



September Update



Dear friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Bethel ministry. We are able to do life-giving programs and services because of the generous donations you and others have made. Our after school program is in full swing, and our students are happy to come back and reconnect with their friends from other schools, the Bethel staff, and volunteers. **Thank you for enabling us to provide a safe and nurturing environment to our students and senior citizens; emergency food assistance to those who are hungry, and equip the immigrant population with the skills they need to succeed in their new country.**



With the completion of the first phase of our renovation and expansion, we are experiencing growth not only in the number of people we serve but also in adding new staff members. In July, we added a part-time development director, and this month, we hired **Ms. Elizabeth Gregory-Vile** as our Program Director & Volunteer Coordinator. Elizabeth is a native of Wyandotte county. She graduated from Sumner Academy of Arts and Science in 2015, and graduated from K-State in May 2019 with a bachelor of arts degree in Psychology. She is very active in her church and has worked with many children's programs. She was recently married to Brenson Vile in August 2019. She enjoys running and playing with her puppy.

She has been working with Bethel Neighborhood Center as program staff since the summer of 2018. She was recently hired as Program Director and Volunteer Coordinator as of September 2019. She has enjoyed her time at Bethel working with the summer program and looks forward to working with them more in the future. She is excited to be part of a team that educates and equips young people, takes care of senior citizens, and provides emergency food assistance to our community.

She looks forward to leading the after school program and working with other nonprofits in Wyandotte County. She said, "We all have the ability to meaningfully and positively impact a child's life," and she hopes that Bethel and its staff can and will do that for many years to come. Bethel is blessed to have her as a team leader!

Our Bethel Open Golf Tournament, held on Aug. 24th at Painted Hills Golf Course in Kansas City, Kansas, went well. Seventy six golfers played and we earned over \$12,000. We are very grateful to all the golfers, our sponsors, volunteers, all those who donated several items for the silent auction, and Tropicana store for donating Mexi-
'Paletas' for the players and volunteers. **Paletas** come in several flavors and they are delicious!



Please keep us in your thoughts and in your prayers as we need more help to assist with homework for grades 1-12, teach English to our English learners, meet increasing needs, and our dedicated staff and volunteers. **Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of our ministry.**

May God bless you for your love and care for our community!

Rev. Mang Sonna, Executive Director