

The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

March 30, 2024

Dear Supporting Friends,

It is wonderful to see in the New Testament how our Lord was a “Friend of sinners.” He ate with them; He spent time with them; He spoke truth into their lives. Our desire is the same – to befriend people in our community and seek to reach them with the Gospel. There seem to be a lot of lonely people all around us. We have met so many who simply need a friend.

Geoffrey is a friend I first met him in 2018 when he was my basketball coach for one season. He has been disabled from birth and gets around with a cane or in an electric wheelchair. He is extremely positive and has a good attitude despite his limitations. Obviously, I want him to be saved! So for some time, I have been intentional about getting to know him better and in spending quality time with him. We are at the point in our friendship where we are finally beginning to broach the topic of God and death. Many French would chafe at this type of talk, but Geoffrey is open. Please pray that God would touch his heart. His greatest need is to know the one true Friend.



Geoffrey

A pastor is an oddity in the eyes of the French. They think that unmarried priests, robes, and basilicas are the norm and really aren't familiar with anything else. So for there to be a foreigner who is a married pastor with four kids, coaching their children in basketball...it blows their mind. Over the past two years, I have used coaching as a way to forge new relationships. Janice sits in the stands and talks to the parents, while I work with the boys and meet other players, coaches, and referees. After a few seasons, they know that we are different (hopefully in a good way!) and that we care about their kids.

In March, we began inviting the parents and players to come to our church for some special services leading up to Easter. We were pleasantly surprised when four different families actually showed up on those Sunday mornings. They heard a clear presentation of why Jesus died on the cross and how they could be forgiven. Nicolas, one of the fathers, later told me how surprised he was that I opened a Bible and explained things in a simple manner. He said that he had never known something like that in the Catholic Church.

We are here in France because we desire to see these people come to Christ. We are not waiting for them to magically show up at church on their own. We are meeting them where they are at and befriending them. Please pray for us!

In Christ,

Danny Flowers

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