The Shirkmans

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"I realized my life wasn't working and I had to find a new way. One time I was walking in the mountains and I just started praying out loud and I had no idea where that came from," Andre shared with our team at a recent gathering we had for those exploring what it means to follow Jesus.

Andre was a friend of one of our teammates who returned to the US a few years ago. We hadn't heard from him or seen him, but he recently reached out and said he was exploring faith in God. The timing was something only God could work out: less than a week later our team was gathering together in a local park to give not-yet followers of Jesus a taste of what Christian community looks like.

Some friends and fellow believers from Finland who led our first MyFriends training were visiting Slovenia and offered to help us host a gathering. It was designed for people moving closer to the kingdom of God who had recently begun reading the Bible or more significantly exploring faith. On that Sunday afternoon, 25 people came together to worship Jesus, experience Christian community, learn how to better care for one another, and consider what it means to join God in his mission. It was an opportunity for those who want to explore faith in Jesus to take intentional steps toward the Lord.

Sandi, another guy who joined the gathering, shared, "Thank you so much for inviting me. I'm so happy that I could meet other people who also believe in God. I have so much to learn." Sandi has experienced tremendous hardship over the last few years, and God divinely reconnected him with one of our teammates.

We are grateful for how God is connecting and reconnecting us with those who are considering the abundant life Jesus offers. We pray he would continue to work and draw people to himself as we step out in faith.



Andre (back center in the light green shirt) and others during an activity at our park gathering.



Our kids are enjoying swimming and golf cart rides during a fun summer of connecting with family, friends and ministry partners.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God for this gathering, the help from our Finnish friends, and the people who joined us to further explore who Jesus is and what it means for their lives.

Pray for Andre and Sandi. Pray they would continue to take steps toward the Lord, engage with the Bible, and stay connected to others who are journeying with Jesus.

Pray for continued opportunities for our team to meet others who are open to Jesus and to show them what it looks like to follow him and make disciples.