

The Shirkmans

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As birds attempted to pick at our sweet and sour chicken and Filip went off on another tangent during our lunch appointment, I (Jordan) wasn't sure what God was up to. Filip, a student my teammate Justin had met once before, had messaged and asked if we had any Bibles for students. We told him we'd love to meet and share how he could read and apply the Bible and also invite his friends to read along with him. Things didn't go according to our plan during the meeting, and while Filip was grateful for the Bible, it was hard to get a word in as he discussed all types of strange philosophies and theories about life.

The next week, Justin and I ran into Filip on campus. During our conversation, Filip's friend Uroš (EW-row-sh) walked up. He shared that he was a first-year student from Serbia and that day he was trying to switch from the Slovene language track of his business education to the English track. Filip was certain Uroš wouldn't be able to switch tracks because the deadline had already passed. We shared about our ministry and that we believe God answers prayers. We told him we'd pray that God would work it out for him to switch programs. Filip said, "If that happens, it will be a miracle."

A few days later, Uroš messaged and said he was able to switch to the English track and thanked us for praying for him. We asked if we could meet for coffee and during that time we learned more about his life. He knew virtually nothing about Jesus, God, or the Bible. Despite his lack of any spiritual background, he seemed very spiritually open. At the end of our time together, we made plans to meet again and Uroš shared something amazing: "I think maybe God sent me from Serbia to meet you. There have been too many 'coincidences' in my life for God not to exist. He has to be real."

The Lord is constantly creating divine appointments like this for us, and we are so encouraged by how he is at work in Slovenia.

We are grateful to God for you, your prayers, and your partnership with us in reaching Slovene students for Christ. Only the Lord knows the full extent of all that our partnership is accomplishing across this country. We pray that you know what a blessing you are to us and may the Lord bless you richly this Christmas season.



Prayers + Praises

Praise God for how he is at work in Uroš's life and drawing him to himself. Pray the Lord would continue to reveal himself to Uroš and that he would have a hunger to read God's Word and apply it to his life.

Pray the Lord would continue to provide divine appointments with people who have hearts that are open to him. Pray God would use the Christmas season to provide opportunities for us to meet and interact with more spiritually open people and that people would be drawn to Jesus in this time.