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Dear Friend,

Every year at this time, we pause to reflect on the year God has given us at Portland Fellowship. It's a joyful time in which we celebrate and bless God for all the great things He has done. We look back at the many new lives that came with doubt, pain, and brokenness, and in the course of our time together, they began to experience genuine hope, healing, and freedom found in Christ.

I think of one of the men in my TBG small group who called the ministry just a week after disclosing his struggle to his wife of many years. He was sincerely broken over his sin and the weight of betrayal that his wife was now experiencing. As our group met together, this husband and father of five began to have genuine hope for what God could do in his life.

These are the stories that bring joy to my heart. I've said many times that the world does not believe that God heals and transforms, but we have a God that does the seemingly impossible!

So, we reflect with joy. Yet, if we are honest, these reflections also include heartache, pain, and difficulties. Like you, I've had my fair share this past year. Grief came as an old ministry friend abandoned her faith to live a life for her own pleasure. And sorrow came when my church pastor confessed to sinful and destructive choices, leading to his resignation.

Still, even with these heartaches, we always have hope in our Lord. I hold out hope for my old friend to restore her faith, and I'm grateful for the repentant heart of my pastor and how God is already in the process of healing and restoring him.

Some of our challenges are good as God stretches us to bless His people. For instance, in all the years of serving here at PF, this has been the most ambitious program year ever. We have adapted our Tuesday evening programs to include participants locally and throughout the country. Our family and friends Hope Group and both years one and two of Taking Back Ground are offered in-house and on Zoom. We barely have enough leaders to accomplish all these programs, but God, in His perfect timing, has brought us just enough amazing servant leaders to achieve this great need.

None of this could have happened without your loving prayers and support. We are deeply grateful that you would stand with us and help us proclaim the transforming truth of God. Thank you for your continued partnership as we seek to glorify God through this life-changing ministry.

May the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas.



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