

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



Dear Friends,

Happy April! It must be April because my craving for jellybeans has returned and that only happens around Easter! April is a bittersweet month for me, it is the heart of Mantour season, and the weather starts getting warm, which I love, but it also means I turn another year older...but as they say, "Life rolls on."



I am really excited for this April, and we get into the heart of Mantours in Mid-April thru Mid-May. We also get to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter! But before we get too far into April, I want to share with you some of the ministries we did in March. Also, I want to update you on my dad's hospital stay.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for my dad. He came home from the hospital and the rehab center after being there a month. He is now walking with a walker's aid, and he is almost finished with his regime of high-powered antibiotics for the blood infection. The doctors say everything looks good, and he just has to rebuild his strength. So thanks for the prayers.

On the way to bring dad home from the rehab center, we made a quick stop to drop off 100 books for the Franklin County Prison. We were made aware of the need, and despite not having started the 2021 Mantour Challenge yet, we took a step of faith and donated the books.



Our contact told us the warden and chaplain were stunned at the donation, wondering who would ever donate new, unused books for FREE to inmates. The inmates are struggling during Covid without any outside influences or outside ministries being allowed in...the books are a way for them to grow in their faith. Apparently, they read the books and then pass them around to other inmates. We were so happy to provide this need and help reach these hurting men and women. When you support us financially, you enable us to reach these inmates who desperately need this encouragement...we couldn't do it without your financial help!

We were FINALLY able to restart the Mantours in March (YAY!). It was exactly 365 days from our last Mantour until this first one of 2021. 15 days to slow the curve somehow turned into 1 year! It felt so great to be back out there with the guys again!

Our first Mantour was the Northcentral PA Mantour in Lewistown, PA. Pastor John Lanza brought a powerful challenge to the men to "rise and shine." We had 2 men accept Christ in the Main Session, and many more responded to the altar call. Pastor Steve Silliman and Pastor KR Mele brought challenges to the men in our other two sessions. Overall, the event went great, and we had magnificent feedback from the men. It was a great kickoff to the 2021 Mantours.



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The following Saturday was our Central PA Mantour. It was another great event. There was barely an empty seat in the Glad Tidings Middletown Sanctuary. We had over 60 first-time attendees at this Mantour! Pastor Phil Menditto brought a strong challenge to the men to cast off complacency and go all-in with God. We had 4 men accept Christ in the Main Session.



In the 2nd session, Pastor Mike Hammer challenged the men to make a concerted effort to develop a devotional life and relationship with their Father. In Session 3, Pastor Stephen Ritchey brought a passionate word to the men to get their priorities in life in order. I can still hear him leading the men in a war cry of "You still got it!". It was an amazing Mantour. The men were excited and passionate to be there, and they gave us glowing feedback about how much they loved the conference, how much they needed it, and that they would be back next year!



We had a strong start to our 2021 Mantours, but we are only a third of the way through. We still have four more Mantours to go! If you haven't signed up for your local Mantour, do it today, you don't want to miss it! As we move into April, we have a short break from Conferences. During this time, I am looking forward to working on the breakout session that I will be presenting at the PennDel Summit21 on Wednesday, May 5. I will be sharing about "Waking Up Your Men's Ministry." I am looking forward to helping other pastors who want to see their men's ministry get back up and running.

I will also work on recording podcasts during this break. It will be a busy summer for us as we are on the road ministering for the majority of April-August, so it is good to get ahead on The Mantour Guy Podcast.

I will also use this small window in April before we hit the road to really try and connect with pastors about their church joining our monthly support team. We have raised 55% of our budget, but we MUST raise the remaining 45% to continue being effective ministers doing what God has called us to do. We must raise this support, it has to be a priority, and hopefully, God moves on the hearts of churches, pastors, and individuals and gives us favor in their eyes. We are a thriving ministry that is a worthwhile investment to support financially, and we MUST raise our full support ASAP.



Will you pray about if you personally or your church could become a monthly financial partner with Adessa and me? 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.

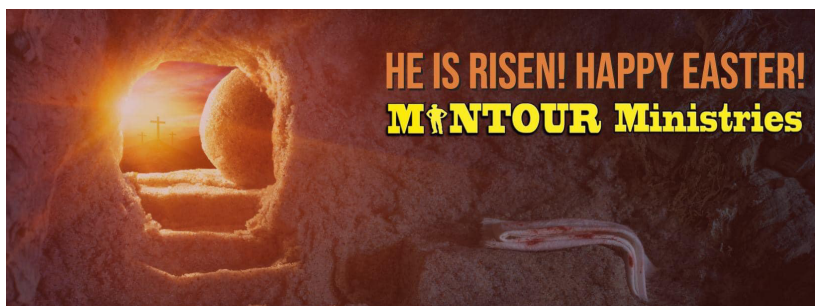
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or make a one-time donation. You can also send a check directly to us at 1109 East Colliery Avenue, Tower City, PA 17980. Thank you in advance!

I hope you have an amazing April and a magnificent Easter as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death. Happy Easter and Merry April! Until next month!

Reaching men together,

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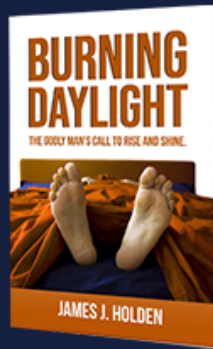
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We are so appreciative of your prayer support. Please pray for:

1. Pray for the upcoming Rise and Shine Mantour Conferences, for mens lives to be challenged and changed as they seek God at this event.
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 our health, healing, and strength for my body and for renewed energy as we continue through the 2021 Mantour Season.

## 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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