



The Bethel Beacon

August 2023



Our New Multipurpose Activity Center (Mini-



Thanks for the new backpacks!

Dear Bethel Friend,

July went by fast as we were busy working with children and youth, senior citizens, struggling individuals and families, and feeding the hungry in our community. Your financial support and prayers for us and the community we serve mean more to us than you will ever know. Thank you for your continued support of the Bethel ministry. Without you and your help, we will not be able to achieve what we have achieved year after year. Thank you.



We are very grateful to our local American Baptist Churches for providing backpacks filled with school supplies to all our Summer Youth Enrichment Program participants. Lili, a parent who has two children in our summer program said, ***“It is a great motivation to my children and a great help to us-parents, as we don’t have to buy new backpacks and school supplies but buy the other needs of our children to start a new school year.”*** On the last day of our summer activities, the Bethel board sponsored an Ice Cream Social for our students and their families. The variety of ice cream toppings they brought made the event

more exciting and the ice cream tasted even better. It was a fun day for all ages. As our students go back to school soon, please keep them in your prayer for safety and success this school year.

It was a pleasure to welcome our sisters from the First Baptist of Freemont, Nebraska in the last week of July. In addition to bringing diapers, fabric for sewing class and yarns, they volunteered to do whatever was needed in and around Bethel. They helped us repack a lot of rice and beans for our food pantry. They had lunch with our senior program participants and enjoyed their time with them. Their love for the Lord and our community is clearly seen in everything they did and continue to do for our community.



Rev. Nancy Killingsworth of Centerville Community Church in Centerville, Kansas brought a variety of food and gift bag donations for our community. We gave her a tour of our new building, new computer lab, new courtyard, and improved kitchen area. She was pleased with what she saw and we are encouraged by her visit and the visit of our sisters from Freemont, NE. If you are in the Kansas City area, please stop by to see all the exciting things that are happening at the Bethel Center. Thank you for your partnership in sharing hope and help to our community in Kansas City.



May God bless you for your generosity!

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