

"The Lord is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Psalm 84:11

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Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



Jesus Lives and Provides for His Own

At GODTEL we work with many individuals whose lives have been full of disappointments as they searched in all the wrong places for something to fill the emptiness we humans are born with. It is an emptiness that only the person and love of Jesus can fill. God has promised that if we diligently seek Him, we will find Him. I think people do not seek Him because they are afraid they will have to change, and they will—for the better. They do not understand the Word of God nor the mighty power of God.

The past few weeks I have been reading about the life of Corrie ten Boom, who because of her trust in and obedience to the Lord, experienced that power in her life. She endured the horrors of Hitler's regime in a concentration camp where the prisoners were treated with great cruelty. A movie, "The Hiding Place," was made of some of her war experiences. Through it all, Jesus was her hiding place.

I have also been reading books she wrote. Part of her message is, "there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still," and "God has an ocean of love that is greater than any ocean of sin." A sinner just needs to believe Jesus and receive the forgiveness God offers.

This morning's 7:00 Bible study was from Matthew 12 where Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. The Pharisees saw the miracle but chose to accuse Jesus of being a sinner (doing work on the Sab-

bath), rather than making the choice to believe He was their long-awaited Messiah — the Lord of the Sabbath.

The work of God is to believe in Jesus (John 6:29) and be willing to let Him guide us. If we do not trust Him, we will not obey Him and He will not be able to bless our lives. This is the message we teach in our twice-daily Bible studies at each of our three homeless shelters.

At our Nacogdoches mission we recently had a father and son check in. They were traveling by bus and when they were at the bus station in Houston (TX), six men robbed them of all their possessions. They then walked and hitched rides to get to Nacogdoches. They have lived a rough life and tell us they are new believers, admitting they have a lot to learn. They were told that this is a good place to learn and grow.

Another of our recent admissions was a woman in a wheelchair who is legally blind. She checked in with her daughter and granddaughter. The daughter has taken her mother's insulin, ID, bank card, Medicare card, and left Nacogdoches. The mother refuses to file charges with the police department. We are not equipped to take care of this woman but have been unable to find a place for her to go. Our consolation is that while here, she is hearing the Word of God taught twice daily. I hope you will pray for all of these.

Thanks, Volunteers

We are so very thankful to the many volunteers who help in such a variety of ways. Our faithful Bible study teachers are such a blessing to our residents and to our staff as we receive fresh insights into the Word of God and the spiritual nourishment it brings. And, speaking of nourishment, the volunteer cooks, who come each month to prepare and serve meals at our missions, deliver a wide variety of culinary delights and down-home comfort foods. After all, "Nothin' says lovin' like something from the ..." hands of those who serve the poor in obedience to our Savior.

Welcome to The Family

A young man who came to the Livingston mission with life difficulties and, after arriving, received more sad news, was deceived by a fellow resident, left with him, and wound up spending the night out in the cold. He humbled himself the next day and asked if he could return. We accepted him back and are so very glad we did because a few days later, our Wednesday night Bible study teacher, Billy Ringo, led him to the Lord. What joy and what a glorious smile is on that young man's face.

Our hearts are so very thankful to all who support this ministry, thereby enabling us to be here to share in this miraculous event of spiritual birth.

GODEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

Nacogdoches Stats — February, 2022

February Residents:	69
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,262
Meals Served:	3,879
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	367

Livingston Stats — February, 2022

February Residents:	13
Nights' Lodging Provided:	167
Meals Served:	518
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	314

Lufkin Stats — February, 2022

February Residents:	56
Nights' Lodging Provided:	717
Meals Served:	2,199



Martin Baker
Executive Director

Martin was one of the founders and for 45 years 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 2021, GODTEL's Board of Directors unanimously voted to promote Martin from Vice President to President of the Board and Executive Director of GODTEL.

GODEL 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 (providing 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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Birthday Blessings

In mid-March, we were delighted to receive donations from Harlow Romano, a 6-year-old young lady, who, in lieu of birthday gifts for herself, asked those who would be attending her birthday party to bring items to donate to GODTEL.

Friends from her school and church helped gather the donations. Her mother brought her to the mission to deliver the gifts. In the photo are Ashby (her brother), Harlow, Iyla (her sister) and Judah (her baby cousin). What a blessing to see this expression of care for the poor and lack of self-centeredness in one so young.



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The 2001 Dodge pickup truck that I had my "Valentines Day Adventure" in has been repaired. The transmission was rebuilt (at a cost of \$2,677) and the water pump and bypass tube replaced. Hopefully it will be good-to-go for several more years ... Not so fast — the day after I wrote the preceding sentence, the aforesaid truck left Livingston to be driven to Nacogdoches. It got as far as Corrigan (23 miles) but no farther. Not only was the 5-year-old battery weak, the alternator had ceased to function.

Remember, it is God's truck and He is teaching me lessons with it. For example, I cannot go far without God's power flowing into my "battery." I must make sure my trust, obedience, prayer-time, and Bible reading are in good shape. How about checking your "spiritual power level." Are you weak or fully charged?

— 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).

Please Remember

GODEL 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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