

REBUILDERS



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THE STATESMEN PROJECT DISCIPLING NATIONS FOR CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Many of you have heard us speak of *The Statesmen Project*. One of our purposes for this SCS update is to help you as our ministry partners better understand how this project is clarifying what SCS does as a ministry to train people to disciple nations and how *The Statesmen Project* is helping to draw new students to our schools and broaden our networking services for leaders in the Body of Christ. The following is an update from Dennis Peacocke:

The Statesmen Project is an international movement of Christians and like-minded people responding to the current economic and social issues and its specific community and national problems. We are a group of people seeking to transcend self-interest and politics-as-usual to help our communities and nations thrive out of these crises. *The Statesmen Project* is a strategic response to bring God's ways into the situation and to reposition the scope, scale, and depth of the Christian church and influence within the general public conversation and the public policy decision-making process of the nations and local communities.

The mission of *The Statesmen Project* is to prepare disciples of Christ who are

willing to respond in loving action and words to the social needs that are the results of the misuse of public debt and the subsequent de-funding of city, county, state, and federal funds. We plan to actively participate in national and local discussions about choices as a culture that will impact social and economic issues. These efforts will be supported by widespread prayer. We also hope to elevate the way citizens and the electorate think in order to impact the thinking and actions of their elected officials and other people of influence.

Over the last eighteen months we have formed a coalition of international apostolic leaders of networks that represent large numbers of churches and ministries who serve as Advisors on the project. They are recommending participants in the project and are supporting it through their networks. In addition to regular conference call meetings, we have had three assemblages over this extended time, two in Dallas and a recent meeting in Washington, DC in early February. The attendance level of current participants is over 90% which is amazing for any group of leaders. The Statesmen participants serve in a number of specialization focus groups:

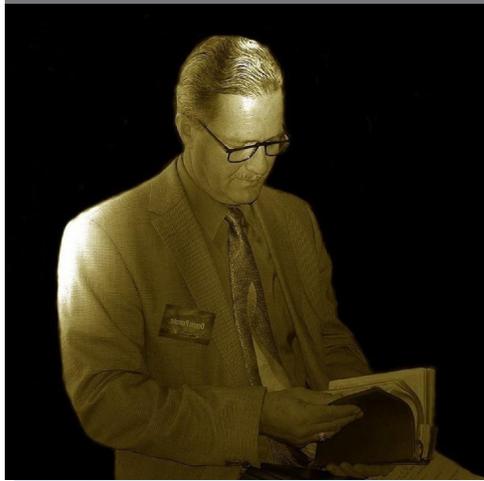
- Intercessory Prayer
- City Transformation
- Public Policy
- Citizen Education
- Message Communication & Website Construction

We are now in the process of planning a larger meeting this September in Dallas, Texas. This meeting will include an invitation-only addition of people who are interested in exploring cooperative efforts in the five specific areas of focus previously noted. A key part of this event will be our first Economic Summit where experts will address the many facets of the current socio-economic crisis.

This project is collaborative which means we find where we agree and move forward with an increased strength of numbers and breadth of influence. If we start by cooperating with those of like opinion on one matter, we will have a basis of relationship to build further agreement over time with an expanding number of people and the ability to bring our perspectives into the public conversation. It becomes an exercise of agreement and appreciation of differences based on emphasis or cultural persuasions, rather than differences of principles.

The participants in this project have been wonderfully captured by the practical possibilities it fosters to make a difference in our communities and nations. The United States is our pilot project, but we fully expect leaders we have trained to use this model in their own countries as we learn from this pilot project. We encourage you to inject *The Statesmen Project* into your prayers. 🌍





PRAYER & EVENTS

Thank you for your faithful prayer and support!

JULY 18-20, 2013

Dennis Peacocke ministering at Band of Fathers
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

OCTOBER 16-18, 2013

Dennis Peacocke ministering at Kingdom Ministries International annual meeting
Seattle, Washington

OCTOBER 24-26, 2013

Strategic Life Training Intensive
Kansas City Area, Missouri

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2013

Dennis Peacocke ministering at Nourish the Dream Event
Sarasota, Florida

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Partnering with Verbo Ministries in Brazil

As Reported by James Jankowiak

Relationship is the basis of human endeavors. God honors what is built line upon line, precept upon precept. Since its inception in 1976, Verbo Ministries International has had a relationship with Dennis Peacocke and Strategic Christian Services based on our mutual desire to influence the world's course for good through implementing the Word of God in every sphere of human endeavour. After translating Dennis' books *Winning the Battle for the Minds of Men* and *Doing Business God's Way* into Spanish and establishing the Business Leadership School in Guatemala, the ministry turned its attention to Brazil's 180 million inhabitants.

Sergio Coutinho, overseer of the Verbo churches in Rio de Janeiro and a longtime business consultant, supervised translating the books and school materials into Portuguese and the founding of the school. He reports:

"The books are an excellent tool to renew minds and to reveal the diabolic strategies behind the world system. They have given us a clear and practical way to present biblical principles as the solution to life's problems, especially in the economic and political arenas.

"Our immediate challenge is commercializing the books because secular bookstores consider them religious; spiritually worse is that they squarely confront the highly emotional 'more blessed to receive than to give,' prosperity-oriented Gospel that prevails throughout the country. The overwhelming majority of Brazilian Christians believe that Jesus will return at any moment and that the Gospel has absolutely nothing to do with secular work, business, politics, etc., but more with Jesus giving them what they want."



Sergio's first step was to sell the books to Verbo members in Rio and São Paulo. Meanwhile, the leadership began to fashion Sunday sermons out of the material to further familiarize the congregations with these concepts. Finally, once the first year's materials of the Business Leadership School were translated, the local eldership took the course. Two of them (Sergio, representing Rio and another elder representing São Paulo) took the facilitator course in Santa Rosa, CA to qualify as facilitators and to help train the other elders to become course facilitators. Today there are two BLS classes in Rio, one in São Paulo, and one in Fortaleza, home to the newest Verbo church in Brazil. Sergio shares:

"Through this initial sowing we have awakened interest in the SCS materials in other churches and businesses. Through contacts in the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, we have been able to sell books at their events, furthering the reach of these materials into various Brazilian states and into many more businesses. Another organization in the nation's Northeast has bought more than a thousand books for distribution to businessmen and professionals in many parts of Brazil. They also are now buying books in Spanish from our publishing house in Guatemala for distribution in Panama and Cuba. Our next step is to find more book outlets, promote seminars and a television program and form more facilitators for the BLS as part of our initiative to transform Brazil into a functioning part of God's Kingdom."

What is happening in Brazil is such a beautiful example of the fruit of the strategic principles practiced by SCS. The principles are universal, but each group has its own distinctive, therefore the results fit their unique place in the Body of Christ while bringing us together in the network of His Kingdom.

A \$25,000 matching challenge has been made. Your gift between now and August 20 will be matched up to \$25,000 for a total of \$50,000. These funds are designated for a new office staff person and to improve the SCS website, including replacing its antiquated platform. Gifts may be sent by mail, phone, or by clicking the donation link at www.gostrategic.org. Please include "challenge grant" as a notation.

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