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After it seemed like his interest in Christ might be fading, Simon's world was turned upside down when his girlfriend of several years broke up with him unexpectedly on New Year's Eve.

[This is an update about Simon, whom we wrote about in our April 2013 newsletter. This is written from the perspective of our friend Mike who is working with Cru in Slovenia.]

Simon, a dear friend and student in Slovenia, has been searching for answers about God for two years. We've prayed he would recognize the things he tries to fill his life with—his girlfriend, college studies, and alcohol—can't fully satisfy him.

We've also prayed Simon would see his need for Jesus. Since then, I (Mike) have had several encouraging conversations with Simon—sharing with him about the glory of Jesus and the joy that comes with having a relationship with Him.

Outside of studying English at the university, one of Simon's favorite hobbies is playing poker. As I shared with him about what it means to turn from our life of rebellion against God and follow Jesus, I painted a picture of what true faith is. I told him it wasn't about trying to fix up our lives or just follow the rules, but it takes faith in Jesus and what he accomplished on the cross.

Just like going "all in" during a game of poker requires faith, becoming a Christ follower involves a much greater decision to submit your whole life and future to God. As I shared about God's faithfulness, I reminded Simon the reward is much better than any game of poker. After a few moments of silence he somberly said, "This is big. It would change everything."

As Simon continues to think and pray about this possibility would you join us in praying for him? We hope that he would trust in Christ and join other Slovenes like Klara, Aleksandra, and Teja who indicated decisions for Christ in the Spring!

Helping reach students far from God through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki



Simon and Mike enjoying ice cream together near the river in Simon's hometown in Slovenia.

Prayers

- o Pray Simon would place his faith fully and completely in Jesus. Pray he would be dissatisfied with other things he's looking to for satisfaction.
- o Pray for the last week of the American Summer Project in Slovenia. Pray Slovene students who have met these American students would decide to follow Jesus and get connected to our ministry.

Praise

- o Praise God for the students like Klara, Aleksandra and Teja who have come to know Jesus in the last few months!
- o Praise God for a safe trip to our training in Fort Collins, Colorado. Pray this would be a fruitful time of training and preparation as we move closer to heading back to Slovenia later this summer.

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