

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



Dear Friends,

Welcome to March! I have never been more excited to march into a new month in my life! (See what I did there? lol.)

I cannot wait for Mantour Conferences to start again in March! On a personal note, I am so glad to leave February 2021 behind us for good! I was such a hard month personally and with our ministry.

Personally, the month was filled with extreme physical issues for our entire family. Adessa developed an infection in one of her toes, and she had to be on high-powered medicine, which made her very sick. Once we weathered this storm, I faced a huge set back with my disability. For some reason unknown to us, two bones in my disabled foot got crossed with each other and also wedged together. I could barely walk and had excruciating pain. The Dr. had to uncross and unwedge the bones (which is as painful as it sounds!) and I had to keep off of it as much as possible. This was some of the worse pain I've ever had with this disability.

Right in the middle of all this, my dad, who lives with us, developed a severe infection in his foot that ended him in the hospital. The infection ended up poisoning his blood, and they had to remove part of his foot to get everything under control. He has to go through intense physical therapy, and we hope and pray he gets his mobility back. He has to quit his job (which is his entire life), and basically start a new life for himself.

Like I said, February was a really tough month personally. I didn't even mention the medical bills, or my dad's loss of income from leaving his job.

As far as the ministry, we also faced huge challenges in February. Our 2021 Mantour Conferences were scheduled to start on February 6, but because of Covid, we rescheduled the February Conferences until May. So that all worked out, but our financial budget included conferences starting in February, and because of this and all the other issues with Covid shutdowns, etc in the past year, we ran out of money as a ministry.

Thankfully, God provided and a few churches made donations to help us at least stay afloat financially. But it has been one of the greatest challenges our ministry has faced, and reminds us of why it is VITAL we raise the remaining 45% of our AGUS Missionary support budget. We cannot continue to grow as a ministry without financial growth.

I don't mean to be such a downer in this month's newsletter, but it was a really tough month. We still face a tough path ahead as we still face issues with my dad's health, as we still face a disastrous financial situation until we raise our budget, and as I still battle my own body. But, I also no one truth through it all. God is good.

*Rise and Shine*



A CONFERENCE FOR MEN OF ALL AGES

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

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*God is Good!*

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I was reminded of this fact recently. Adessa and I were sitting in the parking lot eating lunch, waiting for my Dad's doctor to call and tell us whether or not my Dad would have to have one of his bones removed from his foot. As we waited, we turned on Cissy Graham's podcast. She was interviewing John Cooper from Skillet.

He told the story of his Mom's struggle and ultimate loss to cancer. As she was going through treatment, she told him over and over again: "Even if this doesn't go the way we planned, remember that God is still good. Don't get angry and turn from Him. Even though life is hard, God is good."

I'll admit I needed to be reminded of this truth.

God is good.

God loves us. Even through the hard times, God does not abandon us. He walks with us through them.

I recalled that just days before, God gave Adessa this verse:

*"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."* Isaiah 43:2 NLT

When we cried, *"But God, the waters are coming in like a flood—we are going to drown."*

He spoke to our hearts and said, *"I know. Be still. Trust that I have this and you will not drown."*

Today as you are reading this, my Dad is doing better. We never had to walk through the worst case scenario, but we are still facing a lot of challenges and difficulties.

Yet, I am determined that no matter what roller coaster my thoughts and emotions take me on, I will hold fast to these truths.

Today, I don't know what you are facing. It could be a financial dilemma, a physical struggle, a relationship problem, or an unexpected challenge that makes you feel like you are drowning.

Today, I want to encourage you to remember that feelings aren't truth.

While they probably feel more real and are shouting much louder than the truth at the moment, they are just feelings.

The truth is that:

- God controls our lives.
- We must submit to God's will.
- No matter what, God is good.
- Even during the hardest times, each us of as followers of Jesus, have the responsibility to hold fast to these truths and live by them.
- They are the solid rock we can stand on when everything else is quaking and shaking and sinking.

On Christ the Solid Rock we stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

So now we march forward...sorry, I just can't help myself lol. I am so ready to march into a new month...I did it again, lol. I can't wait to get back out there with the men at Mantour Conference. Our first Mantour this year will be exactly one year from the last one we held before the lockdown! We are already seeing a great excitement from the men to get back to the conferences, we are believing God for our best year yet!



I am so pumped for 2021! I know God has amazing things in store as we move through the rest of this year. I can't wait to get back out there with our Mantours as well as speaking in churches and men's groups again! While we are still living in crazy times, February reminded me that God is still on the throne, He is all Powerful to help us through the struggle of life, and we are still working as hard as we can to fulfill His call on our lives. I 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 March!

Reaching men together,

Jamie Holden

Founder/Director, Mantour Ministries

AGUS Missionary Assoc. Church Development

## We'd Appreciate it if you Prayed About Something:

As we move forward into 2021, I want to ask you to pray about something. If you are not currently one of our monthly financial partners, 2021 is the perfect time for you to become part of the team. We have raised 55% of our monthly AGUS Missions support budget, and we need your help to reach the full 100%. As a ministry, we have done all we can financially to cut corners. We have stopped taking any benefits such as retirement, etc. The only benefits we still receive is health insurance (which has a HUGE deductible). We have taken on additional work outside the ministry work, helping Christian authors publish their books and doing video work for other Christian ministries while doing our normal work of ministry. We put in longer hours in 2020 to keep the ministry afloat, and we have exhausted ourselves doing whatever it takes to reach men and women with the Gospel. But we need more monthly financial partners to help keep us afloat financially. We need our ministries' finances to be equal to the breadth of the call God has given.

Will you pray about if you personally or your church could become a monthly financial partner with Adessa and I? We have raised 55% of our missionary support budget, and we MUST raise the other 45%. It has to be done, there is no other option but to raise the support. Our Board of Directors constantly tells us we are not making enough to live on, but we know nothing can change until we raise the rest of the budget. We would love to have your church join our financial support team as we continue to reach men and women inside and outside of the church with the Gospel.

If you cannot financially commit to becoming a monthly partner, would you pray about you or your church making a one-time donation to our ministry to help us through this challenging time?

I am asking you to please seek God and be open to His prompting. I know we are walking in God's will doing the ministry He called us to do, and we have done everything we can do to keep ministering and reaching people with the Gospel amid this pandemic. Will you pray about how you can help us move forward?

To make a one-time donation or set up a recurring support schedule, go to: <http://s1.ag.org/jamieholden> to give to my Missionary Associate Account.

Click "Give Now"

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Thank you in advance!

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WORD OF  
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## PRAY REQUESTS:

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

1. Pray for our health, healing, and strength for my body and for renewed energy after an exhausting few months and rebounding from Covid and everything else we have discussed.
2. Pray for Adessa and I to raise enough financial support so we can earn a livable wage. Our Board of Directors constantly tells us we are not making enough to live on, but we know nothing can change until we raise the rest of the budget. 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.
3. Pray for the upcoming Rise and Shine Mantour Conferences, for mens lives to be challenged and changed as they seek God at this event.
4. Pray for wisdom as we continue to move through all the challenges of Covid and our Conferences.

## 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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