



Church Planting Center of Southeast Missouri 2019/20 Report

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

Ednor Sebag continues to serve as a church planting catalyst with Filipinos our area. This year he has led the group in Jackson and the group in Poplar Bluff to become registered churches that will each be voted on to become member churches of the Missouri Baptist Convention in just a few weeks! This resulted as he began to recognize leaders and challenge the groups to move towards becoming a church. The MBC is partnering with us in a pilot project as we develop a process for church planting catalysts that can then be used in other areas of the State. This process identifies the steps and mileposts that need to be achieved in order to move to the planting of multiple churches concurrently rather than a single church being planted.

This past month Mike Parry and Ednor have begun teaching a group of leaders Bible Study Methods, the first course of the Bible Training Center for Pastors/Leaders. As they are trained and serving more effectively, Ednor will be able to focus on a new group that is emerging in Farmington.

We have included a copy of the job description of a church planting catalyst in this Book of Reports. It is our hope that you will read and pray about this critical type of work for church planting and that the Lord of the Harvest would call out men to serve in this way among the harvest.

We are continuing to nurture relationships among the African-American community to see how we might be able to assist in the work of church planting among this group. Please continue to pray for doors of opportunity to open. While we await this, the Lord seems to be opening a door among Hispanics. As such, the CPC board has recently voted to pursue calling a Hispanic church planting catalyst into our area and we are already receiving resumes!

This work 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!

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