

**Biblical Theology and Best Practices from
Stories from the Slums around the Globe**

**Grassroots Churchplanters'
Training Topics (3 Years)**

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Introduction

Developing a Poor Peoples' Church
Introductions
Who are the poor of ...
Personal evaluation

Trainers Introduction

Adult Learning
Story-telling as a style of Learning
Setting up a Learning Network
Using the Materials on the CDRom

Theological Framework

The Kingdom of God
The Kingdom and the Poor
Contextual Theology & Story-telling Theologies
Kingdom Economics in OT & NT

Spiritual Formation

Spirituality for Survival in the Slums
A Theology of Churchplanting
Suffering
Prayer and fasting for spiritual breakthrough

The Slum Context

Global movements in slums of mega-cities
Causes of Slum Poverty
Squatter Culture and the Church
Squatter Economics

Entrance & Evangelism

Incarnation
Styles of Evangelism in the Slums
Finding the Needs: Entrance Points
The Spirit, Evangelism, and Justice
Power Encounters
Reaching Gangs & Prostitutes

Discipleship & Pastoring

Discipling Movements
Training the Illiterate through Story-telling and Drama
Childrens Ministry
Discipling Street Children
Ministering to HIV/Aids victims
Developing a Work Plan
Financial Accounts and Budgetting

Church Growth

Four Seasons of Growth
Pastoral Care
Cash Flows of urban poor churches
Slum Church Worship

Leadership

Developing Leadership Gifts & Eldership (Eph
4:11,12)
Training of Urban Poor Pastors
Team Building
Family Survival in the Slums
Leadership for Multiplying Churches

Community Transformation

Diaconal Development
Preventive Health as a means of evangelism
Education – as a vehicle for church-planting
Credit Cooperatives
Intro to Micro- Enterprise
Project Design & Event Management
 how to budget, fund raise,
 how to structure and plan income generating
 projects,
 small business management,

Advocacy

Community Organisation
Theology of land rights
Connecting Rich and Poor Churches
 Project proposals
 Bookkeeping
Kingdom & Justice

Mission Strategy

Apostolic Urban Poor Mission structures
Revival among the Poor

Final Integration

Integration of Lessons learned
Time of Intercession
A Vision for the Future – the Poor Wise Man
(Exam)
Giving of Diplomas

The introductory grassroots course covers a number of these topics. After the introductory week, the city network are encouraged to gather, every three months, the leader-trainers and trainees in a two to three day course focused on one module. They tell stories or do a drama of what they have done since the last training. Then they receive one of the modules taught by expert slum leaders who have successfully developed that area of expertise in that or another city. In between these modules, they all review the material on the CD-ROMs. All receive face-to-face mentoring and all extend their existing ministries using the new ideas l