



May 21, 2026

“You give us hope,” Matjaž (MAH-tee-ahzh) said as we enjoyed breakfast and read the Bible together with our families a few weeks ago. “Everyone in Slovenia needs a community like this,” Mojca (MOY-tshuh), his wife, said.

We met Matjaž and Mojca a few years ago when they bought a house on our street. Niki cooked them a meal after the birth of their second child and that simple act of kindness was the beginning of our friendship.

We bought Matjaž a Bible for his birthday this past week. He said it was one of the most meaningful gifts he had ever received. When we first met, Matjaž wasn’t very open to spiritual things. But over time, through many conversations, through him joining our gatherings where we read the Bible together and discuss how to apply it to our lives, and as he has seen how Jesus has made a difference in our lives, God has slowly opened his heart.

Our families see each other at least briefly nearly every day since our homes are so close. This proximity provides moments for sharing, praying for them, and showing them God’s love as we care for and encourage them. We’re continuing to pray that the Lord would bring Matjaž and Mojca to true faith in Jesus that makes a difference in their lives, in their family, in their work, and in this nation.

It’s an honor to journey with those around us through your partnership. For the sake of God’s kingdom coming across Slovenia,

Jordan + Niki

The Shirkmans

Jordan, Niki, Raegan, Everett, Griffin, Adler & Selah
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Enjoying a meal with Mojca and Matjaž and their family. Our Selah (left) and their Sophia (right) are only a few months apart in age.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God for how he is at work in Matjaž and Mojca’s lives. Pray that the Lord would continue to reveal himself to them and that they would place their faith in Christ.

Pray for continued growth over the summer in the lives of our disciples, even while we’re in the US. Pray they would connect with God, read the Bible, and share with others.

See Us In Ohio Soon!

We will be in Ohio soon and we’d love to see you!

Stop by on
Thursday, June 4
between 5-7pm
at Boettler Park in Green
for light refreshments.

We’ll be at the pavilion
on the hill next to the playground.

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