

# First Press

## First Reformed Presbyterian Church

— A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. —

12900 Frankstown Road • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

### StreetChild Mission International

*My eyes fail from weeping. I am in torment within...because children and infants faint in the streets of the city. —Lamentations 2:11*

There are about 150 million street children living in the world, primarily in Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Africa. Most of these children (with the exception of Sub-Sahara Africa, where there are 12-15 million AIDS orphans) are not orphans, but are the victims of abandonment, abuse and exploitation. Unwanted and unloved, they suffer the consequences of parental sin, generation after generation. These children survive through performing menial jobs, petty theft, and prostitution. Their world is spiritually dark, without light or hope. They are the lost children of the world.

In addition to these *street children*, there are *children on the streets* or *working children* whose family support base has become increasingly weakened and must share in the responsibility for family survival by working on city streets. While these children may spend their days and evenings on the street, they usually return home at night. With the overconcentration of children living on the streets, these working children who are not so visible but whose problems are no less urgent are often ignored. These children tend to be lonelier and suffer from greater abuse.

Mission to the World's StreetChild Mission International was established in September 2000. StreetChild primarily works through national churches to fulfill the biblical mandate to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the fatherless, alien, and the needy, recognizing that street children are not excluded from the Great Commission. They seek to provide Christian homes for children living and growing up on the streets, who would otherwise have no opportunity to know God's love in their lives. Their goal is to glorify Him who is Father to the fatherless, working to break the cycle of generational sin through the power of His grace.

The ministry of StreetChild is primarily enabled by gifts from churches and individuals. This year's Women in the Church (WIC) Love Gift is dedicated to StreetChild International and will help them to open and expand their ministries in Mexico and India by providing capital and operational funding for children's homes, drop-in day facilities and outreach.

Look for an opportunity to contribute to this ministry at the WIC Christmas Event on December 9. Watch the bulletin for further details.

### COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2

6:30 p.m.

*Pioneer Girls Fall Fling*

NOVEMBER 19

5:30 p.m.

*Great Commission Prayer Meeting*

NOVEMBER 22

7:00 p.m.

*Thanksgiving Worship*

### LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER 2

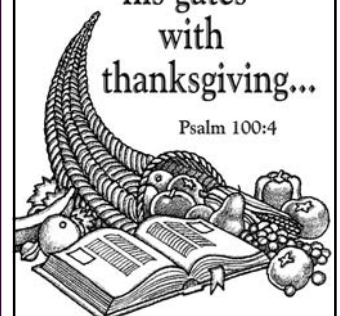
*Church Christmas Decorating*

DECEMBER 9

*WIC Christmas Event*

Enter  
his gates  
with  
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4



## Missions Focus: Alex & Jean A. Enterprise Europe

Alex was born and raised in Pakistan and Jean grew up in Dayton, Ohio. They met as pen-pals and in 1982 Alex invited Jean to visit him in Pakistan. They were married that year and returned to the United States. Alex served in the U.S. Army until 1991 and earned a degree in Information Systems in 1993. After 11 years of marriage, Jean rededicated her life to the Lord and began praying for Alex. In 1996 Alex became a Christian. In 2001 they applied to Mission to the World and were accepted to begin itineration. They planned to join Emad and Michelle in the Middle East. Support raising was very slow, but when they changed their ministry focus in 2003 the funds came in more quickly. They joined MTW's Enterprise Europe to reach Asian Muslims at the end of 2004. During 2005 it became evident to them that their gifts would be better suited to working with World Harvest Mission which has an established ministry on the west side of the city. In March 2006 they were accepted by World Harvest. They are working with two church plants which work with South Asian seekers and believers.

**Pray for:** wisdom and love for their Muslim friends and family, the Lord's leading in becoming more involved in the ministries of World Harvest, Alex's brother who lives nearby and is in need of a kidney transplant—that Alex would be a successful match and that Alex would have opportunity to witness to his brother, Praise that they were able to get their sons into their desired schools.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of *Art Kercher* upon his death on September 12, 2006.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of *Marie Morgan* upon her death on September 21, 2006.

*Thank You!*

Phil and Mary Beth, Larry and Ellen would like to thank you for your recent Pastor Appreciation surprise. Your notes, cards and gifts are an encouragement to us and a reminder of the bond of love that unites our hearts and our ministry together. "As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight" Psalm 16.3.

Phil, Mary Beth, Larry and Ellen

## November Birthdays

3	Rachel Mattson	17	John Batchelor Emma Boyer
4	Harry Carter Jim Frost		Sarah More Skip Paul
7	Marian Himes	19	David Dering Courtney Masick
8	Jared Anderson Suzann Hindman	21	Ginny Irwin
9	Doris Bennett Mary Ryan-Nelson	22	Theresa Hargraves
11	Michael Henderson	23	Walt Turner
12	Ken Nemit	24	Christopher McElhinney
13	Suzie Paul Heather Vizino		Russ Servetnick
15	Margaret Comin	26	John Anthony Chris Berlin
16	Lillian Crawford Michael Henderson Mark Pifer Leah Sabella	28	Mary Beth Hardin Becky Harris Aurelia Henderson
		29	Kevin Brickner



Stephen McMannis was baptized on September 24, 2006.

## Financial Summary

January 1 - September 30, 2006

### Operating Account:

Receipts	\$ 313,881
Disbursements	\$ 357,824

### Account Balances -

Operating Checking	\$ 7,514
Operating Saving	\$ 97,578

### Benevolence Account:

Income	\$ 72,690
Disbursements	\$ 78,549

### Deacons' Fund: (year to date as of 10/17/06)

Income	\$ 18,913
Disbursements	\$ 11,442

### Account Balances -

Deacons' Checking	\$ 6,021
Deacons' Money Mkt.	\$ 10,688



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# November

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*Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday*

<p><b>Each Sunday:</b>                  9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages                  10:45 a.m. Morning Worship                  5:30 p.m. Promises                  6:30 p.m. Evening Worship</p>			<p><b>1</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career                  Bible Study</p>	<p><b>2</b>                  9:30 a.m.                  WIC Bible Study                   6:30 p.m.                  Pioneer Girls,                  First Boys Club                   7:00 p.m.                  WIC Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b>                   10:45 a.m.                  Lord's Supper                   4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group</p>	<p><b>6</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  Bowling</p>	<p><b>7</b>                   7:00 p.m.                  Plum Covenant                  Group                   7:15 p.m.                  Master Covenant                  Group</p>	<p><b>8</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career                  Bible Study</p>	<p><b>9</b>                   9:30 a.m.                  MOPS                   6:30 p.m.                  Pioneer Girls,                  First Boys Club,                  Ministry to                  Single Mothers</p>	<p><b>10</b>                   8:00 p.m.                  Trailblazer                  Overnight</p>	<p><b>11</b>                   9:00 a.m.                  Missions                  Committee                  Meeting   </p>
<p><b>12</b>                   4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group</p>	<p><b>13</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  Bowling                   7:00 p.m.                  WIC Council                  Meeting at                  McLanes</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 p.m.                  Deacon's Meeting                   7:00 p.m.                  McLane                  Covenant Group                   7:30 p.m.                  Murrysville                  Covenant Group</p>	<p><b>15</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career                  Bible Study</p>	<p><b>16</b>                  9:30 a.m.                  WIC Bible Study                   6:30 p.m.                  Pioneer Girls,                  First Boys Club</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b>                   4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group                   5:30 p.m.                  Great Commission                  Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  Bowling</p>	<p><b>21</b>                   7:00 p.m.                  Session Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b>                   7:00 p.m.                  Thanksgiving Eve                  Service</p>	<p><b>23</b>   </p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b>                   4:45 p.m.                  Joint Youth Group</p>	<p><b>27</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  Bowling</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:45 p.m.                  Youth Group                  Scavenger Hunt                   7:00 p.m.                  McLane Cov. Group                   7:30 p.m.                  Murrysville Cov. Grp                   7:30 p.m.                  WIC Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b>                   6:45 p.m.                  College &amp; Career                  Bible Study                   7:30 p.m.                  Crawford Covenant                  Group</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30 a.m.                  MOPS                   6:30 p.m.                  Pioneer Girls,                  First Boys Club,                  Ministry to                  Single Mothers                   7:00 p.m.                  WIC Bible Study</p>		



## Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 22  
7:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of  
praise, worship and  
thanksgiving!

Dear First Friends,

I am now half-way through my fourth (and final) year at Reformed Theological Seminary, an educational experience that your generosity has made possible. I am profoundly thankful for your faithful support during my time here, both by your prayers and by your giving. We have always felt, even as we have been away, that our church family and friends are actively participating and partnering with us in preparation for gospel ministry.

Terry continues to work part-time as a hairdresser and full-time as wife and mother. Nathan is two, and by the time his third birthday rolls around again next year, should have a new baby brother or sister to play with (Terry is due in May). I continue to intern at First Presbyterian Church under the oversight of Ligon Duncan and with reformation21 under the oversight of Derek Thomas. Lord willing, we will be visiting Pittsburgh during the Christmas season and look forward to visiting with you then. Again, please accept our deepest gratitude.

Warmly,  
Jeremy Smith