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Dear Friend of Portland Fellowship,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I write to you as we conclude this 2014 ministry year. While this year brought many trials and cultural opposition, the Lord continues to bless us with your partnership, in ministry to those struggling to surrender their sexuality to Jesus. As Ecclesiastes says, "There is a time for everything under the sun," and during this season of reflection we celebrate all God is bringing to an end and eagerly anticipate several new beginnings.

Through your partnership this past year, we were able to accomplish many things. In June, we hosted the national Restored Hope Network conference. It was an incredible blessing to serve with fellow leaders, pastors, and brothers and sisters in Christ who have the same call to minister to the sexually broken. Your partnership has allowed us to give birth to "Solid Ground", a program for alumni of our Taking Back Ground program. These men and women come to stand strong even as the lies of the enemy continue to bombard them. Your support and gifts have also allowed us to develop "Hope Group Online." This is an online video teaching series that will offer hope and encouragement to families around the country and the world. We are also launching a smaller version of our TBG program in January, a wives program and Hope "Home Groups" for family and friends to connect, encourage and pray. There are more ministry opportunities than ever before this coming year, and we have you to thank.

While we do celebrate God's big movements in our ministry we also want to share some of the everyday miracles that we are blessed with. Recently, a mother shared with me that our Hope Group was the only place where she felt safe enough to be honest about her pain over her son's struggle. One of our Alumni came to the powerful revelation that by simply confessing publically before the Solid Ground community and the Lord, he found a deeper measure of freedom. Every day God moves in our midst. Each and every interaction and opportunity both great and small is a gift from the Lord: mentoring, counseling, teaching, supporting, living in community, and affirming one another in truth and within healthy boundaries.

Please continue on this journey with us. Thank you for considering a year-end gift or offering. We ask for your prayers and your encouragement. We need wisdom, grace, and compassion to love and lead well all those who are seeking freedom and transformation in Christ.

May the Lord's grace and peace fill you and your family this Christmas. From the staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, all of us here at Portland Fellowship wish you a very blessed and happy New Year.