

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



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Dear Friends,

It is mind-blowing to me that it is August already! On the bright side, it means that the insanity known as 2020 is one month closer to being over, but it also means my favorite season of summer is winding down. But time doesn't stand still, and neither do we!

July has been an eventful month for us. It started with the completion of the project I have been teasing in my newsletter for the past few months. I was so excited when I finally got to announce that we completed our first-ever audiobook! Over the years, so many men have asked us to make this format available, but I never had the time to do it. Also, I had no idea HOW to do it. Since the quarantine provided the time, I educated myself on how to do it, and we made our book, "Whatever It Takes", into the audiobook format. This project took a solid 2 months to complete, it was so involved and SO time-consuming, but it is finished and available!



We were so happy to be able to get together with our board of directors for our bi-annual board meeting. We gathered together to evaluate the first 6 months of our ministry and gameplay how to move forward through the remainder of this year and into 2021, balancing COVID concerns with our call to reach men and women with the Gospel. We feel we have a strong plan in place, and now we can move forward and execute it!



Next, we had a day at the beach with some close friends, where, for the first time in 30 years, I was able actually to sit on the sand with everyone else! The sand wasn't too soft or deep, so I could navigate it a bit. Granted, it was only 5 or 6 feet off of the pavement, but a victory is a victory!

July was crazy busy with book publishing. I felt like I was working for a publishing house! I finished writing the new Mantour book for 2020, now it goes into editing and then for endorsements. I am so happy to be about a month ahead of last year's schedule with this book. I feel the message is so timely and powerful that I can't wait to see how God uses it to reach men!

We also put the finishing touches on Adessa's new book, "Ageless Truths", a 21-day devotional for women. It is all laid out, and the cover is finished. We are ready to release it this month!

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On top of these projects, I have been taking on as much bi-vocational work as possible to help us financially during this difficult time of COVID, canceling conferences, and our finances. I wrapped up one book project for a ministry, and the next day started laying out another book interior for a different ministry. I also did some video work for another ministry. I am grateful for these opportunities to take on extra work to help the finances.

Covid-19 and the shutdown brought to light how important it is for our ministry to raise the remaining 50 percent of our monthly budget. We simply cannot continue long-term operating on half of the monetary funds necessary. I only have so much time and physical ability to take on extra bi-vocational work on top of the full-time ministry and travel we do. So if you are reading this and you or your church are not currently monthly financial partners with our ministry, please consider joining the team! Links to set up a recurring monthly payment or to print out a Faith Promise form will be at the end of this newsletter. If you are already on the team, do you know anyone you could suggest to them that they join the team?

Speaking of COVID and the quarantine, it has been raising its ugly head throughout July. We received word from Teen Challenge that, unfortunately, they had to pull the plug on our yearly Mantour this year. We will rebook with them for next year, but I have to admit I am disappointed that, for the first time in 7 years, we cannot do this event. I LOVE going there and sharing with the men. I look forward to doing it again in 2021.

COVID also affected our schedule in a good way this month. I had a friend whose pastor's a church about an hour away call me at 9:30 PM on a Saturday night. He was on vacation, and his scheduled speaker was forced to quarantine and had to cancel. Even though it was short notice, I was thrilled to help him out and share it at his church. I had a great response to the message, and God moved that morning. (I was scheduled to speak at his church in August, so if anyone needs a last-minute speaker, let me know, I could be available now.)

It was just another reminder of how up in the air, subject to change 2020, has been. I really hope 2021 is not this way! Speaking of 2021, I just yesterday booked our last Mantour location, so we have all of our dates and locations finalized for 2021!

In the middle of all the craziness of 2020, God is still on the throne, and we are still working as hard as we can to fulfill His call on our lives. I 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 have a great August!

Reaching men together,



Jamie Holden

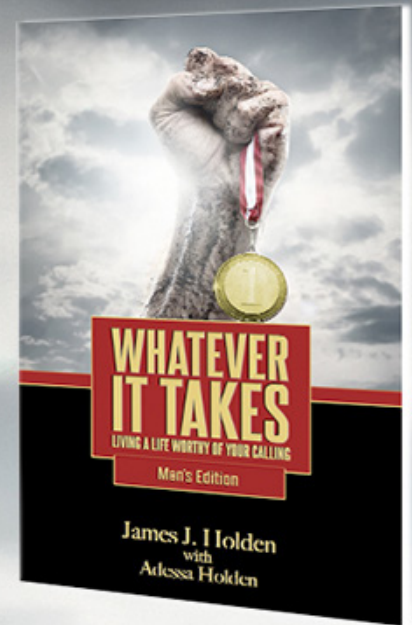
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your men!

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PRAY REQUESTS:

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

1. Pray for our health, healing, and strength for my body.
2. Pray that God continues to supply the finances needed for 4One Ministries. When we were forced to cancel 4 Mantours, we lost finances we rely on to stay operational throughout the year.
3. Pray for wisdom as we continue planning the 2021 Mantour Conferences.
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 every month to 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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