



## Our Speaking Team

We bring a seriousness to the issue of purity because each member of our speaking team has overcome a personal crisis due to sexual sin in his or her own life. The men have fought to keep their own hearts pure in the midst of this sexualized culture, and the women have successfully battled through the struggle of a loved one. As a result, each of our speakers testifies with authority and power to the freedom they teach others. The honesty and transparency of their presentation connects with audiences and provides a dynamic atmosphere that truly engages listeners with the truths expressed.

We believe a personal testimony is a vital aspect of ministering to those caught up in sexual sin, as it demonstrates both the proven biblical answers and an encounter with the power of God that these souls desperately need to know is real.

We invite you to consider these short biographies of our main speakers. Each speaker is experienced in covering a wide range of topics and ministering to diverse audiences.



### **Jeff Colón Biography**

**Jeff Colón** is the President of Pure Life Ministries. Jeff earned his Masters of Ministry in Biblical Counseling from Master's International School of Divinity and is credentialed with the Assemblies of God. He is also a certified Biblical Counselor through the International Association of Biblical Counselors (IABC) and serves on the IABC Board of Directors.

Jeff came to Pure Life Ministries from Long Island, NY in January 1994. His marriage was falling apart because of a lifestyle overcome by drug abuse and sexual sin. Although it took an ultimatum from his wife and his pastor to finally drive him here, God came to Jeff in a powerful way at Pure Life Ministries. Today Jeff is a completely transformed man.

As the former director of the Pure Life Ministries Live-In Program, Jeff is a popular presenter for the Ministry's *A Call to Purity Weekends*. Men are consistently impacted by Jeff's sincerity and passion in leading them to repentance and a life-changing encounter with God. In addition to his ongoing role as the Ministry's campus pastor, Jeff and his wife Rose frequently minister to couples and young adults, speak regularly at the annual IABC conference, and minister in various other speaking venues in both the US and abroad.

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### **Rose Colón Biography**

**Rose Colón** is the Director of Women's Counseling, a position she has held since 1996. She also serves as mentor to female counselors-in-training for Pure Life Ministries. Rose has a Masters of Ministry in Biblical Counseling from Master's International School of Divinity and holds certification from the International Association of Biblical Counselors.

Because of the deep work Rose has allowed God to do in her life and marriage, she is uniquely equipped to impart spiritual truth to women who are walking through the pain of their husbands' betrayal or other marriage difficulties. She regularly conducts workshops and conferences for women as well as teen and college-aged girls.



### **Brad Furges Biography**

**Brad Furges** is the Director of Men's Counseling at Pure Life Ministries. Brad holds a B.A. from the University of Virginia and an M.A. in Biblical Counseling from Master's International School of Divinity. Shortly after completing his undergraduate degree at UVA, Brad was accepted into their School of Medicine, where he was enrolled in 1993.

Following two consecutive drug arrests, his medical career came to an abrupt halt in the fall of 1996. By January 1999, sexual sin and drug abuse had all but destroyed his life, landing him at Pure Life Ministries where he discovered the liberation, fulfillment, and acceptance he had long searched for in Jesus Christ.

For over 10 years, Brad has served at Pure Life Ministries. As the current Director of Men's Counseling, Brad sees first-hand the havoc caused by sexual sin in the lives of Christian men and their families. Brad's calling is to lead men to repentance and a life-changing encounter with God. His experience in overseeing the Pure Life Ministries residential program, along with his personal testimony of freedom, makes him an extremely popular presenter at the Ministry's *A Call to Purity Weekends*.



## **Mike Johnston Biography**

**Mike Johnston** serves as Director of Donor and Media Relations. He is also the host and producer of the weekly *Purity for Life* podcast.

In 1989, Mike founded Kerusso Ministries and spent the next 14 years speaking nationally and presenting a Christian perspective on sexual morality as it relates both to ministry and public policy. In addition to being actively involved in the development of public policy at the local, state and national level, Mike was a sought-after speaker at high schools and colleges, state legislatures, political rallies, churches and media outlets around the country.

However, in 2001 Mike began dabbling in pornography and drugs. By the middle of 2002, he was living a completely double life, hidden even from those closest to him.

Mike came to Pure Life Ministries in June of 2003 following a public exposure of his sexual sin and the resulting collapse of his ministry. Since that time, God has accomplished a deep and wonderful transformation in his life. For the first time, Mike has gained a genuine understanding of what it really means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. After a long and grueling process of brokenness and repentance, Mike is now walking in true freedom.

In addition to communicating the message of Pure Life Ministries through our weekly *Purity for Life* podcasts, Mike has shared his powerful testimony, as well as messages on overcoming lust, the process of repentance, and the moral decline of America, at Pure Life Ministries' events around the country.