

Dear Bethel Friend,

Listening to what our program participants have said, we know that they feel welcomed and safe at Bethel Neighborhood Center. As they feel accepted and valued as they are, they open up their hearts to begin the journey to become a better person. They are able to see their worth and accept the good in themselves, others, and the world. Feeling safe is so important to learn new things, to ask the big questions of life, to grow and broaden our worldview, and to confidently pursue our dreams. We are able to provide a safe and fun place for all ages at Bethel Center because of your continued prayer and financial support. Thank you so much for enabling us to work with our community for the past 111 years!



Advanced sewing graduates & their instructors



Our beginner and advanced sewing classes had their graduation in the last week of March. We thank God for providing all our sewing class needs through generous donors like you. All our beginner class graduates went home with a sewing machine, ironing board, fabric, and other sewing supplies to sew at home. Ivan, one of our 2nd graders and what he did during his free time at Bethel Center is in this picture. He called me (Mang) to show what he has drawn on the blackboard. He proudly showed me what he wrote, and asked me, **“Mr. Mang, do you love God?”** I said, **“Yes, I do love God.”** He told me with a great enthusiasm to say **NO** to bad things if I truly love God. I congratulated him for a job well done and encouraged him to follow his heart. I said a silent prayer for God’s continued blessings on this young man. He could become a great revival preacher!

We thank God for our ministry partners for ministering to our community in so many ways. Oak Grove Assembly of Roeland Park, Kansas, has helped us many times to restock our food pantry, and they helped us to resume our Friday meal and fellowship in the last week of March. They served a delicious meal to all those who attended, led worship, and Pastor Mike preached on, “Lord, Don’t Leave My Life/Soul Empty.” His message was well received and everyone was blessed by the fellowship we had. There will be many more opportunities to work with us in the future as the Covid-19 restrictions are pretty much lifted in Kansas City, Kansas.



Our second phase of capital campaign is going well, and we are very close to meeting our goal of \$1.3 million dollars. Please do continue to keep us in your thoughts and in your prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones! Have a blessed Spring season and Easter!

Mang Sonna

Rev. Mang & Nem Sonna
Bethel Neighborhood Center