



# Jordan & Niki Shirkman

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**Who knew striking up a conversation on our second day in Slovenia would lead to connecting with one of our key student leaders?**

Our teammate last year, Joy, began talking to a high school student named Polona while we waited to hear Nick Vujcic, a Christian speaker, at an arena in Slovenia.

Although Polona grew up in a religious family, she didn't have a personal relationship with the Lord. However, she was interested in learning more about who Jesus is and what the Bible says, so Joy met with her nearly every week throughout the year.

By the end of the year, Polona became one of our most faithful student leaders.

"Growing up, I didn't understand what it meant to walk with Jesus," Polona shared with a group of Slovene college students at our weekly gathering.

"Now I'm truly following Jesus, and I pray God will work in the lives of my friends and bring them to faith in Jesus too." What an amazing prayer!

At only 17 years old, Polona has a deep desire to grow in her faith and help others know the Lord. On top of knowing Slovene and English, she's also learning how to speak Mandarin Chinese. Only God knows how He'll use her boldness and language skills in reaching the world for Christ.

Students like Polona are an incredible example of the hope we have for Slovenia. We are trusting God for more students to develop a genuine relationship with Jesus and have a desire to share that with others.

As we prepare to return to Slovenia in September, we are thankful for those like Polona who have given their life to God, and we are heartbroken for those who haven't yet come to faith in Jesus.

Laboring alongside you through your generosity and prayers until the whole world hears,

*Jordan + Niki*



*Niki and Polona smile together after Polona shared her testimony with other Slovene students.*

## Prayers

- o Pray Polona would continue to walk closely with the Lord and influence her friends and classmates for Jesus.
- o Pray for our 5-week, cross-cultural training that we leave for in mid-June. This training will prepare us for various aspects of life and long-term ministry overseas. This is our last training before heading back to Slovene later this summer!

## Praise

- o Praise God for the way he has worked in Polona's heart and brought her to true faith in Him and given her a desire to reach others with the gospel.
- o Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of over 30 Cru students and staff from the States to Slovenia. Please continue to pray this would be a fruitful summer as they connect with Slovenian students and introduce them to Jesus.

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