



# The Shirkmans

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**“Your question wrecked my life for a few days. All I could think about was that. What is life about? What am I doing here?”** Tomaž (toe-MAH-shh) told me (Jordan) when we met last week.

I met Tomaž, a first-year student studying Social Informatics, through the surveys we had students fill out at the beginning of the school year. He started our personal development program called Upgrade, and we quickly made a genuine connection. I have been able to share my testimony and the gospel with him a number of times already. During one meeting, I shared with Tomaž that the only true and secure identity we can have is in a relationship with Jesus. If we find our primary hope and security in our careers, success, or even relationships with others, all of those things can be stripped away from us. “Is there anything other than a relationship with God where we can find a lasting identity?” Tomaž asked. I told him that I haven’t found anything else, and I suggested that he should take time to consider this question on his own.

“If someone would have shared this message with me 10 years ago—if they would have explained Christianity in this way—my life would be a lot different now,” Tomaž shared with me. “Now I have a rebellious spirit, and I’m inclined to distrust the things I hear.” The truth is that we have all had rebellious spirits, and yet the Lord has drawn us to himself. We are praying God would change Tomaž’s heart and bring him to faith in Jesus.

Your partnership enables us to share the gospel with students like Tomaž who, although they have questions and doubts, are wrestling with the true message of Jesus. We thank God for you, for your prayers, and for your financial investment in his kingdom through our ministry.

We are encouraged and hopeful about how the Lord is at work in Slovenia and what we get to be a part of with you. We thank God for you and your faithful partnership with us in the gospel. By God’s grace you are helping us impact students and through them their friends, families, and the future of their country in tremendous ways.

Helping reach students in Slovenia with the gospel through your partnership,

*Jordan + Niki*



*Tomaž has been a joy to meet with and discuss faith in Jesus with over the last few months.*

If you are mailing out Christmas cards, we’d love to receive one from you! You can send it to the address listed below:

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## Prayers + Praises

- o Pray for the Lord to continue working in Tomaž’s heart and drawing him to Jesus.
- o Pray for a fruitful end to the year as we have a number of special events with students during the Christmas season. Pray that non-believing students would join us for these events, invite their friends, and be encouraged and intrigued as they interact with Christians.
- o Praise the Lord for the many students we have been able to meet and share the gospel with in the first few months of the semester.

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