



# February Update



Dear friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center,

Thank you very much for your recent donation to Bethel Neighborhood Center. As we put together our Annual Report, we feel very blessed to have touched so many lives in 2017. We fed more than



8,900 individuals (multiple times for some) through our food pantry, 55 families, 37 seniors, and over 100 children/youth received Christmas presents, 112 children/youth benefited from our after school and summer programs, and over 20 adults participated in our ESL/Citizenship classes. We were able to touch so many lives last year because of generous donors like you and we look forward to touching many more lives this year. Thank you very much for your continued prayer and financial support of our ministry in Kansas City, Kansas.



This year, we are very excited to welcome new immigrant students from communities we have not had before. Our new students are very appreciative of everything we do for (with) them and they enjoy meeting new friends. Since many of our parents speak little or no English at all, we focus on homework help and prepare our students to be ready for school. We teach them healthy lifestyles and social skills and take them on fun-filled and educational field trips. We provide a nurturing environment to be kids and to grow in their understanding of themselves and others under the supervision of caring adults. Bethel continues to be a safe and fun place for all ages.

## SAVE THE DATE

Bethel Neighborhood Center will be 107 years old on April 1, 2018. We are planning to have a Bethel Birthday celebration and a fundraiser on **Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.** Please save the date and join us to see and celebrate God's faithfulness to our ministry all these years. After dinner at 6:00 p.m., Bethel children will show-case their talents and skills and entertain us all.

Since the cost of construction has gone up 20-30% in our area, we do not have enough funds to start construction. We are applying loan to local banks for construction. In the meantime, we regrouped ourselves to raise more funds to renovate and expand our building. Our hope and prayer is to begin construction in the first week of March. Please keep our ministry and our needs in your prayer.

May God bless you abundantly for you love and care for the less fortunate in our community!

Rev. Mang Sonna  
Executive Director