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As students return to school and arrive back in Ljubljana, we're prayerfully anticipating how the Lord will work and move in the hearts and lives of high school and university students this year.

Things slow down here over the summer as students trek home to their villages. Most of our teammates spent extended time in the States. We spent quality time together as a family of three and enjoyed friends and loved ones visiting us. It was a sweet time of resting, trying to stay cool during the hot summer days, and dreaming about what God might do this year. We feel refreshed and excited to join the Lord in his plans for Slovenia.

We're praying that the Lord would continue to grow our high school ministry and open doors for new high schools where we can use English as a gateway for gospel opportunities. I (Jordan) have had multiple opportunities to meet with Urh (ur-HUH), the high school student in our last letter who accepted Christ. I've been so encouraged by his desire to grow and become more like Jesus. He has showed incredible maturity for someone so young, and it has been a joy and pleasure to walk alongside him as he grows in his new faith in Christ.

I also had a chance to meet Blaž (blah-SHH), a student I connected with through our Matura outreach to graduating high school seniors that took place in the spring. He is already a Christian and has a desire to grow in his faith during his time in college. We were both encouraged by our conversation, and I'm excited to see how the Lord could use him to reach his classmates for Christ. Our team is praying we continue to meet other students like Blaž who know Jesus and want to grow and share their faith, while reaching out to those who don't yet have a relationship with God.

We'll be having a kickoff cookout for high school students on Friday, September 1. You can pray that the many high school students we're already connected to would attend and bring their friends. We hope this new high school community becomes a beacon of light to high school students in Ljubljana.

Thank you for playing a critical role in what the Lord is doing in Slovenia through your prayers and partnership. We thank God for you. Please know how grateful we are to be a part of reaching students for Christ with you.

Helping fulfill the Great Commission through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



The three of us enjoying a sunny summer day at one of our favorite coffee shops in town.

Raegan is already a great big sister. She often tries to give food and drink to her not-yet-arrived little sibling by holding it up to mama's belly.

Niki is feeling great and the baby is doing well too! We are grateful for your continued prayers for a healthy pregnancy, baby, and delivery.

Prayers

- o Pray for our high school kickoff on September 1 (the first day of school). Pray 20 students would come, and that students who are already connected would bring their friends.
- o Pray for wisdom as our team plans new outreaches and ways to engage university students with the gospel.

Praise

- o Praise the Lord for Urh's continued growth in his faith and for the chance to meet Blaž. Pray God would continue to transform them into mature believers who reach others with the gospel.

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