

2nd Partner's Consultation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria São Paulo, Brazil, September 6-12, 2013

Brief presentation of the Projects to be visited

Group 3

1. São Martinho de Lima Community Center Providing services for the street population

People from 18 to 80 years of age receive services. The Community Center has been a reference in the region for more than 22 years. It is maintained by the Catholic entity Nossa Senhora do Bom Parto (based on the mission of Christ) and has a partnership with the City Hall. The house is also tied to the Ruas Network – a reference for policies for people needing services. It works against drug addiction, being as this is the greatest cause for people to be in the streets.

The goal is to offer the target population socio-educational activities that are participative and collaborative with specific strategies, aiming at strengthening self-esteem and the notion of rights and obligations; favor protagonism; develop skills for insertion in the work world, for income generation and increased autonomy as a way to prevent risk situations; develop potentialities, addressing the impact of social vulnerability, with the goal of providing tools for the families to become the main agents of their own development.

2. Casa do Migrante [The Migrant House]

The welcoming services for the migrant people from the Scalabrinianos began in 1978, during the decade of the largest displacement of people from the fields to the cities. It arose as a counterpart to the migratory policy adopted in the State of São Paulo, at a moment when the local society saw the migrants as a problem. To the welcoming services were added a series of activities which were already developed within the area of the Peace Mission, aiming at integrating the migrants, with prominence being given to carrying out professionalizing courses.

Through the Mission activities are developed through the Pastoral Center and the Migrant Mediation, fixed on five axes: work, legal/regularization, health, community/family and education.