

Oh man! What an intense weekend!

We are still recovering. It was probably one of the hardest weekends we've had since coming to Slovenia!!!!

Thank you so much for your prayer for last weekend! We both have a lot to write about so we are going to personally tag-team this email :)

Christena: I was at home taking care of 3 sick kids, 1 healthy one, and trying to take care of myself as well! I had the sweats every night from a fever breaking and coming back again a few times each night, and couldn't sleep much because the kids were also waking up. But man did it give me time to pray! I was really needing to hear why we were hit so hard with the Spiritual battles here at home. I needed to hear that my hard work fighting through a fever and sickness paid off... if only one person came closer to Christ.

Well, the battles weren't just here at my house, but on the slopes as well, and in many other families on our team. YIKES! This event hit us all hard.

Shawn: Every day Thursday through Sunday we would go to another mountain. The ski resorts worked great with us to provide Slovene ski and snowboard instructors to translate for our pro riders. So we could snowboard and ski with groups of youth and the pros all day and pass out fliers for the evening movie, "ANTHROPOLOGY," which has super powerful testimonies and the Gospel from a couple pro snowboarders, and how even with all their success, only God gave meaning and purpose to their lives. Then a couple pros that the youth spent the day riding with would share personally what God has done in their lives. The crowd was not the "churchy" crowd for sure! But this is who we were hoping to reach! I put Bibles out on the back table and we announced that anybody could take them for free and learn more about God if they desire. It was exciting to see people taking the Bibles and reading them! They were definitely curious to know more about how God impacted the Pro's "Dream Lives."

Every night we had a similar plan, but they each night turned out very different. The last night, the crowd was asking such deep/real questions that it went way later than we planned. We actually had to stop open question time and have our team and the pros sit down in the seats with everyone in smaller groups so we could answer more questions for whoever wanted to stay and talk! They had questions like: "How do we know God is real?" "How do you know that YOUR religion is the RIGHT religion?" (Andy Finch had a great answer to that question, explaining how it's not another "religion" but a relationship with God).

I don't know if anyone accepted Jesus as their personal Savior yet with this event, but I saw a lot of people take the next steps closer to making that decision.

Oh, and we have all their names and contact info from sign-ups on the mountains and raffling a ton of cool free stuff (donated by the local Quicksilver shop)... so now it's time to ask these

people out for coffee to visit and go deeper.

We did have two boys get hurt, Aljo_a and Kevin. Aljo_a is doing well but he's in a lot of pain. He had a concussion and some ribs are out of place but he's doing well. Kevin broke his hip (the ball is completely split from the femur) and has had surgery, but is scared and the doctors say that that leg might not grow normally. Please pray for a smooth surgery, a full recovery and that this will bring them closer to Jesus!!! Also, one of our pros, Andy Finch, hurt his shoulder that has already been reconstructed two times.

The last count I heard was that **over 700 people came** to the evening movie/pro testimony time and heard the clear message that only Jesus saves and satisfies! And even more contacts were made with those that signed up for sessions with the pros on the mountains!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ~ Follow-up with all our new contacts,
- ~ Full and quick recoveries for Aljo_a, Kevin (and Maru_a that broke her leg at AMP Camp two weeks before),
- ~ Safety for the Pro team as they continue their ministry tour to Switzerland and Japan,
- ~ Health for the many sick families on our team

A couple encouraging stories from our other team members:

Matt: "Tom (16) and Ben (14) are longboarders that came to Vogel and the premier on Thursday and then to Rogla and that premier too. We had some amazing conversations and shared the gospel with them for hours. Hondo gave them some copies of the gospel of John and Tom is reading it. He is texting me questions all the time and now wants to show all his friends the Anthropology movie "because its so good." Ben's parents messaged me on FB and said thanks for all their son got to experience. Pray these dudes are that black gold soil that the seed just fell on and they produce a hundred fold!!!"

Brad: "One girl came to a couple events and had a "life changing weekend." She said it was THE best weekend of her life and she was extremely challenged by the way the guys lived a full life through God and that she has a lot to think about now."

If you check our facebook, we will try to get some pictures and a video up soon :)

Love you all :)

Working to be His hands and feet,

Shawn & Christena