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Dear Fellowship Partners,

update december 2004

This year marks 15 years of powerful life-changing ministry for those struggling with unwanted same-sex attractions. We are in awe, seeing the hundreds of men and women who have come to Portland Fellowship and chose to stand against the enemy, the world, and their own fleshly desires to obey God and receive his healing. I am pleased with my staff who serve so diligently to maintain and expand this growing ministry. Please take a moment to hear from them:



Jim and Pat enjoying their grandchild, Trevor.

jim thompson pastoral care

What a year! As I was approaching the year 2004, I could never have guessed that I would be joining the PF staff, retiring from parish ministry, working with seven incredible interns, and meeting countless good folk through the ministry and our supporting churches. I could never have imagined that I'd go on television with my son to talk about homosexuality. Never would I have anticipated that my son would become my boss!

Pat and I look forward to the days ahead. We're enjoying our two grandchildren. After a hiatus of some years, we're both doing music together (We first met when Pat hired me to be her accompanist in

music school). And we're about to take our first senior citizen bus tour, an event causing a lot of chuckles in the family. Thanks, PF friends for your love, prayers and support.

Celebrating their first year of marriage on January 9.

drew berryessa ministry assistant

2004 has been a year of dreams coming true for me. Just nine days into this year I married my beautiful wife Suzanne. Words cannot express all the love, joy, encouragement and strength that she has brought to my life. Six months in to our year together I started my position as Ministry Assistant, another dream come true. Suzanne and I have also enjoyed getting more involved within our church and have begun coordinating a young married fellowship group, it has been a blast!

As Ministry Assistant my roles and responsibilities vary extensively from administration, mentoring teens who come to the ministry for help, leading worship during *Taking Back Ground* and keeping the facility in top shape. Looking at the year to come I am excited to see God continue to shape this ministry for His purposes. God bless you this Christmas!



joanne mcbride women's ministry coordinator

Since I started my position as Women' Ministry Coordinator here at Portland Fellowship, my life has reached a new level of breadth. It is so encouraging to see the changes in the lives of women as they start understanding and owning God's truth for themselves. I have recently joined Curves in an attempt to provide more balance in my life physically. My experience at Curves thus far has shown me that I apparently have a long way to go in that area. I also continue to pursue my studies at Multnomah Biblical Seminary, and will be changing my major from Women's Ministry to Biblical Studies. I love theology and am excited about the many theology courses I will soon be taking. May God bless you all this Christmas season, and thank you all for your faithful support.



"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners."

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and myself **Jason Thompson**

Juggling Portland Fellowship, working toward my Masters in Counseling, leading a fellowship group for my church, and being the husband (of my number one fan) and father of an 18 month old boy (going on 5) stretches and challenges me for the better. Although I find much joy in my work at PF, my greatest joy happens the moment I get home, grab my son Trevor and sing the song "What's in the mail today" from the kid's show *Bear in the Big Blue House*. We dance to the mailbox and find something fun for my little buddy... Hey, junk mail does come in handy after all.

There are days at Portland Fellowship where we sing a similar song when we receive your gifts in the mail. Your support of Portland Fellowship allows Jim, Drew, Joanne and myself to be a part of a ministry that not only helps individuals overcome life-

dominating struggles, but it actually impacts the whole body of Christ as thousands of men, women, and youth continue to hear the truth of God's purpose for our sexuality. We are humbly grateful.



Jason with his wife Amy and son Trevor spending a day at Mt. Hood

I wish you all a Merry Christmas,

Jason Thompson
Executive Director

to the following churches and organizations who invited us to share this year, we thank you...

- Multnomah Bible College
- AWARE - Abstinence Group
- Emerald Christian Fellowship
- Trinity Fellowship
- Dr. John Gagnon Conference
- Warner Pacific College
- Western Seminary
- Trinity Broadcasting Network
- Oregon State University
- Gladstone First Baptist Church
- Portland Community College
- Forest Grove Foursquare
- The Neighborhood Church
- First Covenant Church
- MOPS Group at GPBC
- George Fox University
- Rolling Hills Community Church
- Kiwanis Program
- Greater Portland Bible Church
- Clackamas Bible Church
- Valley View Christian Church
- Milwaukie Baptist
- Cedar Mill Bible Church

If you are interested in a staff member or intern coming to your church or group, please give us a call.

thanks

to Duan, a ministry participant who installed our new sound system.
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to Dr. John Wenrich, pastor of First Covenant; Randy Roberts, Dean of Western Seminary; Morgan Davis, Desert Stream Representative; and Faith Carter with Gregg Ramona, Equipping Ministry leaders at Rolling Hills Community Church for sharing their wisdom and knowledge with our interns.

prayer

for each of our staff members - that they will be refreshed this Christmas break.
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for the *Taking Back Ground* participants - Pray they will be safe during their month off and they will all return for the second section beginning January.
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for our seven interns. That they will find rest during the Christmas season.
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for our annual planning meeting, held the first week of January. Please pray for the preparations in December.

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december calendar

december 2

Multnomah Bible College Chapel
Speaker: Jason Thompson

december 7 & 14

Open Group
For questions about Portland Fellowship or to hear from men and women walking in freedom, come to our open group. 7 p.m.

december 10

Family and Friends Group
If you have a loved one involved in homosexuality and want guidance, encouragement and support, Second Friday of each month: 7 p.m.

december 11

Leadership Appreciation Dinner
PF staff will serve a special dinner to our Taking Back Ground Leadership Team. 6 p.m.

december 10

TBG Christmas potluck and games
Those involved with Portland Fellowship are welcome to join us for an evening of food and games. Evening Begins at 7 p.m.

Check website for additional updates at www.portlandfellowship.com