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Airport welcome wagons, immediate invites to catch up with neighbors, a wedding, and ministry gatherings full of excitement and spiritual growth have filled our time back in Slovenia along with a flurry of other activities.

As soon as we stepped out of baggage claim upon our arrival, we were surprised to be greeted by our neighbor Mojca (MOY-suh) and her family, who held up "Welcome back" signs. The following morning, feeling jet-lagged and blurry-eyed, I (Jordan) received a message from Domen, a neighbor who has been reading the Bible with me. He invited us over to join his family for cake and coffee that afternoon. We shared about our time in the U.S. and how God has been at work in our lives. Domen proudly showed me the Bible our team had given him, prominently placed at the top of a stack of books in his living room.

A few days later, we attended another summer gathering for people who are taking steps closer to Jesus. I had a chance to talk more with Andre and hear about how God has been transforming his life and about his spiritual journey so far.

On August 10, we had the privilege of celebrating the marriage of our long-time friend Polona (POH-low-nuh) to her fiancé Anže (ahn-SHAY). It was a joy for our whole family to be part of such a special occasion. During the reception, Polona's aunt kindly mentioned how encouraging it was to see a family like ours in Slovenia and remarked on how well-behaved the kids were. We thanked her for her kindness and told her that God has been incredibly gracious to us and the fruit in our lives is all thanks to the guidance of His Word and the working of His Spirit.

It feels as though we never left because we seamlessly picked up right where we left off. God continues to work and move in great ways, drawing people across this nation to Himself through your partnership,

Jordan + Niki

The Shirkmans

Jordan, Niki, Raegan, Everett, Griffin & Adler
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Our family enjoyed the photo booth at Polona and Anže's wedding.



We met the bride, Polona, over a decade ago during our first year in Slovenia.

Prayers + Praises

Praise God for leading us to an optometrist here who has helped us get glasses for Griffin (5) and created a treatment plan for him and Raegan (9) to help strengthen their eyes.

Praise the Lord for our smooth travels back, our quick return to ministry, and seamlessly picking up where we left off in Slovenia.

Pray for Niki's smooth labor and delivery and for a healthy baby girl. Lord willing, we will announce her arrival in our next newsletter, as her due date is September 10.

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