

BECAUSE CHRIST  
IS **WORTHY** OF A  
BEAUTIFUL BRIDE

# 2014

## Areas of Focus



### “Surely these pastors need medical clinics and not church membership classes!”

So a Kentucky pastor friend thought to himself when teaching pastors in the Philippines recently. He had been struck by the poverty in the region of Mindanao since his arrival.

But then he listened to the problems these pastors faced: unclear membership lines, division in the leadership, sin unaddressed within the body, the church looking like the world. He suddenly felt like he was talking to pastors back in the United States.

After the workshop had been underway for a little while, one Filipino pastor in his seventies asked, “Why have we not heard teaching about the church like this before? We have been victims of bad church government and practices, but we have never known how to lead our churches otherwise.” It appeared that what was good for first-century Jerusalem and twenty-first-century Kentucky was also good for tropical Mindanao today.

Why travel halfway around the world to talk about preaching and evangelism

and church discipline and elder leadership to impoverished pastors? It is these practices that give life to the church, making it an attractive witness to the nations and preparing it for Christ’s coming.

And Jesus is worthy of such a bride—pure, faithful, radiant!

### Building healthy churches is the best way to fulfill the Great Commission.

So we go to the Philippines and Kentucky and everywhere else to talk about building healthy churches. Our goal is to equip church leaders to prepare Christ’s bride. Through resources, events, and networks, the Lord has allowed us to reach new pastors with our message. And 9Marks international continues to grow, extending our impact on leaders around the world. This report points to some of the work we’ve done in 2014.

We hope you’re encouraged by what you see. All the glory goes to Jesus Christ. He alone is worthy. That’s why we toil and labor—to see the bride made ready for the bridegroom’s coming, healthy and biblical and wearing his own righteousness.



### Ideas

Promoting Ideas Through Resources

5	7	4	11	6
Books published	Book manuscripts submitted	Journals published	Audio resources created	Books translated

91

Articles translated (Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish)

### Leaders

Influencing Leaders Through Events

351	4,839
Weekender attendees	Workshop and regional conference attendees

29

Events and conferences

### Thanks for helping us build healthy churches,

**Jonathan Leeman**  
Editor

**Mark Dever**  
President

**Ryan Townsend**  
Executive Director



### Churches

Impacting Churches Through Networks

3,289
Church Search

18,037

Book giveaways



9Marks  
Scotland Trip

“ 9Marks continues to be a great resource and encouragement to my local church and the work of 20schemes. **Their books, friendship and conferences help stimulate biblical thinking about ministry to the poor in Scotland.** ”

**MEZ MCCONNELL**, PASTOR  
NIDDRIE COMMUNITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND  
DIRECTOR OF 20SCHEMES



9Marks  
Weekender

“ The 9Marks Weekender is the most practical eldering conference I’ve ever been to. It made shepherding tangible, and gave me a clear picture of what it means to care for God’s flock. ”

**CRAIG HOWSE**, MINISTRY PARTNER

“ I count 9Marks as one of the evidences of God’s abundant mercies to me. I can’t imagine equipping these saints without the support and resources of 9Marks. ”

**DAVE FURMAN**, PASTOR  
REDEEMER CHURCH OF DUBAI



9Marks at  
Southeastern

“ 9Marks gave me a conversation partner—actually a lot of conversation partners—the kind that have **thought for so long and so deeply about the ministry that they can get right to the point** and deliver help right on time. ”

**THABITI ANYABWILE**, PASTOR



9Marks-Master’s  
Seminary Workshop

“ Thank you for the Ecclesiology class during the Weekender. I have four classes remaining in my MDiv. and this class has been by far the most formative for my thinking on the local church. ”

**CHIP ROBINSON**, ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MOUNT PLEASANT, SC



9Marks Albania  
Workshop



9Marks at  
Southeastern

“ As a ministry equipping pastors and leaders in Brazil, Portugal and Portuguese-speaking Africa, 9Marks resources have proven to be trustworthy, biblically sound, and instrumental in seeing healthy churches planted or revitalized. ”

**RICK DENHAM III**, PRESIDENT  
FIELMINISTRIES.COM

**International  
Partners**  
(to name a few)



# Looking for a way to help?

Consider supporting one of these initiatives:



## Core Operations (Annual)

### Resources \$158,000

9Marks Journal	\$88,000
9Marks Audio	\$14,000
Editorial team for resource development—books, digital, and practical resources	\$56,000

### Events \$228,000

Three 9Marks Weekenders	\$162,000
9Marks at Southeastern – annual 9Marks regional conference at SEBTS	\$18,000
9Marks at Southern – annual 9Marks regional conference at SBTS	\$18,000
9Marks at the Southern Baptist Convention (9Marks@9, book giveaways)	\$30,000

### Networks \$42,000

Onsite, seminary-accredited ecclesiology instruction	\$15,000
Pastoral counseling, consulting, and encouraging networks	\$27,000

**Total Needed:**  
**\$428,000**

## New Initiatives (One-Time Investments)

### Resources \$165,000

9Marks translation projects (books and articles): Chinese, Farsi, Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic, Romanian, Hindi, Turkish	\$60,000
9Marks video resources & curriculum	\$15,000
9Marks Toolkits – a practical resource of “Biblical Best Practices” for implementing membership, discipline, & leadership	\$75,000
9Marks pastoral internship-in-a-box	\$15,000

### Events \$105,000

First 5 Years: a 9Marks conference for new pastors	\$35,000
9Marks Workshops in the USA, Cuba, Argentina, Europe, India, Middle East, Central & East Asia	\$70,000

### Networks \$85,000

Financial support for pastoral internship training	\$85,000
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**Total Needed:**  
**\$355,000**

## Ways to Pray

- 1 Expository Preaching**  
Pray that more pastors will commit to preaching the whole counsel of God, making the point of the passage the point of their sermons.
- 2 Biblical Theology**  
Pray that more pastors will preach about the big God from the big story of the Bible, protecting the church from false teaching.
- 3 The Gospel**  
Pray that pastors will faithfully proclaim the gospel every chance they have. Pray their churches will ask for nothing more than the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- 4 Conversion**  
Pray that more churches would grasp the doctrine of conversion rightly, and shape their practices to promote born-again believers, not nominal believers.
- 5 Evangelism**  
Pray that churches will be bold and faithful in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.
- 6 Church Membership**  
Pray that churches will take the biblical call to church membership seriously, and encourage the whole body of Christ toward holiness and active participation.
- 7 Church Discipline**  
Pray that churches will grow in purity and holiness as they seek to warn, rebuke, and admonish lost sheep.
- 8 Discipleship and Growth**  
Pray that Christians will grow in their knowledge of the Word, and their commitment to discipling one another.
- 9 Biblical Leadership**  
Pray that God will raise up many faithful shepherds to guard, teach, and encourage his flock.

# Building Healthy Churches

9Marks exists to equip church leaders with a biblical vision and practical resources for displaying God's glory to the nations through healthy churches.

Join our work today: [www.9Marks.org/donate](http://www.9Marks.org/donate)

## Ways to Give

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