

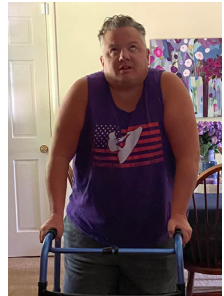
Reaching Men Inside And Outside Of The Church With The Gospel!



Dear Friends,

Well, October was something, huh?!?" I can honestly say October went NOTHING as planned, and I definitely didn't see it coming! However, as we enter into a season of Thanksgiving, I am so thankful to God for helping me and giving me the grace and strength to handle everything thrown my way.

Let me explain if you have no idea what I am talking about. On October 1st, I got out of bed, intent on starting to write the new book for the 2023 Legendary Mantour conferences, which should have already been written and printed by then! (It's been an insanely busy year.) I got out of bed to extreme pain in my big toe. I had been having pain for a while, but it was getting worse and worse. But I pressed on and wrote chapter one of *"Legendary Grit."* The toe pain kept getting worse and worse each day as I worked on chapters 2, 3, and 4 (it was taking legendary grit to write *Legendary Grit* in this pain! lol). I eventually ended up using a walker again and only walking to the bathroom. But the pain was unbearable.



I went to urgent care, and they said I had an infection and started me on antibiotics. A week later, the toe looked worse, and the pain was EXCRUCIATING! I live in pain every day, but I NEVER had pain like this; it made me want to pass out. It was so bad. I had tried calling doctors and podiatrists for appointments, but each said they had nothing until the end of November! On October 6, the pain was so severe that I called a podiatrist and BEGGED them to please see me. They squeezed me in right away, and it turned out I had a ganglion tumor on the bottom of my toe. (No pictures of this, your welcome. It was gross, lol).



The doctor operated right away to remove the benign tumor, and I was told to stay off my foot for at least a week. (It turned out to be 3 1/2 weeks!) I immediately said, *"Not happening, and I have the Men's Conference next week!"*

Later, I told Tom Rees about my toe surgery, and he called to see how I was, and he said, *"We'll miss you at the conference this year."* I replied, *"Oh, I'm still going!"*

And I did! I could sit there as well as at home, and I had work to do promoting the 2023 Mantour Conferences! We had a great display set up for our booth, men really loved it and so many took pictures with the cowboy cutout! I want to thank the men from Connect Church for helping Adessa set up and tear down the booth since I could not walk...you guys are the best!



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I'll be honest, I probably shouldn't have gone, and it REALLY hurt to be there, but I hadn't missed in 13+ years and no toe was keeping me away.

Now it is November. I am FINALLY able to walk on my foot a little. I had half the stitches removed, and I should get all of them out this week! I was surprised at how weak I had gotten in my leg not walking for almost a month, but I will get strong again. Meanwhile, I have to finish writing "Legendary Grit" in November! I couldn't write it while on medication! But it will be done soon!

Even though I couldn't walk or travel, I didn't just sit around and do nothing. I worked! I was able to rebuild the Mantour website for the 2023 Conferences completely. I updated all of the speaker info, promos, and images. You can start registering immediately.



I also made over 50 promo videos for the conferences. Each event has an individual promo video featuring their event's speakers and images! I also made a shorter, 45-second version of the promo video for each event. I recorded an individual invite from me for each invite, inviting men to attend. We also made 12 videos featuring pastors and men's leaders encouraging men to attend and why they think Mantour Conferences are essential.

I also added something new to the website for 2023. I created media packets that churches can download to help promote the event. Each media packet has a printable flyer, a printable bulletin insert, a short and extended version of the individual promo video, a personal invite video, and other videos you can use to promote the Mantour in your church. So download your media packet at mantourministries.com and start promoting your local Mantour to your church's men!

I was able to create and schedule six different save-the-date emails for the Mantours. Keep an eye on your inbox in November and December! I also prescheduled the Mantour Ministries Facebook page and the Mantour Books and Resources Facebook page through the end of the year. So as you can see, I may have been down with my toe, but I wasn't out, I was able to keep moving forward and accomplish a lot!



One more thing to share. We held our bi-annual board meeting at the beginning of the month before the surgery. One of our main pieces of business had to do with our board members.

For the past ten years, Pastor Roland and Angela Coon have served on our board of directors. This board meeting was the last day they would be joining us in their capacity as official board members. (They will be stuck being our friends and advisors for the rest of our lives.).

While we were sad to see them go, Adessa and I could not be more grateful for the decade of service they have given to this ministry. Looking back over the past ten years, their support, advice, wisdom, and love have been invaluable.

Adessa remembers calling Angela ten years ago and asking if they would consider serving on our board. We'd just been told we needed a board of directors; they were the first people who came to mind. Without hesitation, they agreed and have been a solid foundation for us ever since.

Our lives were changed because this dynamic couple was willing to "adopt" a pair of siblings who were passionate about ministry but had very little knowledge of the inner workings of running a ministry. Over the years, they instructed us on how we should do things. They took the panicked phone calls when we didn't know what to do; they gave us the benefit of their years of experience and loved us like we were family.

Over the years, they've helped us so much.

- The first Mantour conference was at their church.
- Their church was one of our first supporters.
- When things went wrong, they were there to help.
- When things went right, they rejoiced.



Most importantly, they were willing to leap with us every time the Holy Spirit asked us to take a crazy step of faith that seemed unimaginable. They encouraged us and said, *"If that's what God wants, let's do it."*

I could go on and on, filling this page with memories of board meetings where the whole meeting stopped so they could argue with each other about what was best for the ministry while we all waited for them to resolve it, kiss and make up, I could tell you how they voted that I get his first mobility scooter, and then their church paid for it, or how they led the board in taking far better care of us, then we would take care of ourselves.

But I must wrap up and say that we will always love them, always appreciate them, and always be grateful that God put them in our lives and that they were willing to fill the role.

Pastor and Angela—thank you for giving to the Lord. We were lives that were changed.

Thank you for ten years of service and an eternity of friendship. We love you so much!

Because of their departure, we had an empty spot on our board, and I am so happy to share this spot has been filled. We are pleased to welcome Pastor Brad Price to the 4one Ministries board.



Over the past few years, we have come to really love and appreciate Brad and Stefanie. They are a dynamic, fun couple who we are privileged to call friends and partners in ministry. We love their heart to always serve God and people and do whatever it takes to advance God's kingdom. We are honored to serve alongside of them!

So October was another busy, insane month full of new obstacles and unforeseen challenges. But through it all, God has been gracious and helped us along the way. I am so thankful to him!

I am also thankful for Adessa! She had to pick up so much stuff while I was down. She did all the driving, the cooking, laundry, etc, on top of her usual workload, and she did it with a loving, fantastic attitude and without complaining. (Well, mostly lol).

I am thankful to all of our monthly supporters. Your continued financial support allowed us to be able to pay these unforeseen medical bills! Not just that, but your giving allows us to walk in God's calling and give our full efforts to reaching men and women with the Gospel. So thank you!

If you are not currently a financial supporter...WHY NOT?!? You want to be a part of this ministry. We are a ministry that gives 110% of our energy and effort to reach men and women with the Gospel. We strive to do top-notch work in everything we do and use every avenue at our disposal to fulfill God's call. You are missing out on receiving a blessing for blessing us monthly financially so we can do what God called us to do. Stop missing out today. Join the team today!

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?

I am asking you to please seek God and be open to His prompting. To make a one-time donation or set up a recurring support schedule, go to:

giving.ag.org to give to my Missionary Associate Account (Account Number: 2813962)

- Click "Give Now."
- Click "Set up Recurring Gift."

or make a one-time donation. Don't forget to check the faith promise box. This is so important. You can also send a check directly to us at 1109 East Colliery Avenue, Tower City, PA, 17980.

I really appreciate any help you can provide.

I appreciate every one of you who took the time to read this newsletter. (Sorry it was so long!) and those who pray for us regularly. You're the best! We can't do what we do without you! Every life touched directly results from your partnership, and we appreciate you more than you know! Have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Reaching men together,

Jamie Holden
Founder/Director, Mantour Ministries, AGUS Missionary Assoc. Church Development



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5:18



SAVE THE DATE

DELAWARE

FEBRUARY 4, 2023
TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
HOCKESSIN, DE

POTOMAC

FEBRUARY 18, 2023
SPRINGFIELD ASSEMBLY
SPRINGFIELD, WV

NORTH CENTRAL PA

FEBRUARY 25, 2023
FREEDOM LIFE CHURCH
LEWISBURG, PA

CENTRAL PA

MARCH 4, 2023
GLAD TIDINGS ASSEMBLY
MIDDLETOWN, PA

WESTERN PA

MARCH 11, 2023
FAMILY LIFE CHURCH
HERMITAGE, PA

EAST CENTRAL PA

MARCH 18, 2023
EMMANUEL ASSEMBLY
ALLENTOWN, PA

GREATER PHILADELPHIA

MARCH 25, 2023
PHILADELPHIA CHRISTIAN CTR.
BENSALEM, PA

NORTHEAST PA

APRIL 22, 2023
HARVEST CHURCH
TRUCKSVILLE, PA

ALTOONA PA

APRIL 29, 2023
NEW LIFE WORSHIP CENTER
ALTOONA, PA

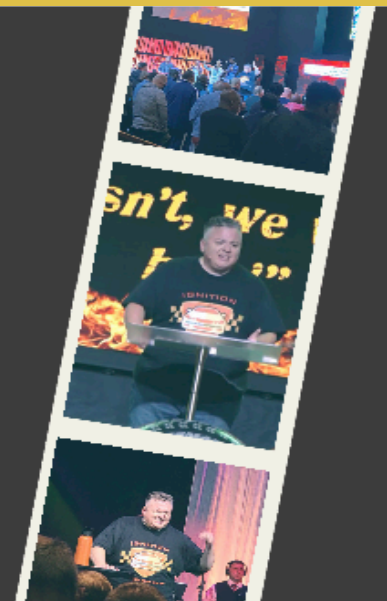
TEEN CHALLENGE

JULY 15, 2023
TEEN CHALLENGE TRAINING CENTER
REHRERSBURG, PA

I'd love to come share at
YOUR CHURCH

I am booking now for July-November
of 2023 and I'd love to add your
church to our schedule!

<https://www.mantourministries.com/invitejamie>



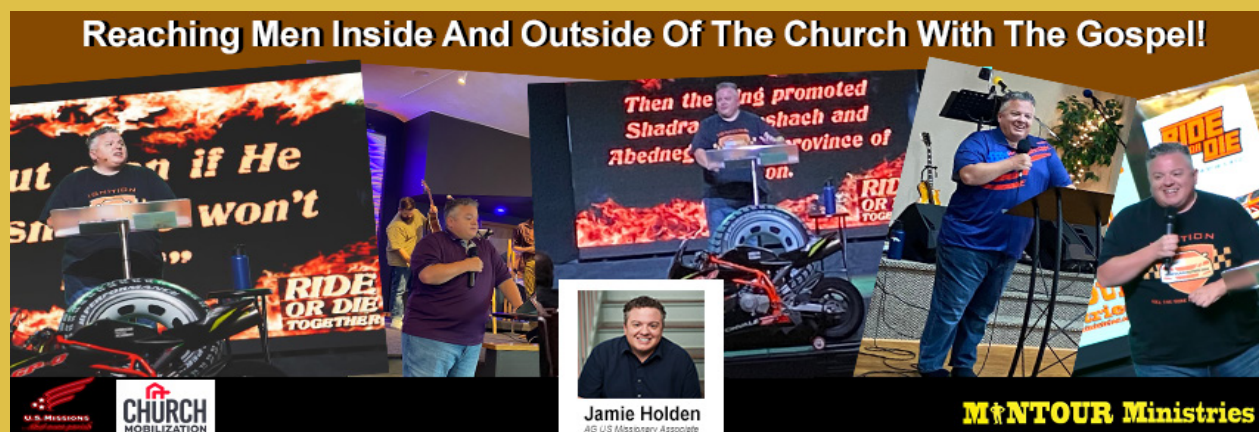
PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

1. Please pray for the continued healing and recovery from surgery.
2. Please pray for complete healing of the foot from the disability/neurological disease. I need a miracle!
3. Please pray for me as work on the new book, "Legendary Grit". I am in a real time crunch, please pray for clear direction on what God wants to say to His men and that I can finish it in the next two weeks so it's available for the start of the Mantour Conferences!
4. Would you please pray for God to move hearts so we can raise our full missionary budget? There can be no more delay. It must be done. Also, please ask God how much you can give to our ministry monthly and then obey what God tells you to give.

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 (make sure to check the box for Faith Promise), or print and return the form below using account Number 2813962.



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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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As the Lord enables us, we promise to invest \$ _____ each month for support of:

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Donor signature _____ Date _____

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