



Dear Friends,

Happy 4th of July! I am so grateful to live in the greatest country in the world, and I love to celebrate her birthday. Yes, this year will be a little different because of Covid-19 (so it's basically like every other holiday in 2020!). However, I still look forward to celebrating the freedom and liberty we appreciate as citizens of the USA.

July looks to be a busy month for us as we are back on the road (FINALLY!). As a traveling minister, the three months at home without any travel were interesting, to say the least, but I am so glad to be back out there sharing "whatever it takes to gain victory" message.

The time at home was definitely not wasted. Yesterday, I saw a parody video to Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA," and they were singing "Bored in the USA." I couldn't relate at all!! Quarantine was many things, but boring wasn't one of them! We were busier than ever, using zoom and Facebook to continue reaching men and women with the Gospel.



I started a brand new project that ended up taking WAY more time than I ever imagined. It is now in post-production, so I can't tell you about it quite yet, but I am excited about it and should finally announce it next month.

I have been working on the 2021 Mantours as well. WE ARE COMING BACK IN 2021! I can't wait. We have booked 7 of 8 locations, and have also started hiring the Main Session speakers. I literally just ended a zoom call where we chose our workshop topics, so I can start working on booking the workshop speakers. I am chopping at the bit to get back to the Mantours after the shortened season this year.

Usually, we hold the Teen Challenge Mantour in June, but (say it with me) "because of Covid 19" we were forced to move it back into August. So we have that coming up fast.

I have been working on the new book to go with the 2021 Mantours. I absolutely LOVE the cover I designed for this book. I can't wait to show it to you in the coming months. It definitely is different and will catch your eye. I showed it to a friend, and he said, "I love it!! It definitely makes you want to find out what it's about!" I have two more chapters to go, so I'm well ahead of schedule on the book thanks to the 'Rona. Because of this, I have been able to book some extra services this summer, so it all worked out well.



This past weekend, I was happy to get back on the road to speak at Lighthouse Assembly in Breezewood, PA. It felt so good to be back in a pulpit after over three months! I had an excellent response to the message, and it was a privilege to share about no longer allowing defeat to be an option as we do whatever it takes to gain victory.

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July is looking to be busy as well, as I have some services scheduled and start another publishing project with a pastor friend who is working on his 5th book. This additional work laying out and designing books has been such a financial help as we continue to raise our full missionary support budget. This extra income goes right into the ministry, helping replace some of the lost revenue from canceling Mantours because of the virus.

It has been an interesting 2020 so far, and I am looking forward to what God has for us in the second half of the year. Whatever comes, we are committed to doing “Whatever It Takes” to keep reaching men and women for Jesus and advancing God’s kingdom. We believe that today and the days ahead could be some of the church’s finest hours. We love you. We appreciate you.

I hope you continue reading the remainder of this newsletter as I share a valuable lesson I learned through the Covid-19 crisis.

I also appreciate your continued prayer support for me, my physical issues, and the ministry. I couldn’t do it without your prayer support. Keep us in prayer, and have a great 4th of July as we celebrate Independence Day! Reaching men together,



Jamie Holden

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The logo for Mantour Ministries is displayed on a background of red and white stars and stripes. The word "MANTOUR" is in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. The word "Ministries" is in a smaller, red, cursive font. A small figure of a person in a red shirt and white pants is standing between the "M" and "A" of "MANTOUR".

Re-opening...what beautiful words!

I am excited to see so many churches transitioning to reopening. This time of dealing with the COVID virus has been a strain on so many churches and individuals. I am sure you learned a lot about yourself and your ministry that you didn't realize before.

I know I did. As we faced this time of quarantine where I couldn't do pulpit fill, we had to cancel a few Mantours, and we faced other new challenges and setbacks, I realized that I needed to step up even more and be even more bold and persistent in raising my missionary support via AGUS Missions. I DESPERATELY need you and your church to help us every month. As you know, I have been doing men's ministry for over twelve years, and I have led Mantour Ministries for over seven years. I KNOW our ministry has blessed the men in your church. You have seen firsthand both my faithfulness, the fruit from my ministry and my tenacity to do whatever it takes, to work as hard as necessary, and use any, and every means necessary to reach men inside and outside the church, including your own church's men.

I am now asking if you and your church would please join our monthly financial support army. Will your church help me do what I was born to do? As you know, I have been raising my AGUS Missions budget slowly as I continue doing the ministry's work. Usually, iterating missionaries would stop all ministry and raise our budget. However, neither the Penndel District nor the Assemblies of God wanted us to do this because the work we are doing is too important to stop for 18-24 months. So I have been working full time at Mantour Ministries, as well as iterating and raising support. As we work to raise our full budget, I have received a \$800 a MONTH salary, and Adessa has received \$500 a MONTH. You can see why we need you and your church's help. A yearly income of \$9,600 is well below an annual livable wage, and we need to raise the remaining 50% of our budget.

I have also been doing as much bi-vocational work as I can do with my rigorous schedule and my disability, but even that extra income has been going to fund the work of the ministry.

It is tough for me to be this open and vulnerable about my finances, but I feel I must lay my cards on the table and show you why I need your church to partner financially with me. I have done zero support raising the past three months as churches were forced to close, but now as things re-open, I need to step up my efforts. Too many men need the ministry God has called me to do. Men in churches, in prisons, in halfway houses, and Teen Challenge centers need our resources.

I hate NOTHING more than telling chaplains and prison workers we can't send them books because the virus forced us to cancel four Mantours. Without Mantour Challenge offerings, we are limited in the number of books we can purchase and distribute. It breaks my heart to admit this, but we won't be able to give the "Whatever It Takes" book to all of the chaplains who request it without the support of more churches. But it is a reality we are facing. So I have a hard question for you. Will your church commit to supporting us for \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200-whatever amount you can give each month? It is very hard and humbling for me to ask for help, but we know we are doing the work God called us to do, and I know we can no longer do it alone. Today, I am writing to ask if your church would be willing to become a monthly supporter of mine.

I would appreciate it if you would prayerfully consider having your church partner with us every month. To partner with us monthly and have us as a part of your mission's family ONLINE you can give:

Step 1. Go to link: <http://s1.ag.org/jamicholden> to give to my Missionary Associate Account.

Step 2. Click "Give Now"

Step 3. Click "Set up Recurring Gift"

I have also attached a faith promise cards to this letter. If you would like to talk about this further, please call me at any time at 717-850-5344.

Thank you for all you have done to support our ministry in the past. I value you and your friendship! I look forward to having an opportunity to serve with you in the future!

Have a great week!

Reaching Men Together,

Jamie

PRAY REQUESTS:

We are so appreciative of your prayer support. Please pray for:

1. Pray for our upcoming Teen Challenge Mantour, that the men's lives will be challenged and impacted to find freedom and victory.
2. Pray that God continues to supply the finances needed for 4One Ministries. When we were forced to cancel 4 Mantours, we lost funds we rely on to stay operational throughout the year.
3. Pray for wisdom as we begin planning the 2021 Mantour Conferences.
4. We have raised 50% of our monthly budget, and we still have 50% to go! Please pray that God will continue to speak to individuals and churches to partner with us every month to reach our budget. Also, pray against discouragement as we keep moving forward on this missionary journey.

JOIN THE TEAM:

I am in need of individuals and men's ministries to partner with me as a Missionary Associate on a monthly basis. I work on Mantour Conferences and the Mantour resources full time year round, and would value your financial support. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with me and with Mantour Ministries on monthly or yearly basis? You can give online at www.giving.ag.org using Account Number 2813962, or print and return the form below using account Number 2813962.



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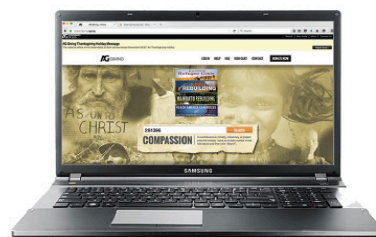
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