



December 2011

Dear Friend:

I pray you know how valuable you are in the lives of those coming to Portland Fellowship, as well as in the lives of those of us on staff. Whether it is your prayers, your time, your gifts, or your talents, all of it, in Christ, sustains and grows this ministry. And, not only do I pray you 'know' this, but I hope you experience joy in this as well. I hope and pray that as you partner with us, it increases your faith and draws you into a deeper relationship with our Lord. Because it is all about Him, isn't it?

If it's not about Him, we lose our focus and our purpose. We could, as others in our own field of ministry have done, make this all about a person's sexual identity. Some communicate a message of helping gay people become straight people, as though being 'straight' is some sort of finished product and God will finally be pleased. This is simply not true.

The reason people come to Portland Fellowship, and the reason you support this work, is to offer a safe place for men, women, youth, wives, family and friends who struggle with profound pain, brokenness and hopelessness to grow in a deepened relationship with Christ. The by-product of this deepened relationship will be a transformed life.

The world (and even some in the Christian community) has distorted our message, so it's important to remind everyone of our purpose, which has not changed since our inception. The purpose of Portland Fellowship is to glorify Jesus Christ by proclaiming His desire and incredible power to free people from sexual and relational brokenness. Freedom starts with repentance from the sin that binds them and then frees the person to grow in faith in Christ as Savior and Lord.

Our program, Taking Back Ground, is a discipleship program that helps equip men and women to walk in freedom from these desires as transformation takes place. 'Freedom' does not mean you won't struggle or get tempted, but it does mean that you are freed to walk closer to the Lord and lay down your own life, your own will, and your own way of relating, for His. It means you are able to discover God's good and perfect will and plan for your life. As we live each day in His will, we will experience all that God has for us, even as the enemy attacks and discourages. Freedom in Christ is living a victorious life, and an abundant life. God desires this for all His children.

Portland Fellowship is a part of the body of Christ, an extension of the church, doing exactly what the Lord commanded us to do... to go and make disciples. This is why we encourage the local church to partner with us and us with them in one purpose. This is also why we invite you, members of the family of God to invest in this work as the Lord lays this passion and burden on your heart.

The Lord continues to be faithful in sustaining and growing Portland Fellowship through your support. As the year ends, I would like to ask for your continued (or new) commitment to the ministry of Portland Fellowship, by means of a year-end gift, or perhaps by pledging your support monthly for the coming year.

We know that many are unable to give at this time or have other ministries that the Lord is asking them to give to, but whether or not you are able to give, would you consider tearing off the bottom of this letter and writing a note to my staff and leadership team, or sending us a prayer need so that we can lift you up in Christ? Of course, e-mail would be a great way to message us as well.

May God richly bless you this Christmas season with His peace, joy, and healing presence!



Jason Thompson
Executive Director

Two options to financially support Portland Fellowship

Go online at www.portlandfellowship.com. If you do not have an account with Portland Fellowship, Create a new account. If you are not sure, try to recover your password, using your email, or call the office at 503.235.6364

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Name: _____
Address: _____



I have committed or would like to commit \$_____ a month to Portland Fellowship for 2012.
Enclosed is a **year-end gift** in the amount of \$_____.

My Check is included or please charge my visa/debit or M/C:
Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

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