



# November Update

A view of our new  
Garage to be from the west.



Dear friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center,

Our hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving knowing the love and financial support we recently received from you and other generous donors like you. Thank you very much for enabling us to offer Hope to our multiethnic community in Kansas City, Kansas for the last 107 years. **This Thanksgiving season, we want you to know that we are thankful for you and for your partnership in offering Hope to our community.**



Having completed fourteen years (9 years as ED) working at Bethel Center, **it is very rewarding for me to see former Bethel kids at meetings I go to or places I visited.** I have heard many times, “Mr. Mang, do you remember me? I am so and so.. working for this wonderful company/organization.” A few weeks ago, my heart leaped with joy seeing Ms. Bibiana at the Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast in Kansas City, Kansas. From her nametag, I know, she works for Bank of Labor but I didn’t know that she is the branch manager in one of their branches in Kansas City, Kansas. We had a lively discussion catching up with one another, her time at Bethel, and about the construction work we are doing at this time. Seeing the fruits of our work at Bethel, my staff and I are very much encouraged to work with young and old alike. We pray that God will continue to use Bethel to impact the lives of many more young people in Kansas City and around the world. Bibiana and her team will teach a class on “Budgeting and Good Credit” to our Bethel parents in the 2nd week of December.



This is a very exciting time for us here at Bethel Neighborhood Center. In spite of the many unforeseen expenses and requirements we have to meet, construction is progressing well. If everything goes well, we will be able to get back into our building before the end of this year. The excitement among our board members and the positive energy I felt being with them at our annual board retreat few days ago is very encouraging to me. Bethel is blessed to have hard working board members, volunteers, and staff to lead the ministry into the future!

This is the time of the year when we thank God for the manifold blessings God has bestowed upon our ministry and in our individual lives. We think of our donors and those who benefited from our ministry and thank God for you all. We are getting ready to give Christmas presents to our Bethel families. Please keep us in your thoughts and in your prayers as we offer hope & love to our neighbors.

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

Rev. Mang Sonna, Executive Director