



The Bethel Beacon

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Dear Bethel Friend,

The month of June went by fast because we were busy engaging ourselves in life-giving activities with our neighborhood children and youth, families, the hungry, and senior citizens. Your prayers and financial support of the work we do touch more than 10,000 lives every year. Thank you so much for enabling us to work with our community members and celebrate their successes. It is very rewarding for us!



We partnered with Oak Grove Assembly of Roeland Park, Kansas, to conduct a Tent Meeting on the first Saturday of June, and it was good to see our neighbors coming out and participating in the program. A former Bethel youth, who was going through a very difficult time in his life was thankful for the Tent Meeting we had. He took part in both the morning and afternoon sessions. In the last session, when participants were asked to share their joys and concerns, he said, ***“Thank you for inviting me to attend this program. I am going through a very difficult time in my life, and the love you all have shown means a lot to me. I want to do the right thing. Please keep me in your prayers.”*** He was thankful that many people took the time to talk to him and showed their love and concern for him. The praise and worships and the speakers were anointed. The Tent Meeting was very uplifting.

Our Summer Youth Enrichment Program is going on smoothly as planned, and we have fun working with our neighborhood children/youth. In addition to the teaching time we have at Bethel, we had gone on educational and fun-filled field trips. Elizabeth, our Program Director reports, “Earlier this month we had the opportunity to take our high school students to visit Emporia State University. This was our first college visit for the summer. We have 2 more planned! We toured the campus, saw the dorms, and learned about their enrollment and application process. ***‘It was nice to see the campus and get a feel for the environment. They have a really cool geology museum that we were able to tour and look at different rocks, fossils, and geodes,’*** Cristian, a high school senior. For many of our students this was their first time going to a college campus that was out of town. Our hope is that they can see there are options available to them and there is not just one path for everyone when it comes to higher education.”



Bethel is blessed to have volunteers from FBC of Boone, Iowa. They pulled out weeds around our garden and flower beds, and we are very grateful to them for braving the hot June sun to help us.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued prayer and financial support of the work we do in our community. May God bless you!

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