

*This Fall I participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> REVER conference (Restoring Believers and Training Restorers) for pastors and leaders. The conference brought together 450 women, leaders, pastors who serve in Brazilian restoration ministry. My workshop topic was **Man's place in the home**. The interaction with 70 + men energized and encouraged me. Their response was overwhelming and rekindled hopes for life-change.*

*In short, I sought to be the three workshop renew my vision for sense of direction.*



*a blessing to men inside and out of sessions, but God used them to men's ministry and give me a new*

*Gary Oliver, the a previous REVER*

*has dealt with severe loss – the loss of a son, his wife, his only sister and his parents. This crucible of pain and his response to it broadened the scope of his speaking provoking deep reflection in the hearts who hear him. The 450 attendees were profoundly moved by his messages on Sovereign Joy and Praise as a life-style.*

*international speaker, had spoke at conference in 2002. Since then he*

*God used his 2002 men's ministry in God's call to reach that same time I from Little Rock, perfect fit for our*



*visit to ignite a flame in my heart for Brazil. That spark led me to respond to out to the men of our church. About discovered Men's Fraternity material Arkansas and recognized it as a nearly setting.*

*response of men in invitations from*

*how to start a men's ministry. Their interest led me to travel to Brasilia, D.F. Campo Grande, MS Cuiaba, MG, Teresina, PI and even to churches in São Luis. On those trips I laid the ground work for pastors to invest intentionally in the men of their church. While the initial response was very encouraging, in actual practice only one church put feet to their vision.*

*After experiencing firsthand the our church I began receiving interested pastors wanting to know*

*For the past three years I've wrestled with God about what he wants me to do. Finally, after this long wait I sense His direction. In order for men's ministry to take hold in churches lay leaders will need to respond to a call from God for working with men.*

*Please pray with us about these matters:*

- **Pray that God will raise-up** a church-based men's ministry movement in Brazil.
- That God will **call out Brazilian laymen** for ministry among men, out of those who attended the São Paulo conference.
- One strategically **located church to host** a leaders training retreat for Nov. 2010.
- God's financial provision **to translate proven materials for** training lay leaders.

*Connie and I are grateful for 36 years of faithful support and prayers.*