



Dear Friend,

December 2018

It is a pleasure to write you as we conclude this year with joy and hope in our hearts. The Lord has been so gracious this year, and it is through your love and response to His leading that we have been deeply blessed. As a staff, we desire to share our hearts with you.

*In reflecting on Hope Group this past year, we are incredibly grateful. All of our guest speakers were so encouraging and offered us practical tools to build healthier, holier relationships with our gay and trans-identified loved ones. We were also inspired by testimonies of PF leaders and participants who offered us hope in this broken world. It's been a privilege to have everyone who attends trust us with their stories. And finally, we are so grateful for you, your prayers and your support as we continue walking with these brave friends and family who are trusting in the hope of God's character. — Ron & Heidi*

*With another year about to close, it makes me wonder what next year will be like for gender expression. The world has gotten so creative in how it distorts true gender identity, and I have personally seen friends fall to these lies. However, I have watched Portland Fellowship remain steady and unmoved by this chaos. I know PF's ministry foundation goes deep because it is built on what the Lord says is true, not what is "felt" to be true. This year, as I've continued to share my testimony of freedom from the transgender lifestyle, the Lord has faithfully helped me communicate His heart toward people struggling with their gender. Thank you for praying for us here at Portland Fellowship and for those who daily work the front lines. — KathyGrace*

*Though the pushback to this kind of ministry can be discouraging, as I look back over the past year, I am amazed at all the ways the Lord is using us to bring hope to those who are struggling. In 2018 alone, PF staff shared in seven different states around the country. We had over two hundred participants in our discipleship programs, twenty-five volunteer leaders, and more than 1,500 people received our monthly newsletters. I love seeing tangibly how God continues to use this ministry! I'm deeply grateful for your faithful prayers and financial support that allow me to continue serving the Lord here. — Patrick*

*When I pause to reflect on this past year, the first thing that comes to my mind is the amazing people the Lord has brought alongside me at Portland Fellowship. I'm in awe of all those who give of their time in serving in our programs, those who pray faithfully each week for us and for the participants, those who offer up words of encouragement, and those who bless the ministry financially to allow all this to happen. On behalf of my wife, Amy, and my boys, Trevor and Cody, I thank you for being a huge blessing in my life, and Merry Christmas! — Jason*

May the Lord bless you and your family in the next year. We look forward to all the Lord has in store in the days ahead. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance in any way.

Serving Him,

Jason Thompson  
Executive Director

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