Student pastor says he’s focusing on mission

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Sean Brubaker is a student pastor at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. He participates in a program that provides training in the field for students. While Brubaker is in his last term at the seminary he is serving the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Ellwood City.

Brubaker said it is a very positive experience. "Calvin was looking for a minister, and it is ideal for me as it gives me the opportunity to get experience. It also gives me time to explore and decide whether to be a missionary, plant a new church or serve in an established church," Brubaker said.

In June Brubaker will be serving the church full-time until his graduation in December. At that time, if both parties (Brubaker and the church) agree, he could become the church’s full-time pastor.

Originally from Lancaster County, Brubaker graduated from Garden Spot High School in New Holland, Pa. He attended Geneva College and graduated with a degree in mission programs and music in 2008. He began playing the alto saxophone in the fourth grade and continues to enjoy music.

Mission is Brubaker’s major interest, and he is given it a lot of thought to how he would best serve God.

"There are many mission fields. America is a mission field," Brubaker said.

"I went into the ministry because it gives me the opportunity to talk to people about things that are really important. It is a window for Christ and to talk about how Christ is relevant in their lives."

It is a busy time in Brubaker’s life as he continues his studies, serves the church and spends time with his family.

After four years in the youth ministry at the Mars United Presbyterian Church Brubaker entered the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary part-time. After graduating in December he will be ordained.

He lives in Mars with his wife, Amanda, and their baby daughter, Rachel.