



The Bethel Beacon

October 2023



Dear Bethel Friend,

Thank you for your continued support of the Bethel ministry. Without you and your help, we would not be able to do what we do in our city. We are very grateful to you for your prayers and financial donations. Bethel continues to be a place where strangers feel welcomed, find love, acceptance, peace, and hope. Thank you for your love and care for our community.



We recently had a sneak peek of our new building, and a good number of well-wishers and donors stopped by to see our new mini-gym and computer lab. Miguel, his son Liam, and Miguel's mother stopped by to look at our new building. Miguel's mother was happy to see Bethel continuing its good work in our community. She said, ***"All my five sons attended the Bethel after school and summer programs, and they learned a lot from their participation. Bethel was a place they all loved and wanted to be a part of while they were growing up."*** Miguel was a former Bethel youth and is now serving as a Bethel board member. He has been helping us in raising funds for the Bethel College Fund and also in the selection process of the college fund recipients. Having our former youth coming back to help us in various capacities is very rewarding for us.

As we continue to raise funds to complete our new building, we are touched by your generosity and the stories many of you shared with us. A couple who recently sent a generous donation sent a note written by the wife, and she allowed us to share her note: ***"...Bethel will always have a special place in my heart. At the age of six, I started attending programs during the week as well as Sunday school and church... As the year passed, my sister and I accepted Christ and got baptized. After graduating from Wyandotte High School, I married my high school sweetheart... we recently celebrated our 69th anniversary! My parents enjoyed the senior meetings and hot meals. These are some of the reasons Bethel is special. Use this \$10,000 for the building construction to further God's Kingdom. Good luck and God bless Bethel."***

The way we do ministry has changed in so many ways but the mission of Bethel— **"offering a renewed sense of hope"** has not changed. Our focus is for our community members to find a new hope through our programs and services. Bethel continues to be a safe and fun place to learn and grow for all ages.

In a few weeks from now, we will be busy preparing for the Bethel Christmas Shop. This year has been difficult for many of our families and they need help to have a meaningful Christmas. We have asked our families what their Christmas needs are, and we are planning to meet those needs with the help of our ministry partners. We can share with you family size, shirts, pants and shoe sizes, and their specific needs. If you and your family, your church, Sunday school, business or organization would like to adopt a family or two, please call us at 913-371-8218 or email us at admin@bethelcenter.org

Have a very happy fall season! May God bless you for your generosity!

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