



## Church Planting Center of Southeast Missouri – 2015/16 Report

It's been a good year of raising awareness for church planting in the Southeast Missouri Region! We completed our three year commitment to Anchor Church, Sikeston, early in the year. Anchor has been a great partnership for our CPC, the MBC, and local churches, with Bethany Baptist Church taking the lead. It's been exciting to see them incorporate and mature as a new church. Anchor contributes to our Association and to our CPC. Keep praying for Jason Davis and Anchor Church!

A year ago, we reported that we had contracted with Ednor Sebag to come monthly from Springfield to our area to discover prospects for ministry with Filipinos our area. He worked in Cape Girardeau, Sikeston, Doniphan, and Poplar Bluff with food events, building relationships with Filipinos throughout the region. This was made financially possible by the cooperation of FBC, Sikeston; Emmanuel Baptist Church, Doniphan; the Missouri Baptist Convention; and the CPC of Southeast Missouri.



In January, Ednor was asked by the CPC to come over twice a month to begin starting Bible studies/worship services among the Filipinos. This has come with some additional expenses, but has proved to be an important step in the development of this ministry. Relationships have deepened and special events have seen upwards of 70 to 80 Filipinos in attendance. God placed it on Ednor's family and the CPC that we would bring him and his family to our region full-time.

So this summer, Ednor and the CPC took a step of faith. His family relocated to Sikeston to work in our region full-time. He will be working throughout the region with Filipinos first, with the goal of establishing an International Church(s) in our region. This has been truly a cooperative effort throughout the region. FBC, Sikeston, is serving as the lead church and Miner Baptist has opened up their mission house to the Sebags. Financial support is coming from FBC, Sikeston, the MBC, Fruitland Community Church, Anchor Church, and individuals. *We are running a significant deficit and need financial partners.*

Here's a list of ministries that Ednor is currently leading in our region:

- He is discipling two couples in four locations (Poplar Bluff, Doniphan, Sikeston, and Cape Girardeau) with the expectation that each of these eight couples will disciple others.
- Monthly worship services are occurring at the Lighthouse and in their home in Sikeston.
- Relationships continued to build through food-events (this is truly a Baptist group). One welcome event brought over 70 Filipinos into their home!



- Two International food events are being planned for this semester at the Lighthouse. This will be done in cooperation with the Lighthouse, the Filipino ministry, and area churches. We hope to have an International conversational ministry next spring. Please contact me or the Association office if you are interested in this ministry.

We are excited about the increased conversation about church planting in the region. The Association gave the CPC \$25,000 when we began and as of 8/31/2016, we have \$16,077.19. Funds have been used to support Anchor and start the Filipino work...and we want to dream about being a catalyst in the region for more church planting? 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