



Jordan & Niki Shirkman

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Early Sunday at 2:30am, Niki's water broke. She was three weeks away from her due date, so it was certainly a surprise!

We had just finished a great day visiting with our language tutor, Melita, who is spiritually open and has heard the gospel from us multiple times. It was wonderful to connect with her on a more personal level before our family grew to three.

God was incredibly gracious to us in the timing. We had just taken care of a few tasks and errands on Saturday, and although we weren't expecting our little girl's arrival so soon, we felt calm and prepared. We drove to Postojna, a town about 40 minutes away, on a highway with no traffic, our bags hastily packed, and a baby on the way.

Although we feel comfortable speaking Slovene now, it was a relief that nearly everyone at the hospital spoke English. They helped us through the birth process with amazing kindness and grace. Raegan Jane Shirkman arrived at 10:19am on Monday, June 22 weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 19 1/4 inches long.

Raegan means "regal" and Jane means "Gift from God" or "Jehovah has been gracious." She is a sweet gift to us, and God is indeed gracious. We praise the Lord for a smooth delivery, a healthy baby girl, and for the opportunity and blessing to teach her and model a walk with Jesus.

As we've shared the news with family and friends in the States, as well as with our Slovene friends, we've been overwhelmed at the support near and far. We're excited to see how God uses us as a family of three to influence Slovene students for Christ.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in this blessed season!

Praising God for his goodness in new life and for your partnership with us in reaching Slovenia with the gospel,

Jordan + Niki



Raegan made her earlier-than-expected entrance into the world on Monday and has brought us constant joy since then!



Prayers

- o Pray for continued health for Raegan and Niki. They are both doing well, but Raegan needs some treatment for minor jaundice, so we'll be in the hospital for a bit longer.
- o Pray the Lord would continue to connect us with Slovenes in the same stage of life that we can befriend and minister to as a family.

Praise

- o Praise God for Raegan's healthy arrival, a smooth delivery for Niki, and for the growth of our family in Slovenia. We are incredibly grateful!

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