

December 2016

Dear Friend.

Last month Patrick and Cynthia managed to secretly arrange a tribute to my twenty-fifth year of ministry at Portland Fellowship. I concur with what was written, in that if I knew what they were planning, I would have never agreed to it—which is precisely why they didn't seek my approval!

The day the newsletter arrived from the printers, I sat on my couch and read through the many comments, and was filled with gratitude. I was not only grateful for the words written of me, but deeply thankful for you and your faithful love and support for Portland Fellowship. I wish I had the space in this letter to share in detail how you all have been an integral part of my life and in this amazing life-changing ministry. If I had the space, I would recount the ways my friend (and PF's founder), Phil Hobizal, has personally experienced and shared in the joys and challenges this position holds. I would go into detail about how my father's wise counsel has given me sound direction in moments of uncertainty. I would express, by name, my deep appreciation for supportive family members, friends, professors, pastors, ministry leaders, volunteers, board members, editors, and friends who have shown personal generosity to my family, my staff and even the group participants.

While it is Cynthia, Patrick and I who staff Portland Fellowship, you are all in this effort with us. It is your gifts and prayers that make this ministry possible, and because of this, lives are changed. As always, I pray that you will not only know this, but receive favor and joy from our Lord as you partner with us.

As we conclude 2016, we celebrate the wonderful work done and anticipate all that is ahead. In this, we look forward to your friendship and partnership in 2017. Below is an opportunity for final 2016 giving. We thank you for considering this year-end gift, as well as your offerings into the New Year.

On behalf of the staff, our volunteers and the Board of Directors, we at Portland Fellowship pray the Lord's grace and peace over you and your family this Christmas and New Year.

We welcome you to visit: www.portlandfellowship.com to sign up for our monthly newsletter or support the ministry. If you think you may already have an account with us, please call or email to verify.

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Enclosed is a 2016 year-end gift in the amount of \$ I have committed or would like to commit \$ a month to Portland Fellowship for 2017.	
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