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



Dear Friends,

"Reopening". Has there ever been a more beautiful word? After nearly three months of hearing the words "canceled", "shut-down" and "postponed", it's nice to hear that things are starting to change. Hopefully, we will more and more get back to normal and functioning as before.

One thing we have learned over the past few months is the importance of flexibility. It's kind of ironic—I'm not usually the type of guy who plans out a whole year in advance. However, this year, I did. Going into 2020, I had it all mapped out. I wonder if God laughed when He saw my plan, because NOTHING is happening as I thought it would. Just like many of you, my schedule has been rearranged, adjusted, and well, totally overturned.

For instance, in my plan, I set aside the whole month of August to write the 2021 Mantour book. When all of our speaking engagements in April and May were canceled, I decided to start work on it now. I'm really excited about the message God has placed in my heart, and I can't wait to see how it will impact men. Instead of starting in August, I will almost be done!

I'm also using this time to work on some "I don't have time to do that" projects. Although I'm not quite ready to reveal all of the details just yet, let's just say that every year men request a particular type of resource, but we never had the time to do it, and I didn't know how to do it. All of a sudden not having time wasn't as big of an issue, so I just had to conquer the "how to do it" hurdle. So I have been educating myself, learning how to do it, and working on creating this resource. Thanks to the shut-down, we should be announcing this new resource soon! (For now, I'll keep you in suspense.)



This slow down in travel also allowed us to say "yes" when a missions organization asked us to help them self-publish their book. It's a really good book! We're so honored to play even a small role in helping them spread the word about their amazing work with Christians in Eur-Asia. Next month, we're helping a pastor self-publish his fourth book! Again, these projects weren't part of our plans, but they were what God intended for this season. They also helped us financially after we needed to cancel four Mantours, resulting in the loss of thousands of dollars our ministry relies on to stay operational throughout the year. It helped us retrieve about 1/3 of that loss.

Another big surprise to come from the shut-down was the explosion of activity in the women's part of our ministry, run by my sister, Adessa. About two weeks after the shut-down, the Holy Spirit put it on her heart to compile a Bible Study she wrote in the past and create a FREE online, six-week Bible study called "Brave Women of the Bible". She then contacted pastor's wives and women's leaders all over the district and offered to let them use this curriculum at no charge to have Zoom Bible Studies. It was exciting to see the response as churches began to use the study. She even got to lead several groups through the study via Zoom. The only reason we could offer this free resource is because of the monthly financial support of churches and individuals who partner with us.

The Women's Ministry also saw growth when we offered the ladies' version of our new book "Whatever It Takes" for just \$5 each to any church that wanted to include it in their Mother's Day Giveaways. (Basically, that is the cost of printing and shipping.) Again, it was so awesome to be a part of helping churches bless their ladies as they made adjustments to their Mother's Day plans.

So, it's been an interesting few months. Different, but really exciting to see God continue to lead, direct, and provide opportunities for us to serve Him and His church.



Going forward, we are excited to see what the summer holds. With churches reopening, we'll be heading out to continue our speaking schedule as the churches reopening plans allow. A few previous bookings did not cancel us in June, and I am hoping to schedule some speaking spots in August now that I don't need to set that month aside for writing the book. We're also excited to announce that our annual Teen Challenge Mantour has not

been canceled, but rather postponed until August. We're looking forward to whatever "surprises" God may have for the rest of the Summer and Fall.

My mind has also made the switch to planning the 2021 conferences. I hope to start booking host churches and speakers soon! If you have interest in being a host church, connect with me and we will see if it is possible!

Whatever comes, we are committed to doing "Whatever It Takes" to keep reaching men and women for Jesus and advancing the kingdom of God. 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.

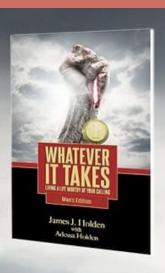
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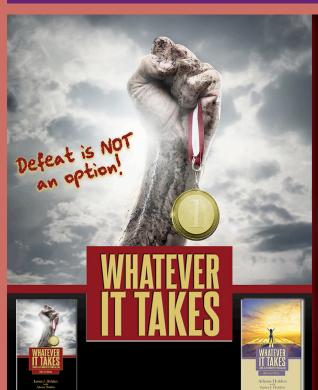
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PRAY REQUESTS:

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

- 1. Pray for guidance and wisdom during this time of re-opening on how to proceed and how to continue reaching men.
- 2. Pray that God supplies 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 begin 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 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 TEAMS

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.

