

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



Dear Friends,

Happy June! Can you believe we are in the 6th month of 2021 already? I cannot believe how fast this year is flying by...life flies when you're walking in your calling and doing what God created you to do!

I am excited about June! June is the month of vision for me when I get alone with God and see which way He wants for next year's Mantour theme and book theme. We also have a lot of speaking lined up in June on Sundays, so we get to go out to churches and share about the work God called us to do in hopes they catch our vision and decide to help us walk in our calling financially. But before we go too hard into June, I want to share with you what God did in May.

We started May with a bang, holding our Northeast PA Mantour on May 1st. It was our first year hosting with Harvest Church in Trucksville, PA, but everything went like a dream. We had 3 men accept Christ in our Main Session! #PartyInHeaven!! We also had a flooded altar as men responded to Duane Goodling's call to "Rise and Shine", getting serious about their walk with God and go deeper and further than they had gone before.



In session two, John VanHouten shared the need to shine bright to a dark world and be the salt and light to the lost. In session three, Rodney Murphy shared a call to action, encouraging the men to make God's kingdom and His work their number one priority in life. We also were blessed to have a worship team made up of men from 6 different churches in the area. They were so good! They even had a chainsaw solo in their offering song! More Power!!



The following Wednesday, I had the honor of leading one of the Breakout Sessions at the PennDel Summit. I got to share on my favorite topic in the world: "How to Start and Maintain a Men's Ministry in your Church." I shared for about 30 minutes, and then I was blessed to lead a panel of men who answered questions. Thank you so much to Pastor Rob Stiem, Pastor Rob Roberge, and Missionary Mike Brown for being on this panel!

I had a great time leading this panel. However, the weather was so bad that day, and the following days, it caused my arthritis and my physical issues to go into overload. But as I always do, I pressed on and walked in my calling. Two days later, we headed to Altoona for our Altoona, PA Mantour.



This Mantour was originally scheduled for April, but we had to reschedule it due to Covid concerns. Unfortunately, when we rescheduled, we lost two of our scheduled speakers. I filled in for one of the speakers, and I am very grateful that Duane Goodling, who had spoken in our Main Session the week before, could come and speak once again at this Mantour's Main Session.

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What an adventure this Mantour turned out to be! It was FREEZING cold, like 35 degrees cold in May, and raining. I woke up with excruciating pain, and it only worsened throughout the day! But I NEVER let my body stop me, and we had another great Mantour.

Duane had another tremendous response to his Main Session as three men accepted Christ, and many more responded at the altar. Pastor Del Smith brought a powerful challenge to the men to make daily devotions a part of their daily lives and why it is so important. Pastor Brad Price and his worship team from Connect Church did a great job of leading us into worship.

I led the third session at this event. I always try and stand to speak for my sessions when possible, but that day I literally didn't have the strength in my body to stand, so I sat to speak about sharing our stories with those around us. I am thankful to God for giving me the strength to do this session, and it went really well. It was a great day with the men from the Altoona area!



We had quite the adventure driving back home that Saturday. We experienced sun, rain, sleet, and even hail on our journey home. I don't think the weathered remembered it was May that day! But God brought us home safely, and we began to prepare for our last Mantour of the year the following Saturday.

What a difference a week makes! As we drove to Delaware, the weather was sunny, warm, and beautiful. Initially scheduled for the beginning of February, this Mantour was also rescheduled due to a Covid issue. What we didn't realize when we re-scheduled was that it was also Dover Raceway weekend! We found this out trying to find a hotel. We ended up having to stay a half-hour away, and I won't even tell you what that hotel cost!

I can't tell you what a difference one week made with the weather. I had no pain for this Mantour. I felt great! Pastor Chris Dito did an outstanding job speaking in the Main Session on the need to keep our axe sharp. It was a great challenge, and the men responded at the altar. I wasn't originally scheduled to speak at this Mantour, but one of our speakers could not come share, so I filled in for him and shared once again about the need to shine bright to a dark world.



We were blessed to have the Delmarva Teen Challenge Worship team lead the worship for this Mantour, and they did a great job. It was so cool to talk to one of the guys and hear that he had been at our Delaware Mantour a few years earlier while in the Teen Challenge program, and now he was a graduate and serving on the worship team at the Mantour. How cool is that?

Pastor John Bowman was our third session speaker, and he did a fabulous job as he challenged the men to make time with God a daily priority. There was one funny hiccup in his message, though. He had bought a dozen donuts to use as an illustration in his sermon. He left them backstage until it was time to speak. However, the worship team thought they were for them, and they ate his illustration! That is so funny! Thankfully, they could run out to Dunkin and replace the donuts so John could do his illustration.



It was a great year of Mantour Conferences! We held 6 in-person Conferences, and held one virtual Mantour. We had 12 men accept Christ! We had hundreds of men respond at the altar. It was a great year, and although we didn't know what to expect this year with Covid, we had very little drop-off in attendance compared to past years. It was a great Mantour Season.

May also had one more important thing happen that I want to share with you. In mid-May, I had a conversation with the head of the Assemblies of God US Missions Church Mobilization Department. He shared with me their desire for me to raise my remaining mission's budget so I can receive a full missionary commission. He confirmed what I had been sensing from the Holy Spirit for a while. We MUST raise our full support. The time is NOW.

As we spoke, he said he could hear in my voice how stressed and worried I was about finances. He was right. We are drowning financially both as a ministry and personally until this entire budget is raised. We cannot stop our work and itinerate full-time. The work God has called us to is too great and necessary, so we must continue the work of the ministry while also raising support at the same time. But it must be raised ASAP! No Highway option!



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I can use your help on this! If you are currently a monthly supporter, thank you so much! You have no idea how much we appreciate your support. But can I ask one more thing of you? Will you speak to other pastors, churches, and friends you know and encourage them to become monthly supporters?

If you are not currently a monthly supporter, will you commit to becoming one? Will you make a monthly faith promise by going to sl.ag.org/jamieholden and setting up your recurring monthly gift. Please make sure the Faith Promise box is checked. This is very important as AGUS Missions only considers the Faith Promises when it evaluates the budget.

\$200, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, whatever the amount is a huge help and will be SO appreciated! Maybe you want to give personally. Maybe you want to go together with your men's ministry and have each guy give \$10 a month. Maybe your church already supports us, but you also personally want to help us do what God has called us to do. We appreciate any and all help, and WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP.

May was a great month, and I am excited for what June will bring us. Thank you to everyone who prays for us regularly. I could not do this work without your prayer support.

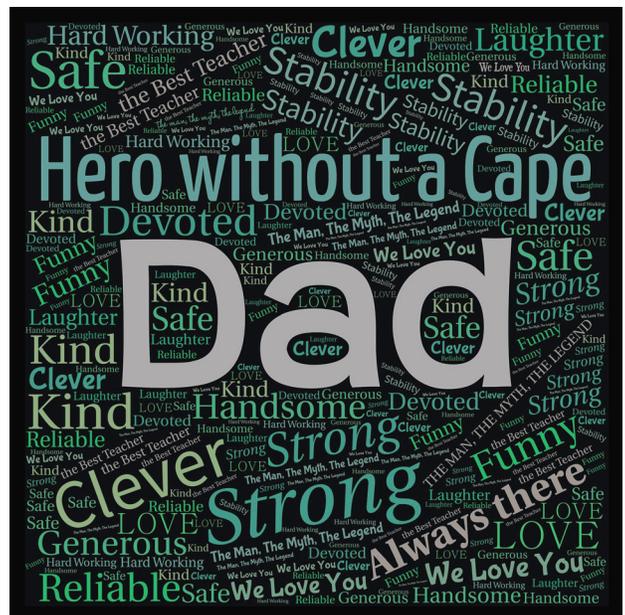
I look forward to seeing our complete mission budget raised and giving 100% of my focus to reaching men inside and outside of the church with the Gospel.

Have a great June! Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

Reaching men together,



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 AGUS Missionary Assoc. Church Development



PRAY REQUESTS:

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

1. Our Biggest prayer request is for God to move hearts so we can raise our full missionary budget. Tghere can be no more delay, it must be done.
2. Pray and ask God how much you can give to our ministry monthly and then obey what God tells you to give.
3. Ask God who you can speak to on our behalf about becoming monthly financial partners. Then be obedient and encourage this person/people/church/pastor to join the monthly support team.
4. Pray for our health, healing, and strength for my body and for renewed energy as we continue being obedient to God's calling.

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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