

# The Bethel Beacon

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Multipurpose Center construction in progress



Dear Bethel Friend,

The people who recently sought extra help from us reaffirmed the important work that we do: **offering hope and being there for those who may not feel welcome at other places** including around their family, relatives, and friends. Your prayers and financial donation enable us to work with our community and we are very grateful to you for your continued support of our ministry here in Kansas City.

A former Bethel youth showed up a few days ago at Bethel carrying a small backpack needing help. He was discharged from jail and he needed to find a place to stay for sometime until he could find a rehab center that would take him. He said, ***“I come to Bethel because I know I will get the help I need. This is the only place I am not judged and I am accepted as I am. Coming to Bethel always gives me hope and the will to become a better person.”*** He stayed all day in our office and joined the community meal and worship service that evening. After calling several places, he was accepted in a rehab center. Our program director dropped him off to the center four days later.



While we were still busy with the young man, another distraught former Bethel youth showed up with her three children. They have been homeless since last December, and on the day they showed up at Bethel, they were staying in a motel. ***She said, “After my husband left me and our girls three years ago, we have been struggling financially. I have no one to go to. We have been to several shelters and life is hard... I was happily married for ten years... Unless I pay \$330 to the motel, we will be kicked out and we’ll have no place to stay.”*** Oak Grove Assembly of Roeland Park, Kansas and Bethel helped them for another week by paying directly to the motel. Please keep the young mother and her children (ages 5-12) and the young man who is in a rehab center in your prayers. Having them come back to us (home) at the lowest point in their lives reminds us of the story of the prodigal son. We thank God for using the Bethel ministry to help and encourage those who go through difficulties in life.

It is exciting for us to see the progress our construction workers have made each week in building our multipurpose center. Taking advantage of the good weather days, they started early in the morning and worked until late in the evening. If they continue to make progress, we will be running out of our construction funds quickly. We still need \$750,000 to complete our building. Please pray for God’s provision to meet our financial needs for construction, programs, and services.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial support of Bethel Neighborhood Center. We are able to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our city because of your prayer and generosity.

May God bless you abundantly!

Rev. Mang & Nem Sonna