

- Rev. Dr. C. Edward Morgan-

Places of Blessing...

I first became acquainted with PEB in 2003 when I was called as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Iowa City, IA. The church was one of the first to support the effort to rebuild the PEB schools. FPC had committed a considerable gift toward building a multipurpose building at Christian Girls' High School, Pasrur. We donated the money, and then I traveled to Pakistan with the mission committee chairperson. That trip changed my life. We visited the school where I delivered the dedication address for the new multipurpose building. At the end of the address, I heard myself saying, "When I return, we will dedicate a new dormitory."

Upon my return to Iowa City and with my promise to those dear children in my mind, I met with a generous member of our church and shared with him the tremendous opportunity of educating hundreds of children in Pakistan. He was moved to donate \$150,000 (half the cost of the dormitory). Fueled by this generous donation, I reached out to members of FPC Endowment Fund who then committed to providing an additional \$150,000. The dormitory was built, and prayers were answered.



Although I did not get a chance to attend the dedication ceremony for the new dormitory, my commitment to PEB continued, and God was working ahead of me. After a sermon one Sunday at First Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud, Minnesota (where I was now pastor), a member approached me and said, "I want to build a school in Pakistan." It wasn't long before this woman and I were on a plane to Pakistan to visit schools and connect with the Sargodha Girls' Dormitory. Seeing the terrible condition of the existing dorm, we were deeply touched and made a commitment to build a new dormitory. That took longer and many more generous people beyond my efforts, but the dormitory was dedicated in 2017 in the presence of smiling girls who are now enjoying a safe and healthy place to live.

It is exciting to be part of all the growth in the PEB Schools. It is also gratifying to have been part of the establishment of the non-profit organization, Friends of PEB, Inc. I was privileged to serve on the Board and become the first Executive Director. We joined hands with over 1,000 donors and over 300 churches across 40 states. This organization, which is strong today, will provide support for PEB Pakistan many years into the future.

Through all my personal involvement with PEB, I have been blessed. I have been blessed by Veda Javaid Gill, committed board members, donors, PEB staff, teachers, and administrators. Most of all I have been blessed by the hundreds of children who will make a difference with their lives and talents in Pakistan and throughout the world. From the shambles of the schools left following nationalization to the beautiful buildings of today, we celebrate and give God the glory. The buildings reflect the love, commitment, and partnership of friends in the USA with those who fill the buildings every day in Pakistan.

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