

Opportunity to Show LOVE at Christmas!

October 1, 2017

Bethel Supporters,



Dear Friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center:



It has been a difficult year for many of our Bethel families and they are excited to know that we are planning to give **HOPE and LOVE** through our **Bethel Christmas Shop**, this year. The Bethel Christmas Shop was started in 1968 as a cooperative ministry by Bethel and Prairie Baptist Church, in cooperation with other churches, Women and Sunday school groups, organizations, businesses, and individual donors. Our Christmas Shop has given smiles to many children and their needy parents year after year. **We need your help to continue this wonderful ministry of showing God's love to our broken world!**

"I get lonely during the holiday season and your remembrance of me and other seniors meant a lot," "If it was not for Bethel, my family will not have Christmas," and "I now have some gifts for my children and I am very very happy to Bethel and the group that have provided my family's needs," are some of the comments from those who have benefited from our Christmas Shop.



This year, we are planning to focus again on meeting the needs of our Bethel families. The Bethel Christmas Shop is dependent upon your support. So this is what you can do to help:

- *Adopt one or more families to provide items they requested for their family for Christmas.
- *Contribute to a fund to provide items our families requested at Christmas time.
- *Volunteer to organize gifts prior to our Christmas Shop on December 9, 2017, or volunteer at our Christmas Shop from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

We are inviting you to partner with us in this exciting ministry. If you and/or your family, church or group would like to help, please return the enclosed form to Rosa Macias at Bethel Center by **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**. Please feel free to make copies of this letter to share with your family and friends to give gifts to our families.

We look forward to working with you to offer **HOPE and LOVE** this Christmas!

Sincerely,

Bob Lightner
Christmas Shop Coordinator, Prairie Baptist Church

Rev. Mang Sonna
Executive Director