

# The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

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Dear Supporting Friends,

We are thankful for your continual support as we serve God here in Charleville-Mézières. He continues to give us opportunities to meet new families, mainly through our basketball outreach. I was recently invited by a fellow coach, Christophe, to take part in a local basketball camp. He is a high school teacher who has played and coached young people in our area for years. He asked me to prepare a special presentation on the origin of American basketball and to share it with the 8-15 year olds present. (As the only American in this area, I suppose he considers me to be an expert.) It was great to meet some new kids and to hopefully pave the way to presenting the Gospel in the future.

Clément Mantel is both Lincoln's coach as well as the director of our basketball organization. He and his wife, Marine, are very nice people; we have grown fond of them over the past few years. They are typical French in that they have a small family and a slight ambivalence about church and God. Recently, Marine's uncle passed away, something which was notable in our area because he had helped and assisted the basketball community for much of his life. We were at an event where her uncle was being honored, and Marine confided in us that she was aghast by the flippancy of the priest at the funeral. She then asked me to do her funeral (she is only 32). Of course, this allowed me to share my testimony quite openly with her. I am praying for future opportunities to sit down with both of them and share the Gospel. Please pray for Clément and Marine.

Marine subsequently invited me to take part in a field day at her daughter's Catholic school. I ended up leading a basketball workshop for 120 kids. (Thankfully, I didn't have them all at one time!) I gave some instruction about the game and taught them some English as well. The English teacher, Aya, came up to me afterward and was curious why an American would be living in the area. She had spent time studying English in Utah and has been heavily influenced by the Mormons. It's rare to be able to witness with someone so soon after meeting them, but this was the case with Aya. Overall, the field day provided another great opportunity to meet people through basketball.

This past year I had the privilege of once again coaching my son Grant's basketball team. We managed to go 30-0, winning every game in our division as well as the Ardennes tournament. We even had an article written about us in the local paper, and the mayor now knows that I'm a pastor in town. We consider all this as just another opportunity to be in our community and to share God's love.

In Christ,



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