## The Shirkmans

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It's strange to feel at home in two countries on different continents. Over the last eight weeks, we've had the opportunity to be at home in America, connecting with family, friends, and ministry partners, sharing about what God is doing in Slovenia and how he is on the move.

We've had the chance to share about MyFriends and the way the Lord is using simple steps of faith to help people far from God get to know who Jesus is. We've celebrated birthdays, fished, swam, had medical exams, remembered the life of a grandparent who passed away, and enjoyed time together with many people we only see every other year. There have been highs and lows, but overall, our time in Ohio has been been encouraging and refreshing.

With flights booked for July 27, it is time to return home to Slovenia, where we look forward to reconnecting with teammates, friends, neighbors, and disciples. We're excited to catch up, share about how God has been at work in our hearts and lives during our time in the States, and jump back into what He is doing in Slovenia.

Goodbyes are never easy, and as our kids get older, the farewells become even more heart-wrenching. Yet, God continues to meet our needs, wipe away our tears, envelop us with his peace and presence, and prepare us for whatever he calls us to do.

Our hearts are full, our vision for what we're trusting God with is great, and the opportunities before us are exciting. It is truly an honor and privilege to stand with you and trust the Lord for a nation full of disciples who will lay down their lives to make much of Jesus and reach their fellow Slovenes for Christ.



We have had a wonderful summer reconnecting with many people in Ohio and doing very American things, like watching a minor-league baseball game in Akron. We're excited to head back to Slovenia and continue trusting God to multiply disciples of Christ across the nation.

## **Prayers + Praises**

Pray for our transition back to Slovenia, for reconnecting with friends, neighbors, and ministry contacts, and for a peaceful and fruitful six weeks until our new baby girl joins the family around September 10.

Pray for our daughter Raegan (9) and son Griffin (5), who recently had to get glasses and were diagnosed with an eye condition that could have caused blindness in one eye if it hadn't been detected. We're praising God for His provision and for catching this issue in time. They will both wear glasses and do exercises with a patch over their stronger eye to help improve their vision and train their weaker eye to work better.