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Happy June to you all! I love June- September; I am a summer kinda guy. The longer days of sunlight are fabulous to sit outside at night, the warm weather eases the pain in my body just a hair, and I don't have to wear bulky, heavy clothes! It's such a great time of the year!

May was a great month of ministry for us. In a rare May Mantour, we had some great testimonies to share with you. Our final conference of the 2024 season, the East Central PA Mantour, took place on May 4 at GT Church in West Lawn, PA.



What a fantastic day it was! I must admit, I was a little nervous as we headed into this Mantour, not only because it was a new location, but notoriously, it isn't easy to get men to turn out for a men's event in May. However, my worries were unfounded as just under 150 men from 16 churches attended the event. Not only did we have men from the East Central area attend, but we were thrilled to have a church from Delaware drive up to join us. What commitment to Mantour to drive almost 2 hours to attend!

We were also excited when seven guys from Restart Ministries in Lancaster called and said they couldn't make the Central PA Mantour, asking if it would be all right if they came to this Mantour instead. Of course! I never turn anyone away from a Mantour! We were honored to have them join us as our guests, and thanks to the Mantour Challenge offerings, each man from the Restart Center went home with a copy of *"It's Who We Are"* and our Bible-reading plan, *"It's What We Do."*

Even though it was a cold and rainy day in May, the men arrived in the morning excited to be together, worship, and learn. When Pastor Dan Sarna led the men in worship, the Holy Spirit was powerful in preparing men's hearts for the first session's message.



Speaking in our first session was Pastor Tony Cruz. This was Tony's second time as the main session speaker at a Mantour Conference this year. Like he did in Bensalem, Tony challenged the men to know who they are as men of God and to believe that no matter what they are walking through, they can be assured that SURELY God is with them and has their back.



Next up, in the second session, we were excited to have Pastor Chad Stoecker as our speaker. Talking about "*It's What We Do*," Pastor Chad shared how our salvation does not come from works or checking off a list of "*do's*" and "*don't's*," but rather from being filled with the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to work in our lives. It was a very thought-provoking and inspiring session that challenged the men.



Finally, the day wrapped up with Pastor Eric Goldsborough, who encouraged men that they were made for more than they were settling for. Sharing his testimony, Pastor Eric challenged the men, saying they weren't meant to remain captive to the shame and sins of their past. Through the work Christ did for them at the cross, they could become the men God designed them to be. It was a powerful moment as men answered the altar call to receive salvation as the worship team played Josh Baldwin's new song, "*Made for More*." Our Spring Mantours concluded with five men receiving Jesus as their Savior. How awesome is that! There was a party in Heaven around 12:45 pm as these men made the greatest choice they ever made in life! It was a reminder to me that this is why we do what we do!!!



Overall, 2024 was a phenomenal Mantour season. As we wrapped up the year and prepared for our annual board meeting in mid-May, we saw many testimonies of what God was able to do because of your partnership.

- Attendance was up at almost every location
- We added one new location—Southwest Pa
- 103 churches attended
- The Mantour Challenge donated 552 books to men in prisons, rehabilitation centers, and halfway houses
- 66 men from 6 Teen Challenge or local rehabilitation centers attend Mantour Conferences as our guests and take books home.
- 10 men were baptized in the Holy Spirit
- Hundreds of men at the altar
- Most importantly, 40 men received Christ as their personal Savior! One more time—it's why we do what we do!!



And we aren't done yet! In July, we have our annual Teen Challenge Mantour! I always love this event! We take the exact same conference we took to the sections this year to the Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg. This event is free and just for the men at the center. We also give each man a free copy of our newest book and Bible plan. I have always loved this event and can't wait to see what God does this year!



We can only do this free event because of our amazing financial supporters! Adessa and I rely on your prayers and generous support to write the books, plan the events, hold the conferences, and reach each man. Without you, we couldn't follow God's call on our lives. We are so incredibly grateful for you.

That is why we are declaring June “Partner Appreciation Month”! What’s that?



We wanted to take a moment to show our sincere appreciation to all of the individuals and churches that partner with us. We absolutely could not do what we do without you! Be sure to follow us on social media each weekday for new posts celebrating the blessing you are to both of us and our ministries! We love you, we appreciate you, and we are honored to partner with you! As Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 1:2, **"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."** All month long—we're celebrating you!

We never take your sacrifice for granted. We know that in today's economy, each gift is a sacrifice. We work hard to honor that sacrifice and use your gift wisely to reach as many men and women as we can for Jesus. Adessa and I are thankful for your partnership, friendship, prayers, and faithfulness.

We both pray that you will have a fantastic summer and that God will bless you for the incredible blessing you are to us! Thanks so much!



If you aren't a monthly partner, you are missing out on a blessing! I do not preach the prosperity Gospel by any means, but I do believe that when finances are tough, the worst thing we can do is give less. I also believe God does bless those who give to His Kingdom, and in my 43 years of giving (I didn't start until I was 4), I have many testimonies of how God provided in times of need when I faithfully continued to give.

God is active in this ministry, men's lives are being changed, and God values your investment. So do I. You can help us become FULLY FUNDED as we work to raise the complete budget by the end of 2024.

I am so close to being fully funded! I am at 90% of my Faith Promise Budget, I just have 10% to go!

You could be the church or individual that puts me over the top!

How?

It's easy...Make a faith promise at <https://usmissions.ag.org/FaithPromise>; my Account number is: James Holden, #2813962. I recently asked a Pastor if he would fill this form out online and I told him how easy it was, and he replied, "Hey Jamie, You are right, that was very easy to fill out. I just logged in and took care of it."



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See, you don't have to take my word for it. It's easy: Make a faith promise today!

To make it easy to remember to give each month, go to <https://giving.ag.org/donate/700001-281396> to set up a recurring payment. Your gift will autopay each month...it doesn't get any easier!

I also value your prayers! Here are some things to pray for over the coming month of June.



Please Pray For:

1. Strength and healing for me. It's been a tough year, and sadly, my disability has grown worse. I can't walk much at all, and standing has become difficult. BUT IT ISN'T GOING TO STOP ME! I believe in God for complete healing, and until then, I covet your prayers for strength to do what God has called me to do.
2. For men to be reached at our Teen Challenge Mantour, for lives to be saved, men to be filled with the Spirit, and chains to be broken as men experience freedom.
3. Please pray that God will continue to help us raise our full missionary budget (we have to be at 100% by the end of 2024).
4. For God to open more doors for future Mantour Conference locations.
5. I am going to start working on the new book for 2025 in the coming months. Pray for God's anointing and wisdom as I write, and to show me what mean need to hear in the coming year.

I am excited to begin booking the dates and locations for the 2025 U...oops...I almost messed up and told you the new theme for 2025! Your gonna have to stay tuned to find that info out!

Thanks for taking the time to read this...have an amazing June!

Reaching Men Together,

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