

GODTEL Report

March 2023~Lufkin

"When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands." Deuteronomy 24:19

Cupid
Lincoln
Washington
Punxsutawney Phil...
All familiar names associated with the month of February.

EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-10 Still working-5 The Mosaic Center-3 The Fieldhouse-6 Professions of Faith-7 Praise the Lord!

Forgiveness. Remember "Bob" from last month? He is, once again, a resident at GODTEL. He got out of jail. He asked if he could come on property. We said yes. He apologized to Warren and asked for forgiveness. He asked if he could return as a resident. He expressed a desire to attend the Christian Men's Job Corps, aka The Fieldhouse. With prayer and discussion, the decision from Martin and Warren was "yes".

We are pleased, giving all the credit to the Lord, that Bob has done well. He and his wife are doing well. By day he is looking for a job and by night, three days a week, he is attending The Men's Fieldhouse. We wait to see the work the Lord is doing in this young couple's lives. Go God!

Chelsea checked in early January. She had a job at Sanderson Farms in Palestine, Texas. She

walked to the mall where she rode a bus, supplied by Sanderson Farms, to work. Soon she was able to get her car fixed and was able to drive to the mall instead of walking.

Wednesdays she drove herself because she had a legal obligation in that county. She was late to Bible study a couple of Wednesdays, but mercy was extended to her. One Wednesday she did not come back. She did not come back the next day or the next. Her absence turned into a week. A friend called on her behalf, Chelsea was in jail. We do not know why or, even, in what county. The friend came and got Chelsea's belongings. Maybe we will hear from her. Again, we don't know. Pray God's perfect will be done in her life to get her attention and a new life in Christ.

Brooke and Chance continue to settle in. Brooke is making her mark in the kitchen. Cassie is helping her in the afternoons after she gets out of The Mosaic classes. Last month when I updated our staff and their jobs, I said Chance was a "Helper". Warren let me know that I offended Chance's feelings badly by that title. To me a helper is the most important person there is. Chance helps in the kitchen. He does yard work. He helps wherever needed. He wears many hats. Officially, Chance is the Dorm Man. Please forgive me, Chance. No offense intended.

Melanie is, also, attending The Mosaic Center. She helps out in the women's dorm. She takes new women to the dorm and puts them in the bed assignment that I give her. She helps Brooke on Friday nights with dorm clean up. She keeps up with the toilet paper and personal hygiene needs of the women. A big THANK YOU to all who help us at GODTEL.

He left on a Thursday and returned on the next Sunday. Who went and where did he go? It was not by chance that he went. At the beginning of the month, Chance had the blessing of participating in the Walk to Emmaus. He was ready to go. When he returned home his face was radiant and his smile covered his face. Everyone who attends seems to have the same reaction. That which was learned and experienced is not ever lost. This is a time away from the daily routine and a time for discipleship, fellowship, encouragement, leadership training and more. He has shared his experience with any who asks. His wife, Brooke, is wanting to go to the next women's Emmaus weekend.

Chance was not the only one to have a weekend of Christian fellowship. It started Saturday night with a barbeque dinner at Carpenter's Way Baptist Church. The Missions Investment Team hosted the evening. The guests were rep-

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So You'll Know

February 2023 1st-34 people 28th-29 people Total helped-59 people Praise the Lord!



Martin Baker Executive Director

Bro. Martin Baker was one of the founders and is the Board President of Open Door God's 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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"Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there." Deuteronomy 24:14

resentatives of the different ministries and missionaries that the church supports. It was delicious food and wonderful fellowship. We got to meet and get acquainted with some of the missions team. A very pleasant evening.

It did not end there. Sunday morning, bright and early, we headed back to the church. We set up a table with pamphlets full of information about GODTEL Ministries. Tables full of ministry information filled the room. Donuts and coffee were available. After an hour of visiting, we went to the sanctuary for the morning service. After singing praises to our Lord, we made a quick journey through the Bible, with scriptures, reminding us that we have always been commanded to tell others about God. After the service, we headed to our tables and talked and visited and shared

about our ministries. Martin and I took turns manning our table so we could learn more of the local and foreign missions. We are somewhat well informed of the local ministries, but it is good to reacquaint and update. The time went by too quickly. We had a great time and were blessed by the whole event. Thank you, Carpenter's Way!

So how was your Valentine's Day? I am glad that we don't have to wait a year to know God loves us. His love is perfect. His love is pure. And His love is everyday of the year, no matter what. Thank you for your love of God by your support of GODTEL Ministries.

May God's grace, peace and joy surround you.

Because we serve a Living God, Martin and Mary Baker

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10