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"We will set foot on campus and begin to tell students the amazing news of the Gospel, making famous the name of Jesus," Hilary wrote just days before starting to meet students at the University of Ljubljana.

Hilary is on this year's short-term team in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She is a student I (Niki) mentored during our intern year with Cru at Ohio University during the 2011-2012 school year.

I remember connecting with Hilary over coffee the spring before we left Ohio University. During one of our last times together, I casted vision for what I believed the Lord could do with her life. Her natural passion, zeal, and diligence are all incredible gifts I knew God would use to not only deepen Hilary's faith, but to touch the lives of people for Jesus Christ.

Now, Hilary is in Slovenia for the next year making disciples and helping grow a movement of Slovene students passionate about Jesus. And Hilary is already seeing fruit during her time in Slovenia-just the other day she told me that a Slovene student named Andreja gave her life to Christ when they met last week!

Another student I met with regularly during our time at Ohio University is Samantha, and she is serving on the short-term team with Cru in South Asia this year.

"You saw more in me than I saw in myself," Samantha said. "The encouragement you gave me, the challenge to be more because I could be more for God, truly made me stop and think about what I wanted my walk with God to look like."

Two women I had the privilege of investing my life in are now around the globe, committing their lives to proclaiming the message of Jesus. It's amazing to see how God used us to reach students who are making an impact on multiple continents.

We dream of Slovene students being raised up and sent out to touch the world for Christ. We pray that their love for the Lord will deepen daily, creating in them an urgency to be sent out to tell not only other Slovenes, but also the ends of the earth how to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Trusting the Lord for laborers around the world through your partnership,



Hilary exploring her new country during her first weekend in Slovenia



Samantha (right) meeting with a new friend in South Asia

Prayers

- Pray for the current team in Slovenia to continue to reach more students with the message of Jesus
- Pray that Andreja would grow in her faith and be a light for Christ to her friends and family

Praise

- o Thank God for Andreja's salvation! God is truly on the move in Slovenia
- Thank the Lord for Hilary and Samantha following His call on their lives to make disciples of all nations