



The Shirkmans

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The last week of June is one of the most exciting of the year for our ministry in Slovenia. That's when we host SpeakOut Camp, our annual English camp for Slovene high school students. The week is packed with fun activities, rafting on the beautiful Soča River, and plenty of spiritual conversations with students.

This year 20 Slovene high school students from Ljubljana and across the country joined us for SpeakOut Camp. The theme for this year's camp, Follow Me, was a play on the social media trend of striving for more followers in contrast to the words Jesus spoke to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

We spend over eight hours each day with the students and through conversations and our interactions, they often notice something different about our team and the American students who help us put on the camp. We're quick to let them know that the difference they notice isn't because we're Americans, but rather because we follow Jesus.

During the week a student named Urška (ur-SHH-kuh) said, "I heard you read the Bible with other people. How can I apply to be a part of that?" We let her know right away that she didn't need to apply for anything and our teammate Diana is in the process of setting up a time to meet with Urška to read the Bible together. Another student, Neža (nay-SHUH), told one of our teammates, "Coming to SpeakOut Camp really changed my perspective. I used to hate the church and the whole idea of it. Now I'm curious and I really want to read the Bible."

A student named Tomi (TOE-me) made the decision to begin following Jesus! Tomi is the younger brother of a student we've written about before, Matic (muh-TEE-tz), an agnostic who faithfully attended our Bible studies each week. Matic is not yet a Christian, but we pray that Tomi would be able to impact his older brother for Christ.

The Lord worked through SpeakOut camp in a truly special way this year, and we look forward to seeing how he continues to move in the hearts and lives of Slovene students through our partnership together.

Jordan + Niki



A few students posing together during SpeakOut Camp. Tomi, who placed his faith in Christ, is in the bottom left corner.



Slovene and American students huddle together for an activity during SpeakOut Camp.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God for Tomi's decision to follow Christ and for the way God is at work in the lives of all of the students who attended SpeakOut Camp.

Pray for the believing students who are involved with our ministry. Pray that they would continue to grow in their faith and impact others as they are at home over the summer.

Praise the Lord for our family's smooth transition to a family of five. Griffin is healthy and growing and we're all enjoying our newest addition.

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