

What Is Stewards of the Mission?

God has called us to participate in His vision to redeem the world. It is His mission, we are just stewards of His assignment.

The Christians at Antioch were *faithful* to the *vision* given to them concerning God's mission. As a result, they sent missionaries to the Mediterranean world and influenced the whole earth for the Lord. The phrase in Acts 14:26, "...where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work," indicates the giving over of responsibility or an *entrusting*. The church at Antioch had been entrusted with a mission from God and they, in turn, entrusted it to those they sent out by the leading of the Holy Spirit. They were *faithful stewards of God's mission* and that one church changed the whole world! Missions Resource Network, through its *Stewards of the Mission* program is equipping churches to become like the church in Antioch—faithful and fruitful Stewards of God's Mission who will impact whole regions of the earth, both locally and globally.



Workshops:

We have designed eight basic modules—and several advanced modules—that will equip your church with everything that is needed to develop an outstanding and faithful missions program. These modules include: Developing a God-conceived Mission, Developing a Spirit-formed Vision, Developing and Writing a Missions Policy, Missions and Money: Issues and Policies, Developing Ongoing Missions Leadership, Missions Education in the Local Church, Sending Missionaries (call and selection process), and Nurturing Missionaries (care and development). Some of the advanced modules are: Business as Mission, Service as Missions, Developing Exit Strategies and Short Term Missions.

These modules will be presented in a series of four workshops over a two-year period at "host" churches in different regions of the nation. Through these workshops you will become acquainted with resources and missions educators who will enhance your congregation's ability to form and implement a wise and fruitful global outreach.

Mentoring:

The presenters at the workshops will be available to your missions leaders to serve as mentors or consultants to continue the training long after the workshop sessions. Some of this will be done on the Church Equipping forum at www.mrnet.org, by email or by a personal phone call. We encourage you to seek coaching relationships with the presenters to implement what you will learn at the workshops.

Churches that become *Stewards of the Mission* are:

1. Churches that faithfully take responsibility for a God-formed missions vision.
2. Churches that seek to be fruitful in their missions ministry for God's glory.
3. Churches that provide the spiritual setting in which the calling of God for missionaries can take place.
4. Churches that send out, nurture, and care for their missionaries.
5. Churches that, in a spirit of collaboration, help equip multiple congregations for God's mission.

Those churches whose mission representatives complete all the eight basic modules will be presented a certificate of commendation as a Steward of God's Mission. It is our hope that you will then multiply your missions efforts by collaborating with other churches in your region to evangelize and plant churches globally.