

SUMMARY OF THE PATERSON PARADIGM

- Utilizing a missionary perspective...recognizing Paterson as a Two-Thirds World city...making a long-term commitment to it...seeing its potential for cross-cultural internships.
- Working with a Kingdom perspective...without pre-conceived plans or prepackaged programs...knowing that God has his people in the city and is already at work within it.
- Developing a symbiotic relationship between our parachurch organization and a single local church...at the same time cooperating on specific projects with other churches, parachurches, and secular agencies.
- Designing programs that are community-based, largely self-supporting, and truly holistic...integrating evangelism and social service as a unified witness to the gospel.
- Living and working *with* people incarnationally ... serving them...not beginning new programs until God has raised up local leadership...and that leader has accepted "ownership."
- Working small-scale, from a position of weakness... with a modest budget, a simple lifestyle, and minimum of corporate structure.
- Penetrating the city's institutions...recognizing the role of structured justice in empowering the powerless...working with "the system," yet ready to confront the powers that be when necessary.

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