

# FREEDOM HOOPS

MENTORS TRAINED. GENERATIONS CHANGED.

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Here is a story from one of our young men.

## “I AM ABOUT TO GRADUATE!”

The last two seasons for Freedom Hoops have been great. I've learned a lot about my teammates, coaches, and mentors. Where can I start?

My first day I remember like yesterday. I was happy that I could play basketball again so I stayed for tryouts. I didn't think I would make the team, but I did. I am thankful that my coaches and teammates pushed me to the finish that year, but at the end of the year I felt like I did not do enough for my team.

The second year got even better, man. We traveled the world and in every city we went to, we learned a lesson outside of basketball. When we went to Dallas, and we had a ball. I got to see my dad's twin brother and I never would have gotten the chance to if Freedom Hoops had not taken me there.

Last summer I went Kids Across America (KAA) and gave my life to Christ. This spring we are exploring how I could work at KAA this summer.

Now I'm in my third year with Freedom Hoops and I can't believe it's coming to an end. I'm the oldest on the team, and I hope to grow in leadership this last season.

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Stay tuned to see God's hand at work – Z will be our first high school graduate. This is something to admire considering all of the unfortunate circumstances that he endures daily.

### Please pray:

1. **Z graduates on May 13<sup>th</sup>**
2. **For the best post-secondary plans for Z**



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*Coach Ramone and Z enjoy some time with Michael's son Caleb at a game this winter.*