*Story-tellers Consultation*,

Missão Servos, Brazil

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The following is description of what occurs at the *Story-tellers Consultation* in São Paulo:

**Vision** – Designed for grass-roots workers building the broken-wall in front of their house (Ne. 3) so they might be encouraged by the testimony of others, get the bigger-picture of the whole city-wall (Ne. 4) and to know that the final objective is not self or the individual project, but collective worship is central (Ne. 8).

**Objective** – Gather 20 to 25 leaders working among the poor in the city to share and learn from each other. Strengthen each other in the Grace of the Lord 2 Timothy 2:1.

**Schedule** – Friday and Saturday each ministry given 30 min to share, followed by 10 min of interaction and then time of intercessory prayer. Evenings devoted to worship and guest speaker. Sunday service devoted to worship and consecration.

**Location** – Serene surrounding just outside the city with access by public transportation. Registration needs to state that each participant agrees to handle phone calls only in extreme emergencies. Healthy food and rest offered, perhaps fully subsidized so as to attract needy participants used to be on the giving-side.

**Scribe** – Write summary of the discussions later edited and formulated in such a way to transcribe lessons-learned and Biblical principles evidenced for the benefit of all back in their ministries. This can be done by having concurrent writing and personal reflections contributed by the participants.

**Follow-up** – If the Story-tellers consultation is to catalyze a movement in the city it is critical to follow-up in three areas: the initial confidence and credibility gained among the individual workers serves as a platform for (1) pastoral care and (2) networking follow-up. But more critical still is to follow-up these practitioners with a healthy interaction with technocrats and mobilizers in society. Ideally, other such (3) *forums of interaction* as “Pastor’s Breakfasts” or “Seminars” or “Small Group” gatherings can serve to intermix these two, often isolated, groups to allow for cooperative movements.

**Summary** – Two frontiers are to be broken in order to allow for urban renewal movements. The first, is paradigm shifts in the way practitioners think, operate and relate to others. The *Story-tellers Consultation* is the ideal forum to permit this inner metamorphosis. Similar *Forums of Interaction* that connect the practitioners with the decision-makers and mobilizers proves crucial for kingdom growth in the city.