



## Church Planting Center of Southeast Missouri – 2018/19 Report

It's been another year of growth and awareness for church planting in the Southeast Missouri Region! Here is just a brief report of church planting efforts in our region.

A few years ago, we contracted with Ednor Sebag as a church planting catalyst with Filipinos our area. He has worked in six different areas: Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Sikeston, Doniphan, Puxico, and Poplar Bluff with food events, building relationships with Filipinos throughout the region. He continues to relate to over 100 Filipinos in our region and has baptized at least six. This past December, they all gathered in Sikeston for a Christmas program. Look at this great group!



Ednor and his family became American citizens a year ago and he continues to grow his food truck business, “JJ’s Roast-on-Wheels” to supplement his income.

A significant step was made this year to consolidate all the groups into two churches. One group has been meeting for over a year at Fruitland Community Church and the other is launching this month in Poplar Bluff. The first group has met an important milestone in identifying a leadership team that Ednor has begun to meet with regularly and they are taking more and more ownership. You can see a picture of each of the groups on the back of this page.



Just a few weeks ago, Ednor underwent triple-by-pass surgery. Everything went well, but he will be recovering for several weeks (months?). Please keep Ednor, Mei, and the ministry in your prayers!



*A proposal has been written for an African-American church planter in one of two places in Southeast Missouri. As I type this report, we are waiting for a decision from the church planter and on the possible locations. It's exciting! Please pray for God's will in this effort!*

This is made possible by generous contributions to the Church Planting Center of SEMO from the Missouri Baptist Convention; three Associations (Cape Girardeau, Charleston, and Cane Creek Stoddard; and a growing number of churches. Would you pray for the church planting efforts in our region? Would you consider being a partner with the CPC in starting churches throughout the Southeast region?

For the Kingdom!

Mike Parry