



The Bethel Beacon

December 2022



Thanksgiving dinner



Learning how to play jacks



We received a gift of a new 12-passenger van

Dear Bethel Friend,

Words fail to express our thankfulness to you for your recent donation to the Bethel ministry and your continued participation in offering hope to those who are struggling in our community. God has blessed our partnership and we are about to conclude another year filled with many memories of touching and transforming lives! **THANK YOU** for enabling us to provide a safe place to welcome senior citizens, children/youth, and even strangers who become friends in no time. **Bethel continues to be a safe and fun place to hangout, to learn new skills, and to see new possibilities for many in our community.**



Our senior citizens enjoy coming to Bethel to see their friends, play Bingo, learn about healthy lifestyles, do arts & crafts and sewing projects, learn how to be safe from scammers and take care of themselves, enjoy a hot meal and doing things with their hands instead of sitting alone at home. As the number of our senior program participant has grown close to the pre-Covid time, Area Agency on Aging asked us if we would accept a gift of a new 12-passenger van to transport program participants. Knowing our need to have a safe and reliable van to pick up seniors and children, we agreed to their terms and accepted the gift on November 17th. It is beautiful to see a diverse group of people welcoming one another, interacting and working together, playing group games, learning new things, accepting, respecting, and enjoying the presence of one another. We feel blessed providing them a place to socialize.

We will be winding down our after school program soon as the winter holidays are approaching. We will miss our energetic and creative students who have been in our programs all year round. Ms. Maryeli and her friends love to come to Bethel because, ***“Bethel is fun... I get to decorate cookies, get help with my homework, hangout with my friends and go on field trips.”*** Our students are curious and are very excited to see heavy machines and construction crews starting their work to build our multipurpose center (mini gym). Dominick, a 5th grader said, ***“It will be fun to be able to play basketball and soccer inside the new building. I hope the building looks cool too.”*** If everything goes well - securing funds that are needed and good weather, the new building will be completed in August 2023. Please keep us in your thoughts and in your prayers, and help us to secure the funds.



We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! May God bless you abundantly!

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