

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



Dear Friends,

Happy August...how in the world is it August already? It seems like we did our last Mantour in April just yesterday, and here we are heading into August!

August is looking to be a super-busy month for us as I continue hiring speakers for 2023 (I only have a few more to go!), continue making promo materials, and start writing the new book to go with our 2023 Mantour theme! But before we get too busy with August, please let me share what God did to our ministry in July.

We were so busy in July! We started the month by celebrating my third favorite holiday of the year, the Fourth of July. I love Independence day!

We started celebrating on Saturday night by watching the fireworks in our local town. Our town rarely does the fireworks actually on Fourth of July weekend, so that was a great blessing. The next day we traveled to Chambersburg, PA, to speak at Calvary Assembly. We had a great service where we shared what God is doing through our ministry. When it was Adessa's turn to speak, she got to announce one of the new features on the women's side of the ministry: Prayers of a Patriot. It seemed appropriate that on the Fourth of July, she challenged the church to pray for revival in America. As she said, "Our country needs one last great revival, not so we can sell CDs and T-shirts, but so that people would repent and come to know Jesus before He comes back in the rapture."



When Adessa finally finished speaking (which was a while because she tends to hog the microphone), I got to present the message God has laid on my heart for the first time this summer about the need for his children to be people who obey God. Using the example of Noah, I shared with the congregation how we need to follow God and obey God all the time. There is no high-way option when it comes to obedience; you do what God tells you to do.

The next day was the actual 4th. As always, I was dressed head to toe in the American flag and patriotic clothes. We celebrated by taking a slow day at home, enjoying our freedom as Americans. We had hotdogs and burgers, and I treated myself to my once-a-year soda, a delicious root beer, and then we watched the fireworks on the TV.



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We were back to work the next day. We spent most of our weekdays in July working on creating next year's Bible reading plan. Once again, we're excited about sharing this resource to challenge men to read their Bibles and learn more about Biblical truths.

We also spent a lot of time working on next year's conferences. All the Mantour dates are scheduled, and we have hired most of the speakers. Hopefully, we'll have all the speakers hired by the time you get next month's letter. We have an awesome theme for 2023! I'm really excited about it, and I can't wait to share it with you. I'm going to keep you in suspense for another month or so, though, but I promise I will tell you the theme soon. I know you're gonna love it, too.

The next place we visited was Harvest Family Church in Liberty, PA. It was a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon as we drove up north through the beautiful countryside to this church. It was so cute to arrive to have a little four-year-old girl greet us, shake our hands, and give us a bulletin. I am a big softy when it comes to kids, so this melted my heart. It was also great to reconnect with the guys who attended the North Central Mantour Conference. Again, it was a great day as Adessa shared about the women's ministry, and I challenged people to follow Noah's example and choose to obey God in their lives. Again, we were happy to see people raise their hands, responding to God's call to obedience.



The following week we headed to Alum Bank, PA, to one of our partner churches, Connect Church. I love going to this church; we have so many friends who attend there. It's just like going and visiting people we've known for a long time. Pastor Brad and Stephanie Price are doing a fantastic job with this church, and their son Ethan was our helper at Mantour conferences last year. He was such a blessing to me and the ministry. Ethan is planning on touring with us next year with the Mantour and helping us out again. I am so stoked about this! Ethan is a great guy and a huge asset to Mantour Ministries.



We had a great response to the message as the people really embraced the message that we need to 'ride or die' in obedience to God. They really responded to my stories and laughed as I threw M&M's out to the audience. It's a great church that we have a great relationship with. It's always a pleasure to be with them. It's so funny that Ethan knowing me so well after touring with us, made all the lighting on the stage in my Broncos orange and blue...it looked so cool.

Speaking of Ethan, he and his soon-to-be wife Amy have committed to traveling with Mantour Ministries again in 2023. Last year, Ethan paid his own expenses to serve at Mantour conferences. But with rising inflation and the cost of gas and hotels going through the roof, we've encouraged him to raise funds this year to help cover his expenses. We would love it if you considered helping Ethan with a one-time gift to help him serve at Mantour Conferences. With my disability, Ethan's help has been invaluable and has allowed me to focus my strength and energy at the Conferences on ministering to the men. You can give to his go-fund-me at <https://gofund.me/b6ef1b89>



Full disclosure, I'm actually not writing this newsletter in August. I'm writing it at the very end of July. We do have one more stop this month to minister in July. Unfortunately, time travel doesn't exist, so I'll have to share about this ministry event with you in September's newsletter.

Now we are preparing for a very busy August! Please keep us in prayer as we head to Teen Challenge in Rehrersburg, PA, for our Teen Challenge Mantour. This is always a challenging yet very fruitful ministry event, full of attacks from the enemy leading into it. This is the first time we've had this event since Covid shut everything down. We are excited to be back. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would change men's lives that day as they experience the worship, hear the speakers, and receive the FREE books donated through the Mantour Challenge. Please pray for strength, wisdom, and a mighty move of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the men.

Also, please keep me in prayer as I begin working on the new book to go with next year's Mantour theme. Every year this is a tough challenge for me to produce a new book, but every year God helps us do it. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing and power as I write this resource that we hope will help men grow in our walk with God.

Finally, PLEASE pray for the ministries' finances. We have SO MANY open doors for ministry. We have grown so much. Please pray for the ministries' finances to be equal to the breadth of the call God has given us.

As I wrap up this month's letter, I want to take a moment and say to everyone who supports us on a monthly basis, "From the bottom of my heart, thank you for partnering with us and allowing us to serve God through Mantour Ministries." I absolutely love what I do!

Thank you for helping us follow the call God has given. Thank you for allowing us to be "ride or die." Adessa and I know that we could not do what we do without you. Thank you so much for your faithfulness, partnership, and friendship. You are a valuable team member, and we appreciate you so much.

For those reading this newsletter who currently do not support us financially every month, it's time you joined the team! WE NEED YOU NOW!! We have raised 65% of our monthly budget (YAY!) We are SO CLOSE to getting to 100%! You can help us reach this milestone!



Will you pray about if you and/or your church could become a monthly financial partner with Adessa and me? We would love to have you and/or your church join our financial support team as we continue to reach men and women inside and outside the church with the Gospel.

If you cannot financially commit to becoming a monthly partner, would you pray about you and/or your church making a one-time donation to our ministry to help us during this time of inflation and higher costs? Maybe you could send a gas card to fill our tank for one of our ministry trips?

I ask you to please seek God and be open to His prompting.

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Thank you in advance!

I believe the best is yet to come for this ministry. I am excited to start working on the 2023 Mantours! The theme is set (I'm still gonna keep you in suspense on that one for now), we are almost completely rebooked, and we are going to try and do more locations in 2023! The new book is starting to come into form in my head, and we are going to try and do another Bible plan in paperback form. A lot is coming up in the coming months! Thank you for your support as we head forward to YEAR TEN of Mantour Conferences!

Have a great summer!!
Reaching men together,

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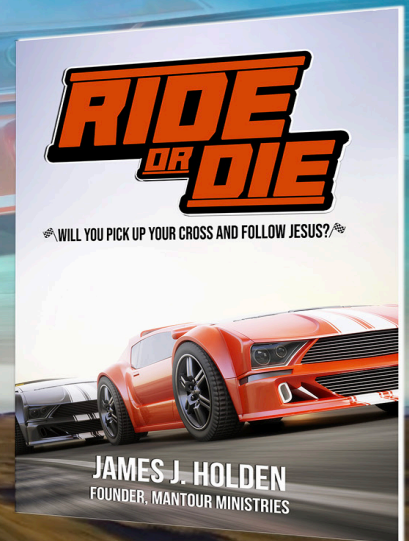
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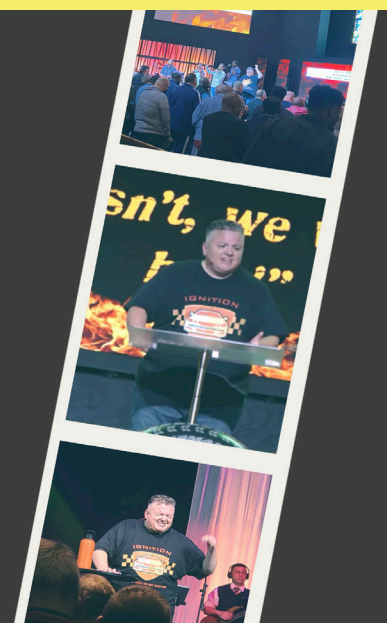
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church to our schedule!

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PRAY REQUESTS:

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

1. Please pray for upcoming Teen Challenge Mantour this August. This will be our first time back at Teen Challenge in Rehrersburg since the Covid Shutdown, pray that the men are blessed and lives are changed.
2. Please pray for Ethan to be able to raise his full fundraising goal so he can cover the expenses to travel and serve at the 2023 Mantour Conferences.
3. Please continue to pray that God will completely heal my body of the neurological disease causing so much pain in my foot. Also pray that God heals the injury to my bicep. You all know I'm ride or die for Men's Ministry, but it would be great to minister without pain.
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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