



**We exist to glorify God by crossing cultures and barriers to lead the unchurched of Pittsburgh and the world to become “on mission” followers of Jesus Christ.**

**WE** continue to believe that God has given us a vision for a great multicultural church in the city of Pittsburgh. We also believe that this vision comes directly from the heart of our risen Savior. Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah from the Hebrew Scriptures to announce and declare the purpose and passion of His ministry. He stood in the temple area and proclaimed to all who would hear him what He understood to be the culmination of three years of preaching, teaching, healing, and ministering along the highways and byways of greater Palestine, “My house shall be a house of prayer for all the nations.”



When Crossroads began, we had a small group of Americans and a handful of Africans that we picked up on Sunday morning. We remember many Sundays when we picked up 6 to 8 people at Prospect Park. If we were to pick up twelve, it was a great day. Contrast that to a recent Sunday. We had a total of 70 people, 40 from Zambia, Togo, Liberia, Sudan, and Niger. Many are now regular attenders and very consistent. Although transportation is a challenge, twelve were transported by other Africans. We look forward to the day when we also have regular attenders from China, India, South America, South Asia, and the Middle East. We firmly believe that God has presented us with the vision of reaching people of all nations, tribes, and tongues. We also pray that we will have significant outreach to persons of all socio/economic backgrounds. This is how the Bible tells us to do church!

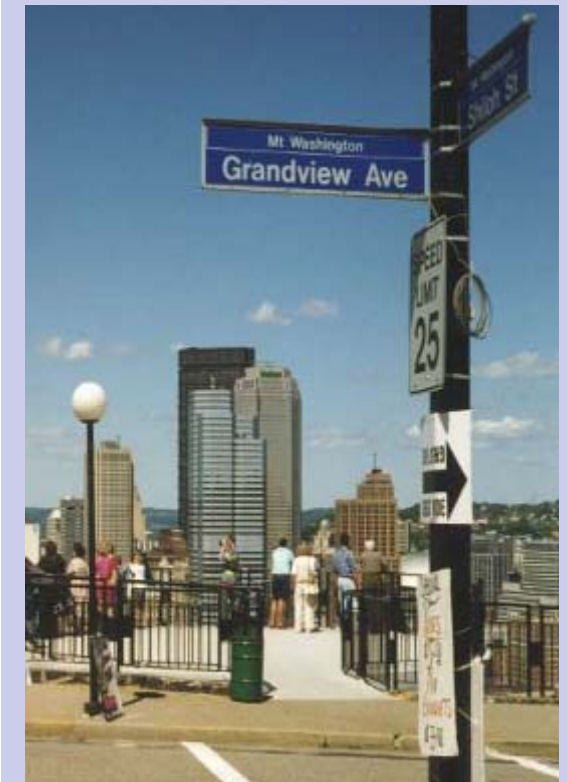


**Sports Camp**



PITTSBURGH is in great need of revival and spiritual awakening. There is significant church activity but very

little life change. Over 2 million people are unchurched. Our prayer is that we will be able to penetrate the dark places with the light of Christ. As in many other major cities, there are scores of people that have been forgotten by the established church. God has called us to reach the refugee, the poor, the lonely, the forgotten and the oppressed. We take Acts 1:8 seriously and believe that we have a simultaneous call to reach the entire World.



**Mount Washington**



In June, PowerPlant came to Crossroads. PowerPlant is a new student missions initiative of the North American Mission Board. At PowerPlant, participants are taught evangelism skills and church planting principles. They worked with us to conduct a Sports Camp, Block Party, Door to Door Surveying and literature distribution. God blessed in a tremendous way. A total group of about 200 came to our city. 35 worked with us at Crossroads. We had the wonderful opportunity to minister to people from: Sudan, Liberia, Niger, Zambia, Togo, India, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Serbia, Albania, Ukraine, Bangladesh, Burma, China, and Vietnam.

**Power Plant 2005 Report**

- 15 professions of Faith**
- 1,600 fliers distributed**
- 90 enrolled in sports camp**
- 70 surveys conducted**
- 200 in attendance at Block Party**



**Mission to Africa**

Crossroads is committed to International Missions. As a new church we have sent mission teams to Kenya and Uganda. We also hope to work in Sudan in the near future. A group will return to Kenya in October 2005 to work among the Maasai in Southwestern part of the country. Previous ministry has taken place in Kakuma, Kenya which is the home to approximately 80,000 refugees from Sudan, Somalia, Rwanda, and Ethiopia.

During our trip in October we will be involved in church leadership training, pastoral training, children’s ministries, hut to hut evangelism, women’s ministry and abstinence education in 5 schools.



**PLEASE PRAY** for God’s provision as we prepare for this mission experience. In addition to the things mentioned above, we plan to plant churches in Maasai Land. Please pray that we will have adequate resources to provide for some of their physical needs. We also hope to provide building supplies and training materials.

*This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the CROSSROADS and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it and you will find rest for your souls.”*



**Items For Prayer**

- 1. Transportation** - Some Sundays we transport as many as 30 people to church. We are praying for a Van.
- 2. Facility** - We currently rent a facility but only have access to it for 2 hours on Sunday morning. We are praying for a building that will facilitate expanded ministry.
- 3. Volunteers** - We are praying for folks to come (as interns, M.S.C. volunteers, or on their own to work alongside us at Crossroads) We need help in children, youth, and worship ministries. We also need help with such things as tutoring, after school programs, and ESL.
- 4. Communication** - We are limited in what we are able to do in the area of communication, whether by print, radio, newspaper, signage, or the internet. Pray that we will be able to get the word out in the community about the church.
- 5. Equipment and Materials** - We are also praying for God's provision in the area of audio/visual equipment and educational materials.
- 6. MOST IMPORTANT** - Pray for the church as we seek to be "On Mission" with God in the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. We believe God has given us a vision for a great multicultural church in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

**TO HIM BE THE GLORY!**