



July Update

Dear Bethel friends,

Thank you very much for your recent donation to Bethel Neighborhood Center. We are able to provide summer youth enrichment program to 94 students, deliver groceries weekly to 22 senior citizens, meet the food needs of many families in our community, and continue our sewing class. Thank you for enabling us to offer hope and help to our community all these years. We count on you and your continued prayer and financial support of the Bethel ministry.



Our High-School Students listening to Sandra Olivas



Bethel high school students in a Lecture Hall in K-State.

We have 19 high school students participating in our summer youth enrichment program, and we are all very excited. This summer, our focus is on college preparedness and career choice, and it has been an eye-opener to our students. Mia, a freshman to be in high school thought that she visited K-State campus at the right time. She said, ***“I never thought I would be able to go to college. But after visiting K-State campus in Manhattan, Kansas, I learned that I will be able to receive scholarships, and be able to go to college. I am very excited.”*** Visiting college campuses and listening to career choice lectures, our students are motivated to work harder, get better grades in high school, and go to college to pursue the careers they have been dreaming about.

We, at Bethel Center, are proud of Cristian Gallegos. He is our newest staff starting his work with younger students this summer. Cristian said, *“I started coming to Bethel when I was in the 1st grade. Over the years, I have had many great memories of field trips, people, and the new friends that I made. Now I am starting my junior year in high school, and Bethel has continued to play a big role in my life. I started as a student, then became a volunteer for a few years, and now I am part of the staff. The other staff and students are helping me to open up to new people, share more about myself, and become more approachable. I have learned to have more patience and understanding when it comes to the students. The most important thing I have learned while being at Bethel is that I want to teach the students the same things I was taught, and inspire the next generation to be the best they can be.”* His older brother participated in our program until he graduated from a local high school, and his younger brother is in our program too. It has been a joy for us to work with these young people and to see them make the right choices in life.



Our sewing students are working hard to graduate soon in the third week of July. We will have a new batch of sewing students on August 9. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to volunteer in helping us either to work with our students from grades 1-12 or to work with our sewing students.

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

Rev. Mang & Nem Sonna, Bethel Neighborhood Center.