

# Reaching Men Inside And Outside Of The Church With The Gospel!



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Dear Friends,

**Happy August! I can't believe it is August already!! I love summer and can't believe it is almost over. Anyway, this summer has been a summer like no other, and July was one of the most memorable months ever in our ministry. I am excited to share some of the highlights with you.**

**I started out the month pinch hitting for Pastor Rob Stiem at his wonderful church in Grantville, PA. I really enjoyed the opportunity to share about my ministry with them and bring them a challenge from God's Word, and then to be able to pray with people afterwards.**



**The following week we purposely didn't book anywhere as we needed to get our garage completely emptied and ready for the contractor to begin working on our new office space. It has been so exciting to see the work begin and progress. Each day was a miracle from God that it was even happening. It was so cool to see progress each day. The first day saw HUGE changes as they removed the garage door and closed in the wall.**

**The next huge milestone was when the floor was built and raised to the same level as the rest of the house. That visual really made the project real and come to life as you could tell exactly what the room looked like.**



**Each day brought new progress as wires got run, pipes got put in place, drywall got hung, and the awful process of mudding the drywall began. It was really cool when the insulation truck pulled up and began blowing the insulation into the attack space. All of this construction didn't mean that our ministry or traveling to churches stopped. I actually got ALOT of work done during the day while we were forced to be at home. Then when work stopped on Friday afternoon, we packed up the car and headed out to minister.**



**I had the honor of traveling to Kinport, PA and sharing at a community men's breakfast at Kinport AG on a Saturday, and then speaking at the church on Sunday Morning. Despite the near 100 degree weather (it was so hot!!) we had an amazing time with this church. The best part was the tremendous response to the message at the altar and getting to pray with each person individually.**

**After the service, I did a quick change (it was WAY to hot to drive 4 1/2 hrs in my church clothes!) and we headed home for another week of construction.**

**This week brought the construction of the office bathroom! This is one of our favorite parts of the project, we are now a 2 bathroom family!!**

**That may not seem like a big deal, but three adults and one toilet is not as fun as it sounds. This week brought electricity, a functioning bathroom, and pretty much the completion of the interior. The contractor hoped to finish that week, but unfortunately the bathroom door and the siding didn't get delivered in time, so work stopped until they come in.**



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However, our traveling for ministry didn't stop. I had the extreme honor of going into FCI Loretto, a federal medium security prison, with my good friend Walt Smith. Because finances are so tight, we drove in Sunday morning to Altoona, I picked up Walt, we spent 6 hours in the prison, and then I drove back home the same day. It was a LONG, tiring day, but it was an AMAZING experience!

This was my first time going into a prison, and being honest, I was a little nervous the day before. But on the actual day, I had so much peace, and all nerves were gone.

The first service we had at the prison was inside the prison walls, and we had about 60-75 men in the service. I didn't know what to expect, but I was blown away. First of all, this service had some of the best worship I ever experienced, led by the inmates. It was so good, I honestly wished they could play at every Mantour! They led one song, and I had never heard it before. I said to Walt, "What is this song?" Walt had never heard it before either. It turned out one of the inmates had written it! It was one of the most beautiful worship songs I had ever heard, and it truly touched me.

Next one of the inmates who was being transferred shared a parting message to his brothers. As he spoke, I looked at Walt and said, "Good luck following this guy!" His words were so powerful and passionate as he encouraged his brothers to continue standing firm in their faith and standing together.

I was thrilled to be able to share for a few minutes with the men, and I kinda built off of what the inmate had just shared. Then after Walt's message, I got the honor of praying for and talking with the inmates. A few of them told us how much the books we had donated had helped them and how grateful they were, and I was so touched and humbled when they asked to pray for me.

What surprised me and touched me the most about the service was the passion and hunger each man had. I don't know what I was expecting, but I was blown away. They worshipped with everything in them, and they sat on the edge of their seats, soaking in each word Pastor Walt and I shared with them. The spiritual hunger is what stuck with me the most. These men were not convicts, they were committed, growing, thriving men of God!



After this service, we did a second service in what they called "the camp", a separate lower security facility for men who are good behavior, low risk prisoners. Here too, the men were dedicated and devoted to God, and they worshipped God at the top of their lungs...hearing them sing was so beautiful!

Again, I got a chance to share with the men, and then Walt brought the word again. Once again, the response by the men was amazing. They are so spiritually hungry, they gobbled up everything Walt and I shared with them.

As I drove up the turnpike on the way home, I admit I was completely exhausted, but I was so glad I had the opportunity, and I LOVED every minute of it. I would do it again in a second!

The truth of the matter is this, I have other opportunities to go into prisons and minister, and I would love to do it...the only thing that is stopping me is finances. When I travel to minister at a church or breakfast, I receive honorariums to cover my expenses. But when I go to a prison, I receive no compensation (nor do I expect it or want it). But at our current level of financial support, the funds aren't there to cover travel expenses. This is another reason why I NEED YOU AND YOUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Your monthly financial support would open up the ability to do more ministry at prisons and Teen Challenge centers. I saw it this weekend, men in prisons are spiritually hungry! They desire teaching and instruction. My call is to reach men inside and outside of the church with the Gospel, and I need your help to do it.

Will you talk to your church's board or missions committee and beg them to take me on for monthly financial support? I need your help, and these men in our correctional institutes need your help. \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200 a month will change men's lives for eternity. Any financial help is a huge blessing to our ministry. Will you answer this call??

God has been growing our ministry above and beyond anything I could ever imagine, and I need our finances to grow to meet the calling. I personally put every cent of my savings into the office space God called us to do, and we are working without a safety net. Your financial support helps us reach even more men, and we can't do it without you.

I am truly excited for what the remainder of this summer and fall holds. Thank you to everyone who supports us both financially and in prayer. We could never do this work God has called us to do without your help! Thank you for believing in this ministry and please keep praying for us!

Reaching men together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Holden".

Jamie Holden

# PRAY REQUESTS:

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

1. In August, I have a lot of painting, trim work, etc to do in the office... I have really been struggling physically the past few weeks and covet your prayers during this work project. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give me the strength and pain relief to do what He has called me to do.
2. Pray for the New York Mantour Conferences and for all the men who attend. Pray for the men to turn out like never before, and that God moves mightily in their lives as they climb the mountains keeping them from victory.
3. Pray that God supplies the finances needed for me and the Ministry.
4. We have raised 40% of our monthly budget, and we still have 60% to go! Please pray that God will continue to speak to individuals and churches to partner with us on a monthly basis so we can 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](http://www.giving.ag.org) using Account Number 2813962, or print and return the form below using account Number 2813962.

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