



The Shirkmans

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Prayers + Praises

Praise God for all the ways he is at work in the lives of people around us. We see people taking steps closer to Jesus and we are encouraged.

Pray for patience and persistence for disciple-makers. Aligning with God's agenda means being on his time, and we need to patiently join him instead of trying to rush people along on our own timelines.

Pray for the redemption and restoration of individuals, families, and communities.

Pray that we can help God's kingdom come in Slovenia as it is in heaven by sharing the hope only Jesus offers.

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What does it look like to become a restorative presence wherever we go?

I (Jordan) have been wrestling with the phrase and concept *restorative presence* since I first encountered it a few months ago through a Christian coaching organization called SummitTrek.

For me, being a restorative presence means asking two questions:

- How do I see the God-given potential of something that's broken?
- How can I join the Lord in his restoration of that brokenness?

To be a restorative presence, we have to first be restored by the Lord as we enjoy him and his presence. Then we can pour out the love he has poured into our hearts. This approach frees us to let go of our agenda for people and instead join God in his agenda for them.

Recently, I had a chance to encourage a friend and tell him that he was doing something significant as he invested in young people. Later, I talked and prayed with the operator of a car detailing business at the end of our street as he shared about his vision for his life and the loss of his father three years ago.

I had ideas of how those conversations would ideally go, but I did my best to surrender those plans to the Lord and he allowed me to join him in his better plans for these people he loves.

Our dream is that there would be groups of disciple-makers all around Slovenia where people live as a restorative presence in their families, workplaces, and communities. We are equipping ordinary Christians to bring the love of Jesus and the presence of God into the lives of people around them.

What would it look like for you to function as a restorative presence where you are, to let go of your agenda and to join God in healing what is broken in individuals, families, and communities?

It's an honor to be a restorative presence in Slovenia for Jesus through your partnership,

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Family Update | February 2026



Our family has been enjoying the winter weather as much as we can, and that meant a ski day. Raegan (10), Everett (8), and Griffin (6) have all been skiing before, but it was Adler's (4) first time. Selah (1) enjoyed watching her siblings and exploring in the snow.

Raegan, Everett, and Griffin are all taking piano lessons and constantly dabbling as they develop their skills. They all enjoy being outside, playing with neighbor kids, and reading and listening to audiobooks.

Adler is always trying the things his older siblings are doing and taught himself how to write his letters and his name. Selah started taking her first steps within the last month and is already off to the races.