

December 2012



Dear Friend,

I have the privilege of sharing this year-end letter, with genuine expressions of thanks for those who lovingly support the work of Portland Fellowship. Following are some notes from those in our Upper Room program; there are also many more in our Taking Back Ground program, our online programs, and our Family and Friends 'Hope Group' who could equally offer their gratitude as well.

"Dear friends, thank-you for your continued support. Because of your help, you're providing a safe environment for me to experience growth and healing. I am currently working through some very difficult obstacles in my life, and that would not be possible without the support you're providing. Thank-you also for your prayers, and may God bless you as we approach the holiday season." – Graham

"I am thankful to live in a safe place where Jesus inhabits the very walls of the house. Portland Fellowship has provided me a healthy space and loving support to work through some of the toughest issues of the heart. Thank you for supporting a ministry that believes in lives changed through healing and reconciliation with our Savior Jesus Christ. This ministry continues to bless me greatly as not one day goes by wasted. Each day has been God's gift of faithfulness to me, as He redeems every bit of pain I give Him, exchanging it for hope and freedom. You help make this possible. Thank you!" – Chris

"Thank you for all of the support you provide to Portland Fellowship. It is amazing to see what God does through supporters like you. Thank you for being a part of our healing." – Curtis

"I am incredibly blessed to be a part of the Upper Room Community at Portland Fellowship. God has specifically called me to this community to receive deeper healing and I know it wouldn't be possible without your generous support and your prayers. Thank you so much for partnering with me as God continues to reveal who I am in Him." – Patrick

"I really appreciate our supporters of Portland Fellowship. Through your support I have been given the opportunity to enjoy three and half years with this ministry. The first two years were at Taking Back Ground, working through many different areas of my life; and then as an intern last year and this year, where I got to challenge my character and understand how to relate to others. Thank you for your continual support of Portland Fellowship." – Brandon

"Dear friends of Portland Fellowship, thank you for the selfless act of supporting our ministry. Through your prayers and financial support, you have allowed me and countless others the opportunity to discover truth and healing in a safe environment – an environment that is not often found by those who struggle with same-sex attraction. Portland Fellowship has forever changed my life and it could not have happened without your commitment. Thank you." – Cody

As you can see, by these brief testimonies, your involvement with Portland Fellowship is vital. Your ongoing giving and prayer support have enabled us to help many through another year. So, as we end our year together, we humbly ask if you would consider giving a year-end gift to PF.

Also, as we look ahead to 2013, our desire is to continue to be wise stewards and well-prepared for what this next year holds. Would you help us plan well by letting us know how much you would like to give on a monthly basis for the coming year?

Please take a moment and print and tear off and send the special year-end response card back to us. You can also choose to go online to give and communicate through setting up an online profile. Please take advantage of the space on the back of the card to send a note to the staff. We would very much love to hear from you.

May the Lord's blessing be on you and your family this Christmas season and into the New Year. Thank you for your love and support of Portland Fellowship.



Jason Thompson
Executive Director

Our partners make it possible to offer:

Taking Back Ground – support to men and women walking in freedom

Wives' Support – for those whose husbands are struggling with same-sex attractions

Support for Youth and Young Adults – with online programs and in-house counseling

Discipleship for Upper Room Interns – Intense growth and maturity for those living onsite

Outreach – to our community, churches, and to Quito & Guayaquil Ecuador, and Busan and Seoul, South Korea

Development of on-line curriculum (www.takingbackground.com) and several translations.

Counseling and mentoring for all ages.

The New Year brings an opportunity to reprint our Taking Back Ground Workbook. If you would like to help in covering the cost for this reprint, we are seeking to raise \$3,500. Please consider ear-marking your donation for this onetime special need.

If you do not have an account with us, go to www.portlandfellowship.com and click **sign in**. You can sign up for an account through that page. We will approve you as soon as possible, and then you can give one time, or pledge ongoing support.

tear here ----- tear here

Year-End Response Card

Name: _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Email: _____



I have already pledged or would like to start a pledge of \$ _____ a month to PF
Enclosed is a **year-end gift** in the amount of \$ _____.

Please charge my visa/debit or M/C: Card Number: _____

Signature _____ Exp. Date _____

Please use the back of this tear-off to communicate with us.
portland fellowship po box 14841 portland, oregon 97293 www.portlandfellowship.com
Remember, your generous giving is tax-deductible – we will send the 2012 giving statements in January 2013.