

Do you want your faith to grow?  
"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing  
by the Word of God." Romans 10:17

**August 2023**  
**Nacogdoches &  
Livingston**

# GODTEL Report



## *Do It Right the First Time!*

When a job is not done correctly, there are consequences. At the Livingston mission, we became quite aware of that, to the tune of over \$10,000 in plumbing repairs!

A 90-foot-long sewer pipe had to be replaced. It had been spilling sewage out into the pasture for quite some time and when it was discovered, repairs had to be initiated, but fast.

At first inspection, the plumbers thought it would cost around \$3,750.00 plus the \$80.00 fee for assessing the project and giving an estimate. But the more they repaired, the more damage was discovered and the cost of repairs went up correspondingly.

I'm not sure just how long ago this particular sewer pipe was laid, but it had come apart in several places and one of the clean-outs had been damaged so sewage was leaking out onto the ground (and had been for well over a year before we discovered it). Ultimately, the whole 90-foot pipe had to be replaced. I am so very thankful we had just enough in our "projects" account to cover the cost of the repairs. God provides! (The projects account contains funds donated by GODTEL's current and past staff, residents, and family members of those same individuals.)

### **A Thank-You Received**

At the Nacogdoches mission, we received a rare but precious gift: a thank-you from the mother

of a man who stayed with us for just over 5 months this year. She lives in Florida and sent two handmade thank-you cards for the management of GODTEL. One of them read:

*"Dear Stephanie and Staff of GODTEL,  
I just wanted to send a thank you for allowing my son G.A. to stay there. You all certainly have been a great blessing really to both of us. Thank you again,  
Ms. D. A."*

### **A Thank-You Given**

Also at the Nacogdoches mission, we were contacted for the fourth time by Hochheim Prairie Insurance Co. requesting our presence at a presentation of a financial donation for GODTEL. Our



*Hochheim Prairie Branch 230  
Donation Presentation*

mission manager, Ms. Stephanie and cook, Christine, were there to receive their generous donation. Thank you Hochheim Prairie!

### **He Came and Went**

Last month, a middle-aged man was brought to our Living-

ston mission by a ministry in Woodville. He had a truly sad story of theft of his property and one difficulty after another until he was homeless and sleeping on a picnic table for two weeks. He was quite pleasant and soon found a job in a local restaurant. Sadly, after he moved out, a couple of the other residents told us that he told them He did not believe in this "God thing".

The two or three weeks he was at GODTEL, He heard of God's love, God's desire for a relationship with the humans He has created, the glorious eternity that awaits those who submit to God's authority, the warnings of the terror that awaits those who reject God's offer of salvation and new life, and the permanence of the horrendous place God created in which to confine the devil and the rebellious angels—a place of fire and torment.

### **Beds Filled**

In Nacogdoches, we are still housing between 50 and 60 people. Some have been here for weeks and months and others stay just a few days, but they all hear from God's Word twice a day during their stay. Please pray for them.

### **Family Visit**

My daughter Joann from Tacoma, WA flew down to spend a week with me. We had a movie marathon watching "The Chosen" and put two-and-a-half puzzles together.

## GODEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

### Nacogdoches Stats — June, 2023

June Residents:	114
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,905
Meals Served:	5,799
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	431

### Livingston Stats — June, 2023

June Residents:	24
Nights' Lodging Provided:	331
Meals Served:	1,013
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	394

### Lufkin Stats — June, 2023

June Residents:	46
Nights' Lodging Provided:	574
Meals Served:	1,987



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. GODEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Following the death of

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

GODEL is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but we do not seek nor accept government funding of any kind. GODEL 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 GODEL 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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She and my youngest son, Joshua, had an all-day business meeting where they discussed the establishment of a publishing company. They were able to get their ISBN and EIN. They have a web address on hold for now, but they made good progress.

As they are both proficient writers, I'm sure they will be publishing their own books. For example, Joshua wrote an engaging and exciting "fan fiction" take off of "My Little Pony", but, except for the ponies, it is for adults, not children. It is about friendship (of course), war, loss, forgiveness, and, well, life. He had some very good reviews of it, and I, for one, loved it, even through the tears.

When I took Joann back to the airport in Houston, I drove on over to Jersey Village to see my other daughter, Greta and her

husband Chet. I took her flowers from her sister and had a lovely visit there before returning home.

### Yard Sale, Livingston

Shana, the lady who rents a small mobile home on the Livingston mission's property, conducted another successful yard sale for GODEL, but, boy, was it hot. All our residents who were not at work, pitched in to help set items out and return them to storage. (Ms. Benita



and Shana gained quite a tan—with shades of red!) Thank you, Shana!

Until next month, may the Lord bless you and keep you. — 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 GODEL (Contact information is at the bottom of this page). Call, email, or write us.

### Praise the Lord!

We rejoice to report that  
In the month of June,  
4 of GODEL's residents  
made a profession of  
Faith in Jesus Christ.

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