



GODTEL Report

April 2023~Lufkin

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

March Madness
The Ides of March
Spring break
Daylight savings
Spring equinox
31 days of March

EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-8
Still working-6
The Mosaic Center-2
The Fieldhouse-2
Professions of Faith-4
Praise the Lord!

We said goodbye to Jodie this past month. She came in August of 2022. While here, Jodie helped out in several areas. She did a tour in the laundry room. She cleaned the public bathrooms. She helped out in the women’s dorm. Jodie, also, made medical appointments and trips to the Social Security office.

Some days Jodie went out to her father’s land and house, cleaning and getting the place ready to sell. Sadly, we had to tell her to leave for failing a drug test. For seven months, in our twice a day Bible studies, she heard of God’s love for her and that He has the perfect plan for her life. Pray.

David got here in October. In December, he made a decision for Christ. He, too, helped around the mission. He volunteered for meal time chores and found other jobs throughout his stay. With patience

and perseverance he got his business with Social Security resolved. Soon he was able to move to a place of his own.

Sam came in January. He quickly got employment. Then he had a medical emergency. He was in the hospital for several days. When he and his medication finally decided to cooperate he came home. Sam found another job that better suit him and left his first job. He quickly found a church home and is getting involved with the church activities. Sam was able to move out in March. He has come by to visit once. He is doing well.

Andre has been a friend and former resident of GODTEL Lufkin for many years. He hit some bad times. He came and talked with Martin about his situation. It was decided that he would check in. The need was heard and Andre agreed to “transfer” to Nacogdoches GODTEL. We have since found out that Bro. June knew some of Andre’s folks in the North Redland area of Nacogdoches county. Thank you, Lord, that Andre is willing to help. Early reports say he has been a big help. And pray that he would be able to get his life back on track.

Annie was here for a few days waiting to get back to San Angelo to be with her family. She has been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver and she wanted to be

with her mother during treatment. She did confess that she was a heavy drinker. She heard Bible study while she was here. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict and comfort her during this hard time.

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It was March 1973 when my mother and I left El Paso, Texas for the long 24 hour bus ride to Nacogdoches, Texas. Martin was already there attending SFA with a major in forestry. Before you ask, it was either true love or total craziness on my part. Mother and I planned the wedding in two days. We were married March 10, 1973 at the Sheraton Crest Inn. Fifteen people were in attendance including the Justice of the Peace Ocie L. Westmoreland. After the ceremony we ate a delicious meal. Don’t ask me what was on the menu, I only had eyes for my new husband.

March 11, 2023 in Lufkin, Texas at Ralph and Kacoos Restaurant we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary hosted by our daughter and son. Out of fifteen people on that memorable day 50 years ago, six are still with us and they joined us for this special day.

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So You'll Know

March 2023
 1st-30 people
 31st- 25 people
 Total helped-61 people
 Praise the Lord!



Martin Baker
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Bro. Martin Baker was one of the founders and is the Board 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.

Martin is available to speak about GODTEL to your Church or civic group. Most days you may reach him at the Lufkin Mission.

**"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."
 Matthew 11:5**

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"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

"How did you do it?" is a question frequently asked. Marriage contract, determination, maybe, stubbornness...The answer is the Lord. He is the author of marriage. "The Lord said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." (Genesis 2:18) And "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24) Love of the Lord, hard work, patience, forgiveness, grace, sense of humor, flexibility, consideration, compassion, fear of the Lord, and mercy. There is no magic formula. With God all things are possible. It's been an adventure, that's for sure.

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 Even with this celebration going on, the daily routine continued. Our

guest cooks came with food galore and pleased the appetites of the staff and residents of GODTEL. The youth from Ora Missionary Baptist Church served soup and cornbread. We had two meals of lasagna and salad. Pulled pork sandwiches and taco salad rounded out the month. I may have left out a meal or two. We are blessed to have so many guest cook meals. Nobody goes to bed hungry here and for that we are most thankful to God.

We don't have to wait fifty years to thank you for your support. Your prayers, financial support, notes of encouragement and your time are mighty proof that God reigns and GODTEL stands another month to serve .

May God's grace, peace and joy surround you.
 Because we serve a Living God,

Martin and Mary Baker

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."
 Proverbs 3:5&6