

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

January 2024
Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



New Year, New Possibilities

I hope each of you enjoyed a joyful and peaceful celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the light and Savior of the world—the Savior of whosoever will. At our three missions we gave gifts and fed many poor and homeless people. Prior to our Christmas feasts to satisfy our physical hunger, there was a devotion to feed our spiritual hunger. We are so very thankful to each person who contributed time, money, food, prayer, gifts, etc. to make this a more joyful time for our residents. May God bless you abundantly for caring and sharing what you have with those who are without the necessities, much less the niceties of life.

We provided Christmas dinner for well over 150 people at our three missions. There are photos in the insert of the celebrations in Nacogdoches and Livingston.

Death is Certain

Life is short and uncertain. Death is certain. Jesus came to die but He did not have to. He chose to die. (The wages of sin is death and He had no sin.) He died and returned to life that we might share His eternal life by making a choice to believe He is God, submitting to His authority and following His will for our lives.

Death is on my mind, in part, due to a tragic accident that occurred in Livingston just a couple of

weeks before Christmas. A 15-year-old boy had just stepped off his school bus into his driveway, when struck by a truck and killed. What sorrow! Though I do not know them, I have been praying for his family and friends.

Bank Fraud

I am most definitely looking forward to departing this earth where death, and wars, and crime are so pervasive. A case in point: somehow, GODTEL's Livingston banking information was acquired by someone who initiated a total of nine fraudulent EFT withdrawals from our account over a period of about three weeks. Bank employees alerted us and helped us recover the funds (over \$10,000), but we felt it prudent to close that account and open a new one. We were only out the time to deal with the situation and the disappointment and frustration it caused.

We did file charges on the perpetrator and pray that he will be caught and that Godly sorrow will bring him to repentance and Jesus. (We are supposed to pray for our enemies, right?)

Praise the Lord!

We rejoice to report that 5 of GODTEL's residents made professions of faith in Jesus Christ in 2023. Please pray for them.

This Month's Insert

This month's newsletter insert contains photos of our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, as well as photos of our Livingston "Grandma's Christmas Corner" that Ms. Benita, our Livingston mission manager, cook, mother hen, etc. creates every year. She collects toys, books, clothes, and decorates our day room (where we eat three times a day and have Bible studies twice a day). Adults must bring their children and then stand back while each child gets to pick three items, a new testament, fun snacks, etc. The insert has photos of the happy children who benefited from Grandma's Christmas Corner 2023, but here are some photos of the set-up.



GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

Nacogdoches Stats — November, 2023

November Residents:	88
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,634
Meals Served:	4,950
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	468

Livingston Stats — November, 2023

November Residents:	20
Nights' Lodging Provided:	457
Meals Served:	1,427
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	455

Lufkin Stats — November, 2023

November Residents:	44
Nights' Lodging Provided:	601
Meals Served:	1,939



Martin Baker
Executive Director

Martin was a founder of and, since 1975 has been affiliated with, God's Open Door To Eternal Life d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Following the death of

Bro. June Gentry in September of 2021, GODTEL's Board of Directors unanimously voted to promote Martin from Vice President to President of the Board of Trustees and Executive Director of GODTEL.

GODTEL is 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).

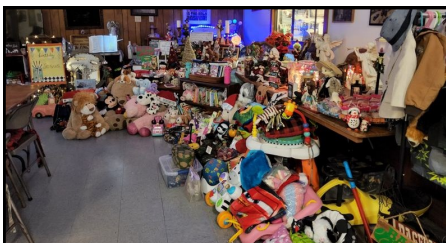
In Nacogdoches and Livingston GODTEL operates "Christian Help Centers" which freely provide clothing, furniture, and household items to the poor.

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

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We Are Thankful

We are thankful for another year to serve our Lord by ministering His Word and love to the poor in our communities. Thank you for any part you played in making this possible. Blessings to you all.

— Nancy Gentry

Happy New Year!
May God guide and protect you every day of 2024.

For Your Information

Bro. June's sermons, music, and memorial service are available for viewing and listening to on YouTube. Just search for "June Gentry preaching" and you can hear the sermons he has preached at the missions.



His music CDs and helpful Christian literature, including the series on Faith by Manley Beasley are also available directly from GODTEL (Contact information is at the bottom of this page). Call, email, or write us.

Donate Your Scrap Metal

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

(We will pick up vehicles when possible.)

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