

Building relationships

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A group from California who arrived here in North Wales to run a basketball camp was short-handed. So, they asked my team members and me if we wanted to help them. We eagerly accepted the invitation.



Williams Bowden with his friend Liam.

Unlike the United States, basketball is not a popular sport here. But the school did have a team of upper classmen who wanted to play the Americans in a friendly pick-up game. They believe anyone from the U.S. is amazing at basketball. We proved them wrong.

After losing to them, I got the opportunity to talk to some of the players. Two guys, Liam and Jordan, connected with me, and we planned to hang out on the weekends to play some more basketball.

I've gone to visit them the past couple of weekends. In visiting with Liam, I found out he attends a Catholic church every Sunday and that he prays constantly, but he didn't quite respond when I mentioned grace or to what it's like to have a relationship with God.

Through this, the Lord showed me that I can't rush his work. Without God I am nothing, and here I was trying rush his process by jumping into turbo-

evangelism mode. I'm now focusing more on the relationship with these guys, and waiting on God to direct the conversation when he is ready.

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