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"I look back and see what an impact my time in Slovenia had on my life," Daniel told me (Jordan) during his stay in Slovenia on a post-college trip to Europe before starting his new job.

Daniel is an American whom I mentored during his six weeks in Slovenia on a missions trip in the summer of 2013. At that point, he was a Junior at Ohio State University, still unsure about where the Lord was calling him. Since then, he's graduated and accepted a job at a large medical company in Columbus.

"I learned so much about sharing my faith as a lifestyle while I was in Slovenia. During my internship last summer, I developed deep friendships with people, and they began asking questions about my faith. I had an opportunity to share the gospel with many of them," Daniel said.

I rejoice at how the Lord used Daniel's time in Slovenia to shape his future. Sharing his faith wasn't just an isolated event during a missions trip-it has become a way of life for him!

This year's six-week summer missions trip from America just arrived in Slovenia last week, and we pray these students would also have a future-shaping, faith-deepening experience like Daniel did that will help produce fruit for a lifetime.

The students from the States come alongside the Slovene ministry and help us connect and develop relationships with even more students and share the gospel more broadly. Having an additional 27 students and staff here for six weeks helps us reach a greater portion of the University of Ljubljana with the message of Jesus, and provides an excellent training ground for American college students.

"I'm so grateful for the time I had here and to be able to come back and remember how God worked in my life," Daniel shared. Amen! We pray the same for this summer's group of students-that they would encounter Jesus and be used by him in a powerful way.

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Daniel and Jordan reunited two years after Daniel's time in Slovenia.

Prayers

- o Pray for the new summer mission as it gets underway this month. Pray these six weeks would help students follow the Lord for a lifetime, wherever He leads them. Pray the Lord would use them to lead Slovene students to Christ.
- o Pray for Daniel as he transitions to the workforce. Pray God would use him to influence his coworkers and community for Christ.

Praise

- o Praise God for how he uses summer missions trips to deepen the faith of students for a lifetime and to change the eternities of those who come to faith!
- o Praise God for the safe arrival of the 22 students and 5 staff joining us in Slovenia for the summer. Pray God would use them to help reach the University of Ljubljana for Christ.