



Dear friends,

Happy August! I cannot believe it is August already! It is kind of a bittersweet month for me. I absolutely LOVE summer, the warm weather, the lighter, not bulky clothes, and the longer days. I love sitting outside at night after a long work day, listening to music, and sipping Peach Tea until the skunks chase us inside (seriously, we had six skunks terrorizing us for like a week!) I hate to see it end. But the plus side is that the NFL training camps are up and running, fantasy football drafts are happening, and football season is just around the corner. Anyways, August has highs and lows.



August is also the time I start really diving into the planning of the 2026 Mantours. Guys, these conferences are going to be a game-changer! I'm happy to say that we've booked all of the locations and hired all of the speakers for 2026. And let me tell you, I LOVE next year's theme! I was very worried about how I could top last year's Unbreakable theme. But I've been having a blast designing the postcards, flyers, and other promotional materials for the new theme. I'm almost halfway through writing the 2026 Bible Reading plan. You will love this theme! I can't wait to share all of this with you...sometime in the Fall.

I also want to share some HUGE NEWS with you in this newsletter about this ministry.

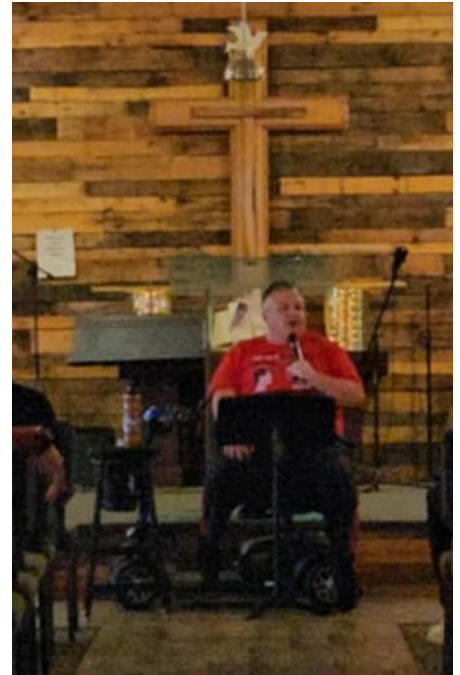


But first, let me tell you about the last Unbreakable Mantour of 2025...our annual Teen Challenge Mantour. As many of you know, each year, we hold the same Mantour Conference that we host in the Spring, but this time for the men at the Teen Challenge Center in Rehrersburg, PA. The only difference is that we do not charge the men to attend the event—it is our gift to them—and rather than selling books, each man receives a copy of that year's book and Bible plan as a gift.

This event is only possible because of the faithfulness of our partners, the men who donate at the Mantour Challenge, and the graciousness of the pastors who volunteer their time as speakers. This year, I was honored to serve alongside Pastor Rob Stiem and Pastor Rodney Murphy, who each taught a workshop session.

However, before they spoke, I was finally able to deliver the sermon I had prepared for the Unbreakable theme. It's actually a funny thing—every year I prepare three sermons for the Mantours, just in case one of our speakers had an emergency. Ironically, the only speaker that cancelled because of sickness last year was ME, so I never got to preach on this topic until the Teen Challenge Mantour. I was really excited to finally be able to share.

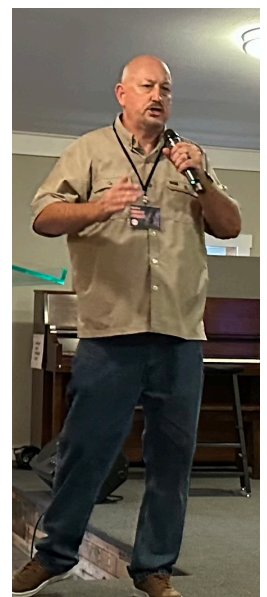
Speaking from the Gospel of Rocky and Creed (just kidding, there was Scripture, too), I talked about the need to persevere. I encouraged the men that no matter how many times you get hit and fall on the mat, you need to get back up and fight until you win. Using video clips from Creed II as illustrations, I talked about how we can get back up. The guys really connected with the clips, and there was a powerful response at the altar after the sermon. It is always a beautiful thing to see men respond with a desire to overcome and become the men God called them to be.



After I spoke, we then broke up into workshop sessions. In the chapel, Pastor Rob Stiem spoke about *"Hitting Below the Belt"* and every man's need to overcome pornography and sexual sin. I've heard Pastor Rob deliver this sermon several times, and he always speaks with incredible passion, offering hope on this challenging topic.

At the same time, in a classroom, Pastor Rodney Murphy shared about *"Rebuilding Broken Relationships."* Because I haven't yet figured out how to be in two places at one time, I didn't get to hear Rodney. Still, knowing Rodney's heart to reach men for Jesus and his outgoing personality, I know that every man who heard him was touched. I am so grateful for both of these men donating their time to reach the men at the Teen Challenge Center.

Of course, the highlight of this event is always the book giveaway. Every year, it blows my mind to see the men's reactions. Mantour Ministries' books have a reputation at Teen Challenge Centers for being relatable and helping men grow. So many men said to Adessa, *"I've heard about these books, I can't wait to get one."*





Another man told us how he received our books while he was in a county prison. Now that he's at Teen Challenge, he can't wait to read a new one.

I have to be honest and say that sometimes, when I'm writing a book or creating a Bible plan in the middle of summer, it's a little discouraging. Sometimes the enemy tries to make me wonder, *"Is this even worth it?"* But when we go to Teen Challenge and see the impact the books are making, it fires me back up to go back to the computer and write (which I will start doing really soon!)

It was really great to do this Mantour at Teen Challenge. It is a very mission-focused event, and we can only do it thanks to our monthly supporters.

**Speaking of our monthly supporters, I want to share a HUGE announcement with you about how you can support this ministry moving forward.**

I want to take a moment to personally share an important and prayerfully made decision regarding the future of our ministry. After much reflection and seeking God's direction, we as a ministry will be transitioning from AGUS Missions to the newly formed division of Specialized Ministries with PennDel Home Missions.

Adessa and I are so thankful for the twelve years we spent with AGUS Missions. Working with them was a tremendous blessing and an incredible help as we were getting Mantour Ministries off the ground. Our decision is not due to a problem with AGUSM but rather a decision to embrace an exciting opportunity to be part of this new division in our home district. As we move into this next chapter with PennDel Home Missions, we are excited about the road ahead. We genuinely believe this transition aligns with God's call on our lives and will open new doors for even greater impact.

#### **What's staying the same:**

- The work of Mantour Ministries and Adessa Holden Ministries will be exactly the same. There will be no difference in the work that we do. We will continue to hold Mantour Conferences, produce materials, donate books to prisons, speak in churches, and conduct all outreach and ministry with the same quality and integrity you expect from us.
- All personal donations will remain tax-deductible.
- Church donations will receive AG Missions Giving Credit through PennDel.

#### **What's changing:**

- Donations will now go directly to 4One Ministries / Mantour Ministries.
- Year-end tax statements will be sent out by 4One Ministries. 4One Ministries is the official name of our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Both Mantour Ministries and Adessa Holden Ministries operate under the umbrella of 4One Ministries, which is why all donations are processed through that name.

On September 30, 2025, we will be closing our accounts with Assemblies of God US Missions.

### How to continue your support:

There are two simple ways to continue your monthly giving:

1. Make checks payable to 4One Ministries and mail to: 1109 East Colliery Avenue, Tower City, PA.
2. Give online via credit card or bank draft. You can even set up a recurring monthly gift—set it and forget it! Just use this link or scan the QR code to get started. <https://subsplash.com/u/-G27XD9/give>



We spent most of June and July calling and emailing all of our current partners, explaining this change and helping them make the transition to the new giving method. Thankfully, all but one supporter agreed to continue their support and make the switch.

This was a huge worry of mine. Would people still give if we made this change? But they almost all came through for us!

**Sad that you didn't receive this call or email about the change? Well, join the team!** Become one of our monthly supporters. We still need to raise about \$2,000 a month; that's only 20 supporters at \$100 a month, or 40 supporters at \$50 a month.

This isn't just about funding—it's about becoming part of a community committed to transforming lives through the power of Jesus.

We challenge you to rise to the occasion. Your support won't just help sustain the mission—it will fuel life-changing impact across communities. Together, we can make an unstoppable difference.

Act now to become a monthly partner by scanning the QR code above or visiting: <https://www.mantourministries.com/partner>. You can even set it to give every month as a recurring payment...set it and forget it! Any amount is appreciated...follow the Spirit's leading and join the team today!

Thank you for considering this opportunity—and for being part of something bigger than yourself.

Finally, I want to say *"Thank you so much"* to everyone who came out to Mantours and supported our ministry this year. Every life changed, every soul saved, every book we gave away to a man in need.. It's because of you. Adessa and I cannot do what we do without you. These aren't just words—we mean them with all our heart. So thank you so much.

We also appreciate your constant prayers. Here are some things you can pray about in the weeks ahead:

1. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we begin writing next year's book.





2. Please pray that God will open doors for us to speak in churches in 2026.
3. Please pray for healing for my physical body so that I can do even more to reach men for Jesus.
4. Pray that the remaining supporters who committed to making the change actually do it by the end of September.

Again, we thank you, love you, and appreciate you. Have a great summer!

Reaching Men Together,



Jamie Holden

Founder, Mantour Ministries

*Help us reach men and women with the Gospel*



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