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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to write this letter to you and all who stand alongside us. Your prayers, friendship, and support provide much encouragement as we at Portland Fellowship minister to those seeking freedom in Christ from unwanted same-sex attraction and gender confusion.

One would think that as the world gets darker, and the lies become more prolific, discouragement would become more profound. Yet, as we celebrate Christmas this month, we are reminded once again that we have the gift of Light and Life found in Jesus our Lord and Savior, and because of this gift, we have hope.

Anne Frank, who, as we know, was surrounded by evil, wrote, "Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." A single candle in a pitch-dark room provides sight and shows the way out, and in the presence of the candlelight, the darkness is entirely powerless. We are reminded of this truth when the Apostle John wrote, "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*" (John 1:5)

Our intention at Portland Fellowship is not to focus or even concern ourselves with the darkness, but rather, to keep our hearts, minds, prayers and efforts focused on the things of the Spirit. As we do this, we are blessed to see this Light of the world shine through the ministry of Portland Fellowship. The Lord continues to give us hope for the hopeless, joy for the brokenhearted, and freedom for the captives. In addition, He has protected our facility, given us favor in a city that strongly disagrees with us, and provided us with vision and passion for reaching the wounded and hurting.

Through God's leading this year, we have broadened our reach through the use of Zoom, revised our online video program for family and friends (to be announced next month), and continue to have local and worldwide opportunities to share God's transforming power.

As Scripture reminds us, this Light of Christ is in you (John 8:12), so, friend, we are incredibly grateful that you would stand alongside us in this present darkness in a way that glorifies our Father. You are a powerful encouragement to us. As always, we invite you to partner with Portland Fellowship with a year-end gift. For those who have already given a year-end gift, we once again thank you for your amazing partnership!

May the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas.

  
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Executive Director

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