

# New Church Planting

## A Ministry of ABC - IN/KY



Since at least 2012, a small group of American Baptist leaders have had a vision for a Spanish-speaking ministry. They have been praying about a potential new church in southern Indiana that would reach persons for whom Spanish is their first language. Through a series of events that include conversations with seemingly miraculous timing, we believe God is calling ABC of Indiana and Kentucky to move forward with this vision.

In Jackson and Jennings counties, almost 10% of the population has been identified as Latino, based on recent demographic information. Yet, to our knowledge, there is no Spanish language worship opportunity available for this population.

Working with Rev. Jaime Flores, ABC IN/KY's Latino Ministries Strategist, we have developed a plan to provide the necessary resources for such a congregation. The plan involves developing a partnership among nearby churches, interested individuals, ABC IN/KY New Church Planting, and ABC Latino Ministries (through AB Home Mission Societies) who can support this new church as it begins.

To that end, we are seeking financial gifts totaling \$2500 per month, for five years. Your gifts to this ministry will enable us to provide a pastor (likely from Puerto Rico) with a full-time salary in addition to start-up costs for the new church. We anticipate that such a congregation can be self-sustaining in approximately five years.

Would you be willing to make a monthly (or other) gift towards this new church? Perhaps your congregation (or Sunday School class, or other group) would also consider making a gift. To indicate your financial support, please complete the form to the right and send it to the ABC IN/KY office. Online giving opportunities will soon be available as well. Thank you!