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"Can you meet tomorrow?" Tilen (TEE-len), a junior in high school in Ljubljana wrote to me. "It's really important."

I (Jordan) met Tilen last October through an ad we ran on Facebook targeted at Christian students who wanted to learn how to share their faith. When I first met him, he was shy and quiet, but obviously interested in growing in his faith in Christ. Since then we've met multiple times a month, and Tilen's hunger for knowing God and making him known has steadily grown.

Before our scheduled appointment the next day, he sent me a reminder to come (which no student had ever done before!) I knew that whatever he wanted to share with me was a big deal. I told him I wouldn't miss it.

As we met, he excitedly shared with me about a spiritual conversation he had with his friend Matej (muh-TAY); a huge step of faith for Tilen. He knew Matej was somewhat spiritually open. Tilen started by asking him if he believed in God. Matej said he was unsure and said half the time he thought God did exist, and the other half of the time he doubted God's existence.

Tilen continued the conversation and had a chance to share the gospel with him. Tilen and I are praying for Matej and that God would continue to open his heart to Jesus. We talked more about how Tilen can continue conversations with Matei in a natural way.

"I just want to live my life for God. I know I'm coming to a point in life where I'll be making big decisions about university, a career, and friendships. And I want to make sure I'm living the way the Lord wants me to," he told me.

"Today was unbelievable," Tilen messaged me after our meeting. That evening he sent me a screenshot of a spiritual conversation he was having with another classmate, Neža (NAY-shuh) and asked me to pray for her.

God is on the move in Slovenia in the lives of students like Tilen, and we are grateful to be a part of it with you.



Tilen and I at a cafe during our most recent (and exciting!) meeting together.

Prayers

- o Pray for Tilen to continue to grow in his love for Jesus and to keep taking steps of faith to reach others with the gospel.
- o Pray for Tilen's friend Matej and his classmate Neža. Pray God would continue to draw them to himself.

Praise

- o Praise the Lord for students taking steps of faith to share the gospel with their friends.
- o Praise God for Tilen's desire to live his life fully surrendered to the Lord. Pray God would give Tilen the grace to walk closely with him.