



November Update

Visiting Nurse Association Staff & a Bethel Senior



Dear Bethel friend,

As we enter into the month of November, we cannot help but think of Thanksgiving, the goodness of God, and all of you for your faithfulness in supporting the Bethel ministry. Please know that **YOU** are one of the reasons we thank God for this Thanksgiving season. Thank you for your recent donation to our inner city ministry. Your donation enables us to work with those who need help the most in our community. Thank you once again for helping us in fulfilling our mission of **offering hope!**



God continues to surprise us with new donations and new possibilities at Bethel Neighborhood Center. The American Baptist Women of Central Region donated \$16,700 last month to help us with the second phase of our capital campaign to construct a multipurpose hall. Their donation ten years ago served as the catalyst that helped us raise more than \$3 million dollars to renovate and expand our building. We hope and pray that God will multiply again their donation like their donation ten years ago. We are very grateful to them for the important role they play in the Bethel ministry.

One of the strengths of Bethel ministry is working with the community to find out what is needed in the community it serves. As the children of refugees and immigrants go to school and are exposed to the American food, they like the American foods more than their ethnic foods. Nem and Karen recently started a new cooking class teaching our young mothers how to cook healthy American foods. Nem has gone to some of our students' home teaching them how to use their ovens. Mrs. Kuang, said, ***"Thank you so much for teaching me how to use my oven. My kids and husband like the foods we cooked at Bethel, and my husband asked me to bake a banana cake this weekend. I am so excited to bake cakes with them."*** The other new thing we started at Bethel last month was sewing simple things with our senior program participants led by Cathy and Nem. They enjoy making pillowcase, face masks, and many other items to keep our seniors busy.



During this season of Thanksgiving, we encourage our program participants - young and old, to find reasons to thank God for. At Bethel, we have many reasons to be thankful. We are thankful for **you** - for your prayer and financial support, dedicated Bethel board, staff and volunteers, families and friends, Bethel food pantry and programs, this free country, and much more. **What are you thankful for?**

May God bless you and your loved ones during this Thanksgiving and the holiday season!

Rev. Mang & Nem Sonna, Bethel Neighborhood Center.