



April Update

American Baptist Women of Central Region's gift for building this garage served as the catalyst to start our entire project.



Dear friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center,

What a joy it is to be able to move back to our renovated building! We love the changes that are done to the building and the added garage gives us space to park three vans and a good size space for storage. We now have improved and better classrooms, office space, food pantry, parking, doors and windows that are energy efficient, and a new children's playground. The new driveway makes loading and unloading safer for program participants and everyone is happy. Our renovated building looks great and we are very grateful to all of you for the sacrifices you all have made for us to offer Hope through our programs/services in such a beautiful building. **Thank you for your continued support and generosity.** We cannot wait to see how God will use this renovated building in the days to come.



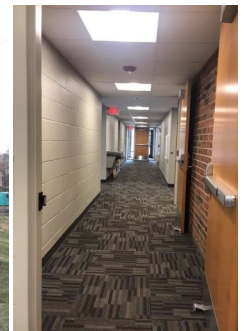
Loading and Unloading Site



New Driveway from 7th Street



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Bethel Family Night

While waiting to move our after school program back to our renovated building, we have been having Bethel Family Night on Wednesdays to strengthen our ties with our Bethel parents and/or family members who may not participate in our regular programming. The activities we do include arts and crafts, homework help, movies, games, Bingo, and cooking. The last one we had was "Kids in the Kitchen" led by Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties. Our students and families learned a lot about healthy nutrition and the importance of exercise to avoid obesity and diabetes. The Family Nights have been very successful as we have more family members participating in our activities than ever before. A Burmese mother said, **"I enjoy coming and doing activities with my children. I have already learned a lot from the Family Nights I've been to. Thank you."**



Please do keep us in your prayer as we are planning to celebrate Bethel Center's 108th Birthday and have a Grand Opening in the near future. Please pray for the much needed Certificate of Occupancy to resume all our program and services soon. We are thrilled moving back to our building and we are asking God to lead us to do ministries that will proclaim the gospel of love, peace, faith, and hope.

We wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Easter!

Rev. Mang Sonna,
Executive Director, Bethel Neighborhood Center.