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Dear Fellowship Partners,

update december 2005

Portland Fellowship has been communicating God's awesome power to transform lives for over 15 years. Ministry to those walking in freedom from same-sex attraction is challenging and opposition may be present, but we are greatly encouraged by you, our faithful friends and supporters. The staff of PF would like to share a few words with you...

jim thompson upper room manager



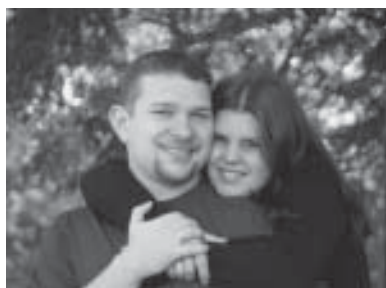
My wife Pat and I live in a very small house with a very large dog. Asked why, having this 85-pound Old English Sheepdog, we don't have a larger house, we can only point out that Cuthbert thinks he's a lapdog, and isn't going to take advantage of additional room even if it were there. We are looking forward to squeezing all the interns into this diminutive space for a Christmas celebration before a number of them leave to visit family. Yes, Cuthbert will be there, guys, so don't set your dinner in your lap! We pray all of our PF friends much joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus whom we serve.

catherine chapman women's ministry

During a recent trip to Seattle, my husband Chuck knelt down in front of me and asked for my hand in marriage. We were on the pier next to *Ye Old Curiosity Shop*, the same spot that 17 years ago, he proposed for the first time. I'm so thankful I said yes. Marriage has been a wild, scary, exhilarating, risky undertaking, and it has been one of the greatest gifts in my life. My daughter Christina is another lavish gift I've received from the Lord – she brings such a deep sense of joy to our lives. I hope and pray that during this season you will sense Christ's wild, passionate love for you and be reminded of all the great gifts he has given you.



drew berryessa ministry assistant



2005 has been a year of unexpected, but wonderful changes for my wife Suzanne and me. During this year I had the awesome experience of having Suzanne join the leadership team of *Taking Back Ground*. It was such a blessing to be able to share with her the experience of seeing peoples lives change right before our eyes. Speaking of changing...our lives are doing a lot of that right now. Suz and I are thrilled to say that we are expecting the birth of our first child toward the middle of next year! We both are amazed at the goodness and blessing that God continues to show us. We pray you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

steve baliko upper room program assistant

2005 has been a beautiful mess. Darla would be the beautiful part and, yup, I would be the mess. We have been dating for the past ten months and she is one of the richest blessings I could ever ask for in my life. Between studying for my Masters in Counseling and working at PF, the fall has shaped up to be an exciting whirlwind of thoughts and emotions. Darla and I are looking forward to some time visiting my parents for Christmas this year, back east in Maryland. Thanks be to the Creator of Heaven and Earth who is mindful of us at all times. Rejoice! Our Savior has come. Rejoice!



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

ISAIAH 61 : 1

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They say it's the terrible two's. I know a couple of 2-year olds and know why they label them 'terrible'. But I'm extremely thankful that I don't have to give my son that sometime much-needed label. It's hard to call him 'terrible' when I walk in the door at the end of the day and see him hopping up and down screaming, "Daddy's home! Daddy's home!" There's nothing quite like it. I asked my wife the other day why she doesn't do the same when I walk in the door. The smile I got was all I needed.



I am blessed to have a wonderfully supportive family and a ministry that brings much joy and satisfaction. God's work at PF continues to amaze me. He has blessed us in ways I can barely find the words for. I'm thankful for all who partner with us. Your prayers, gifts, and time continue to allow PF to be a beacon of hope for men and women around Oregon, Washington, and across the country. I look forward to all the great things God will be doing in the coming year. I'm thankful that you will be a part of this ministry as well.

We all wish you a Merry Christmas to you and your families.

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

- Multnomah Bible College
- AWARE - Abstinence Group
- Liberty Ridge Church
- Harvest Community Church
- Western Seminary
- Trinity Broadcasting Network
- Gladstone First Baptist Church
- Portland Community College
- Church of God of Oregon
- The Neighborhood Church
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran
- Hinson Memorial Baptist
- George Fox University
- Rolling Hills Community Church
- Grace Bible Church
- Coram Deo Fellowship
- Groundswell Conference
- Crossroads Community Church
- Sunset Presbyterian Church
- 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.

a special thanks

to David & Jewell for providing and installing the fireplace in our basement. It's great to be warm!

thanks

to all those who prayed for the staff and the participants this year. Your prayers have been greatly appreciated.

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to all those who have faithfully and sacrificially given to the needs of the ministry this year. Your gifts continue to make it possible for us to extend hope and healing to those seeking help.

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 calender

december 7

Multnomah Bible College Chapel
Speaker: Jason Thompson

december 6 & 13

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 9

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 10

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

december 20

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.*

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