

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9*

March 2024
**Nacogdoches &
Livingston**

GODTEL Report



Encouraging Words

In Livingston, I teach a ladies' Bible study each Friday morning. At this time we are studying the topic of mentoring, using literature we were given by Beacon Bay Baptist Church (they also gave us enough hymnals for our Mission On The Hill chapel where we meet for worship services each Sunday morning).

In a recent discussion, I shared with the ladies about a time in the early days of GODTEL when the finances were in serious shape. Salaries were six weeks behind, bills were piling up, the people we were trying to help were ungrateful and difficult to deal with. We wondered if we had truly heard from God about opening a homeless shelter and talked about the possibility of renting (or leasing) rooms in the old three-story hotel to college students. God spoke to us out of the King James Version of Psalm 4:1-5 and we made some sacrifices. Well, we are still here because God is faithful. The first time we had serious doubts about being where God wanted us to be, Bro. June had received a phone call from the educational director of Fredonia Hill Baptist Church, Gene Ortiz, who told him God had impressed upon him to give June a Scripture: Psalm 31:7-8 which confirmed that God had indeed put us in that large room of that old hotel.

After I shared a few more illustrations when God and others had

mentored us through tough situations, one of the ladies who was a "graduate" of GODTEL commented how glad she was that we had not quit back then. As she continued, she said that she had no idea where she would have gone had we not been here when she needed us and how different her life might be.

Her words definitely had an encouraging effect on me and made me so very glad that we just kept on keeping on through the discouraging, difficult times. Only by God's grace, mercy, and power are we able to be ready and set to go where He leads us, to obey Him. I pray that I will be one who encourages others and is one who mentors in a positive way.

Nacogdoches Woes

A woman checked in on Friday. On Sunday she went to the hospital and was diagnosed with COVID-19 (after two days of mingling with the other residents). We began testing the residents and before long, we had 13 cases of COVID. Since we had between

50 to 60 residents, it was difficult to keep the healthy ones separated from the sick ones, but we did the best we could with frequent sanitizing of the tables and chairs and door knobs, etc. The contagion has finally died down and we are very thankful.

Livingston Update

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned the need for rain gutters to be installed on our three main buildings. (See photos below.)



Before



Praise the Lord!

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

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Nacogdoches Stats — January, 2024

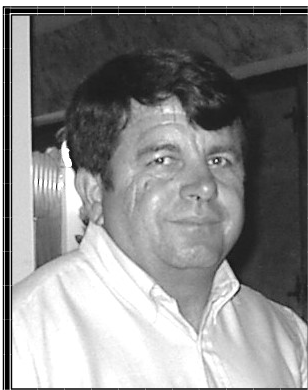
January Residents:	94
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,614
Meals Served:	4,903
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	529

Livingston Stats — January, 2024

January Residents:	24
Nights' Lodging Provided:	409
Meals Served:	1,259
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	300

Lufkin Stats — January, 2024

January Residents:	64
Nights' Lodging Provided:	856
Meals Served:	2,674



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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I am glad to report that this project has been completed and as rainwater now runs off the roofs, it is caught and conveyed safely away from the foundations of our buildings.

Garage Sale Coming Up

The Livingston Mission will be holding another Garage Sale, well, Yard Sale on March 22nd and 23rd. There will be furniture, dishes, clothing, household décor, etc.

All proceeds go to help defray the costs of housing and feeding the homeless of Polk County. We hope you will stop by and find items you need at bargain prices.

This Month's Insert

This month's newsletter insert was written by Benita Woodman-see, our Mission Manager in

Livingston. I hope you will take the time to read it and pray for



her. In this photo, she is helping a young resident trim bell peppers for supper.

They both did a good job.

Special Thanks

Thank you to our guest cooks at all three GODTEL locations. You are a blessing.

— Nancy Gentry

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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