about what it means to follow Christ, but that they weren’t yet ready to surrender their lives to him.

We thank God for this opportunity, and we pray the Lord would continue to reveal himself to these students, so that they would know Jesus, walk with him, and help make disciples.

Reaching students in Slovenia for Jesus through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



The group at SpeakOut with our teammates and American students who helped put on the camp.



A fun activity during one afternoon of SpeakOut.

Prayers

- o Pray God would continue to work in the hearts of the 16 students who joined us for SpeakOut. Pray the six students who are interested in knowing more about following Jesus would surrender their lives to him.
- o Pray for more opportunities across the city to teach in high school English classes.
- o Pray for our five teammates and seven students who are currently in Poland sharing their faith at a large conference of young people.

Praise

- o Praise God for the 16 students who joined us for SpeakOut and for the connection God opened up at a local high school.

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Family Update | July 2016



Our little Raegan turned one year old on June 22. It's been a wonderful year for our family, and we are so grateful for this sweet, adventurous, curious little girl the Lord has given us. She's starting to pull herself up on anything within reach and she's taking steps while holding on as she's learning to walk.

Raegan has adjusted well to being in the US, and it's been a joy introducing her to friends, family, and ministry partners. She's a little ball of energy and she eats just about anything we put in front of her! The picture to the left is from her birthday party we had with family, and the photo on the right is after a dinner celebration for Niki's birthday on July 20.

