

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more." — John 8:11

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Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



WE HAD A FABULOUS CHRISTMAS — THANK YOU

Last month we celebrated two birthdays at the Livingston mission. The most important, of course, was the commemoration of the birth of God as a human, Jesus Christ, over 2,000 years ago. (*Obviously, that birthday was celebrated around the world, not just in Livingston.*) Jesus forever changed history and has the power to change the lives of anyone willing to believe in Him and submit to Him. It is because of Him we minister to the poor and homeless.

The other birthday was for a young man just turning six-years-old. He and his dad were staying at the shelter and when one of our former residents, Brandy Ringo, found out his birthday was coming up, she got busy and planned a party for him. The Livingston Volunteer Fire Department found out about the party and bought gifts and attended the party with a fire truck, a ladder truck, and a rescue truck. A passing police officer stopped to see why the fire trucks were at GODTEL and joined the party as well. The children in attendance were given tours of the different vehicles, which delighted them almost as much as the cake, ice cream and the multitude of presents. (*See photos on insert.*)

There was only one problem. Though the dad had given his permission for a party to be held for his son, and was told the time of the party, he and his son failed to attend. In fact, they never came back to the mission. We were all very sad that the child was denied this experience and pray both of them.

This reminds me of the prophecy in the Bible about the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, the celebration which will take place when all Christians arrive in Heaven. Though all men are invited, not all will accept the invitation, thus missing not only this Feast, but also an eternity in the incredible place where God lives—Heaven (*the third heaven*).

In celebration of the birth of Christ, GODTEL, in both Livingston and Nacogdoches, was the most thankful recipient of an outpouring of love and generous gift-giving during the month of December. Many individuals (*young, old, and in-between*), church groups, and businesses brought a multitudinous variety of presents to be distributed to our residents and the poor people we minister to.

In Livingston, our mission manager, Benita Woodmansee, displayed the many new and gently-used toys in one corner of our Day Room (*where we meet and eat — see photo below — this was taken in the early stages of donations*). She called this "Grandma's Corner" and would bring families in to let

their children choose whatever gifts they desired. She even told the parents that the choice was solely the children's so they had to stand back until the child/children had made their choice. Benita took pictures of most of the families (*see insert*). She said just looking at the children's happy faces gave her great joy. Many, many thanks to all of you who helped made this possible.

We pray that God will bless you abundantly in many ways as we begin a new year.

Christmas Day Report

Most likely due to the pandemic, we had far fewer attendees at our three Christmas Banquets than in previous years. Even so, the food and fellowship were still very enjoyable.

Our Lufkin mission served a fabulous brunch at 10:00 a.m. to 29 people (*17 meals to residents and 12 carry-outs*). The ingredients to prepare this meal were donated by the T.E.L./Willing Workers S.S. Class of LifePoint Church in Lufkin.

After the noon devotion in Nacogdoches, we fed 56 individuals,



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Nacogdoches Stats November, 2020

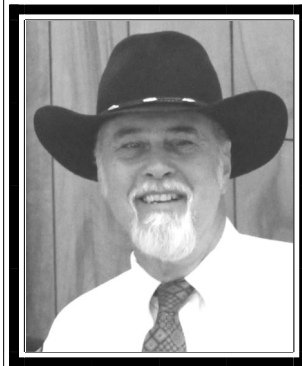
November Residents:	61
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,045
Meals Served:	3,261
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	298
2019 Professions of Faith in Christ:	2

Livingston Stats November, 2020

November Residents:	13
Nights' Lodging Provided:	223
Meals Served:	705
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	435
2020 Professions of Faith in Christ:	2

Lufkin Stats November, 2020

November Residents:	35
Nights' Lodging Provided:	530
Meals Served:	1,662
2020 Professions of Faith in Christ:	2



Bro. June Gentry
Executive Director

Bro. June is the founder and president of God's Open Door To Eternal Life, Inc. d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501(c)(3) organization. We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but we

do not seek nor accept government funding of any kind. GODTEL operates three homeless shelters in East TX, located in Nacogdoches, Lufkin, and Livingston where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented daily in word (twice daily Bible classes & Christian counseling) and deed (shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities).

In Nacogdoches and Livingston, GODTEL operates "Christian Help Centers" which freely provide clothing, furniture, and household items to area residents.

Bro. June is available, on a love-offering basis, for revivals, Gospel concerts, and to teach or preach God's Word, including a series on origins from the first eleven chapters of Genesis giving scientific facts supporting "recent" Creation.

"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."

Matthew 11:5

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most of them residents. We were delighted for Pat, "The Pie Lady," to be well enough to be here. For many years she has



brought home-made pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas which we, who have previously enjoyed her baking skills, greatly anticipate. (Above photo is Pat cutting delectable wedges of deliciousness.)

June and I ended our day at the Livingston mission at 4:00 p.m. where we served 17 people (*who probably ate enough for twice that many mouths*). Ms. Benita had prepared a delicious brisket with perfect gravy and so-o many wonderful side dishes. Our day was brightened even more by a variety of delicious donated desserts.

Both Stephanie (*our Nacogdoches cook*) and Benita (*our Livingston*

cook) were blessed with food donations to help make our season bright (*and tasty*). They expressed their thanks to God over and over for His bountiful provision and the loving generosity of His children.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the food, fruit, desserts, gifts, and practical demonstrations of your love for God and man. We are blessed and encouraged — ready for the new year.

Are You Ready for 2021?

This may be the year Jesus returns as the conquering King the Jews were anticipating when He came as the Christ Child over 2,000 year ago. He will judge all mankind by His book so don't be ignorant of its truths. Read, study, memorize it. (*2 Timothy 2:15*)

May you all have a safe and peaceful New Year. (*You can expect good things if you remember the promise of Psalm 84:11 and make the very important choices to do what's right.*)

— Nancy Gentry

Gospel in Word and Song

Bro. June's weekly sermons along with his original music are available for viewing on YouTube.

His music CDs and helpful Christian literature from a variety of authors are also available directly from GODTEL.

Contact information is at the bottom of this page.

Check it out.

Please Remember

GODTEL accepts scrap metal donations, including old cars, at each of our three locations.

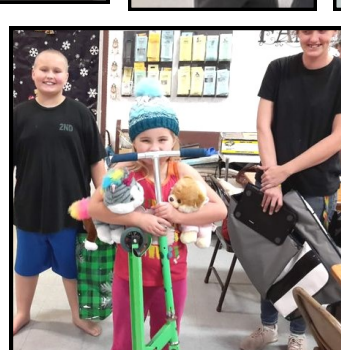
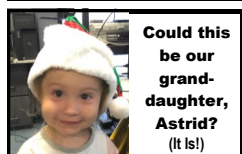
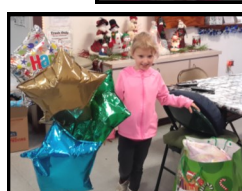
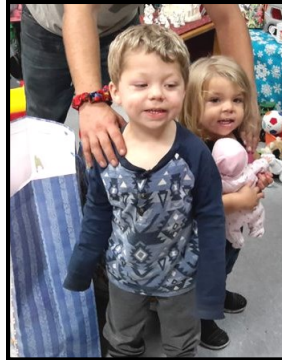
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"Grandma's Christmas Corner" Gift Recipients





Bro. June and Chris Hancock with Gift Bags from Hancock Advertising

Gift Donations Received
Hand sanitizers, chap sticks, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, socks, knitted caps, gloves, deodorant, after shave, perfume, flashlights, toys, soaps, washcloths, snacks, candies, cookies, oranges, apples, raisins, razors, shampoo, conditioner, nail polish, emery boards, manicure sets, New Testaments, Mini-Bibles, throw blankets, medicated powder, band aids, antibiotic cream, backpacks, pillows, Santa Claus face masks, coloring books and crayons, bubble baths, glo-sticks, kid's pocket rain ponchos, hand-held pin-ball games, etc.
One lady brought meals for three evenings, frozen pies, two spiral-cut hams, and a variety of



These five teenaged girls delivered gift bags for residents. The bags each contained 1 hoodie or 1 pair sweat pants, gloves, candy, and chips

Paul and Sherri Richardson brought 27 Care Packages containing personal hygiene items and snacks.



The couple pictured to the left delivered gift bags from Calvary Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas

delicious ingredients for Christmas Morning breakfast including bacon, cinnamon rolls, and orange juice.
One man brought gift cards for each resident, a turkey, and brisket which we had for our Christmas day feast.
Thank You All. We are very grateful.



Blessings to those we missed mentioning. God knows. Thank you.

These children from two families (in the photo below) got up at 6:30 a.m. to bake, decorate, and deliver Christmas cookies to GODTEL.



For the fourth year in a row, 10-year-old Addison brought blankets and pillows for our residents. This year she and her mom added backpacks full of person protection items, fuzzy socks, snacks, and bottles of water. They also brought the Santa Claus masks we are all wearing.



Birthday Party photos for the "No-show" boy and his dad. Our thanks to the LIV Volunteer Fire Department for their participation.

