



June Update



Dear Bethel friends,

What a joy it is to have our Summer Youth Enrichment Program in person! Our building is filled again with the best music - the laughter of our neighborhood children after a year of silence and uncertainty. It is so good to welcome them back and to spend time with them. Your recent donation has enabled us to work with many children and youth in a safe and nurturing environment, and we are very grateful to you. Thank you so much for your continued prayer and financial support.



The excitement and smiles in our students' faces make us all very happy, and we are all energized to provide the best program this summer. Kenny, one of our middle school students said, **"It is good to be back at Bethel. I enjoy being here."** Jose, another middle school student who had been here in our program since his elementary days said, **"Bethel is a safe and fun place to be. I enjoy hanging out with my friends."** For Simon, a high school student, **"People are very friendly,"** at Bethel and coming to Bethel, **"helps me to calm down when I have issues at home."** As much as they enjoy coming back to Bethel for the summer program, we also enjoy having them

back in our building. **The only complaint Mr. Mang has is, everyone grows taller but he seems to be shrinking!** Some of the things we look forward to doing this summer include: going on field trips, doing arts and crafts projects, learning about healthy eating and exercise, conflict resolution, self-esteem, and social skills.

Bethel continues to engage in educating our community members and students on Covid-19 and other health issues. In the first week of our summer program, Bryan Dial of Vibrant Health did a presentation on Covid-19, the importance of Covid testing, and Covid vaccination. He stressed on the importance of taking the Covid vaccine to protect ourselves, our family members and friends, and community. Bryan even trained our staff members to take the Covid test, and gave us more than 50 testing kits for our center's use. Our students and staff asked many intelligent questions to Bryan, and we are proud of our students. His message was well received. We will continue to have guest speakers who specialized in various fields to educate and equip our students with the knowledge they need to become successful in life.



May God bless you for your generosity! Have a blessed summer!

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