



The Shirkmans

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There's nothing quite like an answer to prayer. Last month we mentioned that we were challenging 13 Christian students to join a Disciple Making Community where they would be able to study the Word together, help each other take steps of faith, and pray for one another. Ten of those students said, "Yes!" and have been meeting over the last few weeks. God is already on the move in them and through them.

During the first meeting, Elena shared, "I've been praying for Christian community, and I hope you all will be my community." As the students got to know each other, there was a sense that this group was something special. Unfortunately due to increased COVID restrictions in Slovenia, the group has transitioned to meeting online because of limits on in-person meetings. Nevertheless, the Lord is continuing to work.

At the end of their first time together, we challenged the students to create a prayer calendar (something each member of our team is doing as well). Each day during the month we contact one person and ask how we can specifically pray for him or her. Then we follow up by praying for that person over the phone or by sending a typed out prayer that we prayed for them.

One student named Bernard shared that he reached out to a friend who is an atheist and asked how he could pray for him. Bernard was amazed at how open his friend was to sharing what was going on in his life and how Bernard could pray for him. This simple act of prayer also opens opportunities to share with those around us about why we pray and to discuss our faith.

The sad reality is that most people in Slovenia have never been prayed for and even fewer have had someone pray with them. What a privilege it is to not only pray for Slovenes specifically by name, but to invite them to do likewise with the people in their lives. These lights in Slovenia are shining into the darkness around them for Jesus' fame and for the good of their neighbors.

Helping reach and equip Slovenes for Christ through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



A screenshot of some of the students during our Disciple Making Community's meeting last week. Students shared stories, encouraged each other to take steps of faith, and spent time together in God's word.

Exciting News!

We're thrilled to announce that Niki is pregnant and due at the beginning of May 2021! We are overjoyed at this growing gift of life and would be so grateful for your prayers for a healthy pregnancy as our family prepares to add another child.

Prayers + Praises

Please pray for the 10 students involved in the disciple-making community group: Nino (NEE-no), Bernard, Blaž (blah-SHH), Elena, Marija (muh-REE-uh), Kaja (KY-uh), Nuša (NEW-shuh), Toni, Lucija (lewt-SEE-uh), and Maruša (muh-REW-shuh). Pray God would help them continue to walk closely with him, take steps of faith, and protect them from attacks from the evil one.

Pray for Slovenia as confirmed COVID-19 cases have increased significantly. Pray for the hospitals and staff, for wisdom for the government in making decisions, and for continued creativity for our team in connecting with students in these unusual times.

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