

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



Dear Friends,

Wow! What a month it has been. When we sent out our last letter, the shutdown was just beginning and we had just finished what would turn out to be our last Mantour Conference for the Spring of 2020. Since then, so much has changed. Just like all of you, I am learning to minister differently...well, let's say the methods are different. Adessa and my goal is still the same: to reach men and women in any way possible with the hope that is found in the Gospel. Over the last month, the emphasis has definitely been on the "whatever way possible". Honestly, it has been amazing to see the doors that God has opened as we find new ways to reach people. Let me tell you about it:

I have to admit that I was very disappointed when we had to cancel the final three Mantour Conferences. I love what I do and I love seeing men's lives changed at each event. I am particularly passionate about this year's theme of "Whatever It Takes". Of course, with a theme like that, we couldn't just stop reaching men. Instead, we decided to use the online platform to reach men even more.

Knowing that men were more available and may be having issues adjusting to their slower schedule and being at home, we created the Mantour Man-athon. Starting on March 23- April 4, for 12 nights, we featured a different Mantour message from previous years. It was sort of a "best of" Mantour sessions (picked mostly by best video and audio quality). We are excited to say that we had just under 2,000 views for this event. Our prayer was that these messages will encourage and challenge men to grow in their walk with God at this time, and remind them that even in "social distancing" they are not alone. They are still part of a band of brothers in Christ who are experiencing the same challenges that they are facing and obtaining victory by applying Biblical principles.



After the Man-athon, we took a break because we knew that churches would have a lot of online events planned for Good Friday and Easter. In the meantime, we worked diligently preparing our first ever Online Mantour Conference which took place on April 18. Our goal was to make it as close to our normal Mantour Conference as possible—including worship, a chance to give to the Mantour Challenge and purchase discounted books, a main session, and all three of this year's workshop topics. We are so grateful to John Lanza, Mike Hammer, and John Knudson who took time from their already busy schedules to film videos especially for this Mantour. Using worship from previous Mantours, we tried to make it a top-notch production. We were very pleased that we had well over 1,600 views and reached over 3,500 people when we premiered this event.



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Going forward, I am committed to continuing to provide men with consistent encouragement and teaching as we go through the various phases of the shut down and reopening. We'll be working hard to keep sharing content online and of course, through our weekly podcasts. I also have some new projects on the horizon.

I'll also begin planning Mantour 2021 and walking through whatever new doors the Holy Spirit opens. One thing we are learning is that God has bigger plans for this time than we can see. As He continues opening doors, we continue walking through them.

One area we've really seen this truth is in the women's side of our ministry. A few weeks ago, Adessa saw a pastor's wife express a need for inexpensive or free online Bible study curriculum to start online small groups during the shutdown. Immediately, the Holy Spirit moved on Adessa's heart, and that week she converted a previously written Bible study into an online Bible study, "Brave Women of the Bible". The study contains Scripture passages linked to Biblegateway, a challenging devotional, and questions for group study. After converting it into an easily transferrable PDF, she contacted pastor's wives all over the PennDel district and offered them this resource for free. It didn't take long for her to get responses from groups who wanted to use this study to create their own Bible studies via Zoom.



In addition, she and a friend are hosting an online Bible study for women on Tuesday nights and she's teaching a small group Bible study for a church on Wednesday nights. Adessa loves teaching and it's been exciting to see God open doors to continue ministering during the shutdown.

That's why from the bottom of our hearts, Adessa and I want to say "Thank you so much". Because of your generous support and faithfulness, we are able to continue offering men, women, and churches the support they need for free during this difficult time. Together, we believe that today and the days ahead, could be some of the church's finest hours. We love you. We appreciate you. We are honored to partner with you in serving Jesus and people.

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 stay safe out there.

Reaching men together,

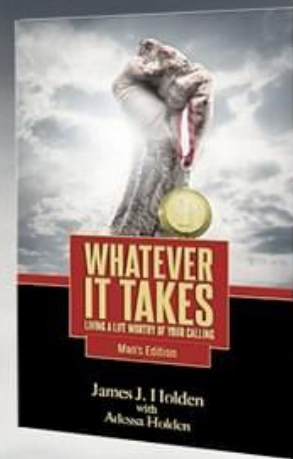
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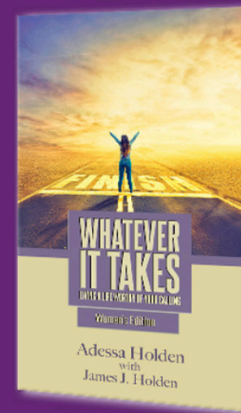


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WHATEVER IT TAKES: DEFEAT IS NOT AN OPTION!**



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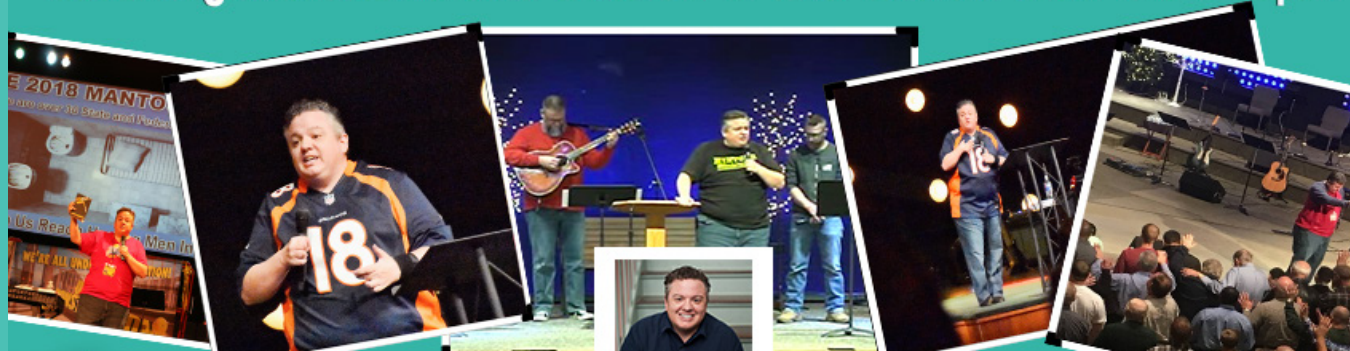
We are so appreciative of your prayer support. Please pray for:

1. Pray for guidance and wisdom during this time of isolation on how to proceed and how to continue reaching men.
2. Pray that God supplies the finances needed for 4One Ministries. We don't know if we can take salary during this isolation time, pray that God supplies our financial needs.
3. Pray that we can go ahead with our scheduled Mantours or be able to reschedule them.
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 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 using Account Number 2813962, or print and return the form below using account Number 2813962.

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