

Co-Laborers in Christ

**Brad and Robin Ringer**  
*Directors/Pastors*

Mission Statement

**Pure for God is a community that shares the affection of Jesus Christ as we preach, defend and confirm the gospel of Jesus Christ while living pure lives that reflect love for Him.**

Pure for God encourages the practice of the Spiritual Disciplines:

**Solitude, Prayer, Fasting, Simplicity, Meditation, The Lord's Supper and Study.**

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## Pure for God Ministries, Inc.

### August/September 2011

### Ministry Update



Dear Eric,

**Christ with me . Christ within me .  
Christ behind me  
Christ before me . Christ to comfort and  
restore me  
Christ beneath me . Christ above me  
. Christ in quiet  
Christ in danger . Christ in hearts of all  
that love me  
CHRIST IN MOUTH OF FRIEND AND  
STRANGER**

The above was written on the front cover of the packet for the Pastoral Care (MPC) Conference at Wheaton College that I attended July 17-22. This conference was designed to bring healing to people who are struggling with various deep wounds.

EVERYTHING was focused on Christ and His work on the Cross, His sufficiency, our personal responsibility for our sin and the fullness of Christ's forgiveness. I went to learn how to better understand people's wounded-ness and the full degree to which it can spiritually and emotionally paralyze people. This can cause them to live a "masked" life, to not live in reality and leave them feeling worthless and empty. This is why so many embrace habits and addictions as ways to cope with their pain. I met so many precious broken people with stories that caused many a tear.

I am also learning why wounded people can have trouble truly finding Christ. many times they can feel as if they need to do more Christian "activities" (i.e. pray, serve, go to church) to be closer to God. Closeness with God does not come in this way. What is needed is inner healing.

I was blessed by the transparency of the speakers. They were willing to shed tears, recalling their stories of childhood pain. Now, they glow with the face of Christ, as they are used to lead others to wholeness.

After maybe an hour of lecture each speaker would lead us all in "Healing Prayer." I can hardly describe the holiness of these times.

Congratulations to  
**Mr. & Mrs. Ben Tagg**  
Married on 07.16.11



I heard many cries expressed due to the years of buried pain and abuse.

We were all led in a group exercise for men who hate women and vice versa. This was an indescribable and powerful session.

I spoke with women who were dealing with their husbands' pornography addictions and several men trying to find their way to freedom. There were many, many people there with same sex attractions who loved God, but because of trauma as children, were struggling to find God's healing to overcome this.

I cry as I write this because God is giving me more of His broken heart for people. My heart's desire, number one, is to be an intercessor. Would you pray for me that God will enable me to help bring His healing to His children through healing prayer and counsel?

Love,  
*Robin*



### Ringers Minister at the Downtown Rescue Mission in Huntsville, Alabama



**July brought us to a delightful group of people at the Downtown Rescue Mission. For many years, Dr. ("Doc"), Darwin Overholt was the Director of the Buffalo City Mission. He was dearly loved in Buffalo and served the city and the people well. Buffalo has missed Darwin but were happy to see God send him to Alabama to serve this new community with just as much integrity and heart.**

**After several years here, Darwin handed the directorship off to his son, Keith. Our relationship with Keith goes way back to the Buffalo Christian Center days with Brad and Director and Keith attending our college group called FOCUS. It has been a blessing to see how God has used and is still**

**using these men daily in mission's work; Keth, with this great responsibility of directing the mission, and Darwin teaching the men on a regular basis.**

**What a joy it was to give Christ's love to the clients who had already gone through the 6-8 weeks of detox. When we had our time with them, they were more level-headed and their hearts and wills a bit more open to hear the freedom story of Christ. Each day, Brad and I met separately with the men and women, teaching on issues of the heart, giving the truths necessary for them to find Christ's freedom, uncovering hidden sins and defining their lives in light of Christ's redeeming work. I, Robin was also blessed to pray over and counsel a few ladies individually.**

**The mission is soon to have its 6th thrift store open. Brad spent two days teaching the approx. 40 managers and staff of those stores on what it means to live and be Pure for God. One manager said to all of us, "This is great! We need to do this (meaning writing Heart Psalms) with all of our staff. I never would have known before today what she (an employee of hers) was feeling!" One of Brad's teachings was on the four relationships we can have with God. This teaching sheds light on the state of our hearts and increases the Holy Spirit's conviction, needed in order to show us how to live Pure for God.**

**One man in leadership outside of the mission staff expressed this to Brad: "It is hard to listen when you know the speaker is speaking directly to you." Now we all know that it is the work of the precious Holy Spirit and not Brad! Praise the Lord. This man has a lot of influence and we count this as part of God's good work.**

**Brad spoke at the men's and women's two weekly chapels. There is nothing as sweet as singing and speaking before a group of men and women, some soft, some hard, some confused, some utterly broken, some still full of the enemies work, BUT Jesus was there and we knew He was moving in between each church pew, calling and beckoning each one.**

**We just LOVE this work! How rewarding, how humbling!**

**We are blessed, as Doc and Keith have seen the need for us to return to continue teaching and for me to be able to specifically meet with women one-on-one. Below are two testimonies from two dear ladies.**

**"I want to start a ministry to children alcoholics when I get out. When I was 8 years old, my parents taught me how to mix drinks. All my youth growing up, after school I would have drinks, not milk and cookies."**

**"I knew God must have been protecting me. One night a man was coming**

**at me to take my life. Something in me said, 'Recite the Lord's Prayer.' As I began to, the man put his hand down and turned and walked away. I walked backwards and escaped."**

**Heart Psalms lead people to learn how to practice removing layer upon layer of "junk" in their hearts that keep them from hearing the voice of the Lord. When we led the session on Heart Psalms, these are some of the words they gave that expressed the condition of their hearts before God: "Open, warm, reaching, challenged, blank, large, disapproved, medium, incomplete, fearful, humble, anticipation, Oh Boy!, hopeful, empty, distrusting, calloused, heavy, confused, strong, shady and hurt."**

**I must add, while writing this article, a previous student of ours who has sadly chosen a hard path, now broken and hurt, just texted me to say she is writing a Heart Psalm! She is trying to find her way back to God! Please pray for her!**



## **A Beautiful Testimony**

Some of you may remember Lily, the high school girl in the UK who we worked with last year. The other day I received this email and she is still moving along. We wanted to share this with you to boast on God!

Lily will be a new trainee with SWYM this September in England, so Brad will be training her at the February Conference. Pray God's blessing on this dear one. Let us add that Lily's pastor and wife, Ray and Becc, are a dear couple that we have mentored and are also graduates of SWYM. Lily is alike a granddaughter to us in the Lord. Isn't God good?!?!

*"The last couple of months have been a **real breakthrough** for me, and the base of it all has been both of your teachings. God has used them and has helped me **apply them to my life** in an amazing way! I have been working through my homework list and **God has healed a lot of my past pain** which has really allowed me to **deepen my relationship with Him**.*

*Over the last 4 or so months. He has really given me a **heart for purity** and spoken to me clearly about the importance it will have on my life. He has opened my eyes and taught me a lot about the depth of purity and **how to stay pure**, and this amazes me as I can now see why He led me to the Ringer family! Every week **my passion for purity in girls has grown** and it's all very exciting. At the moment I am staying at a friend's caravan for some time to*

prepare before I go away to SWYM. I am focusing on trying to **be still and silent in God's presence** more and listen to what He wants to say rather than going ahead of myself. It's a very interesting time in our relationship which is exciting me a lot!"



We are eagerly awaiting a reply from Homeland Security regarding Sam Harris' Religious Workers Visa. Please pray for his visa to be APPROVED QUICKLY as this process can take a VERY long time. We hope to have him here by October 15.

We are still in need of several things for Sam and would love to have them secured before his arrival! If you can help with any of the following, please email Robin at [rringer@pureforgod.org](mailto:rringer@pureforgod.org).

- ~ A reliable car
- ~ Housing
- ~ Money for a monthly stipend

Sam will be serving with Brad and Robin in starting up Pure for God's FIRST YOUTH MINISTRY in Cape Vincent! Sam is 23 years old and has completed his 4-year training in the UK.

If you would like to give towards Sam's arrival or to the everyday needs of Pure for God, don't forget PayPal is fast and easy! Simply go to Pure for God's website ([www.pureforgod.org](http://www.pureforgod.org)) and click DONATE.



## Prayer Needs



- ~ Pray for preparation and perfectly timed arrival of Sam Harris to Cape Vincent this fall.
- ~ For Brad's new messages which God has been giving him to preach to the church. These messages are prophetic in nature; reminding the church to be holy.
- ~ Robin has begun teaching piano again and is in need of students!!!
- ~ For the Holy Spirit's help in teaching Robin as she continues to

study counseling and prayer ministry.

- ~ For God to reinforce in Brad & Robin, the areas in which they can be weak. For God to give them favor and for the continued building of relationships with other believers in the Cape.

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