

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee: because he
trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3*

December 2021
**Nacogdoches &
Livingston**

GODTEL Report



“A Stranger, and You Took Me In”

Traveling through Livingston, Edward Lamar Green had car trouble and pulled into a local tire repair shop. As it was closing time, he was told they would not be able to fix the problem until the next day. His next hurdle was that he did not have enough money to pay for food and a motel AND the repair. He told that to the dealer who told him about GODTEL where he could stay and eat and get clothing if necessary at no monetary cost.

He was delighted, made his way to us, and checked in just in time for supper and Bible study. Before he left the next morning he was talking to Ms. Benita, our mission manager, and asked if she had ever heard about the preacher, R.G. Lee. When she told me that our guest was R.G. Lee's nephew, I said, "Payday, Someday." That was the title of a sermon he preached all over the United States. I felt like we had practically entertained "royalty." He was very appreciative of our hospitality, he complimented our service, and thanked us again and again.

The next day he left us with several gifts of appreciation and a prayer for our continued ministry.

Through the Roof

One very blustery morning in Livingston, the top blew out of the Sycamore tree in front of our women's dorm. (It was rotten on the inside and did not have the strength to stand in the storm.

Hmm-m, how about you? Can you withstand the storms of life without breaking/losing your faith?)

If you drive by the Livingston mission, don't look for that tree.



Instead, look for the blue tarp on the women's dorm roof. Different



branches punctured five holes in the roof and one came all the way



through the ceiling of our room reserved for women with children.

Thankfully, no one was in the room at the time and there were no injuries to any people.

I called Martin Baker (GODTEL's new Bro. June) and he drove down from Lufkin. We had many discussions about what to do next. I remembered our good friend Anthony Colvin was a logger and called him. He came right over and saw that he would be unable to extract the tree from the roof — but not to worry. He knew a man who could do the job. He was called and arrived quickly but it was too late in the day for him to get started so he came early the next morning and his crew got to



work. I was extremely impressed with the excellent work they did.

I relearned, or at least I hope I finally learned, a valuable lesson. Don't put off doing something that

May you have a blessed

Christmas. Be joyful.

**We can rejoice because
Jesus loves us and came
to provide a life worth living
and a way to Heaven.**

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Nacogdoches Stats — October, 2021

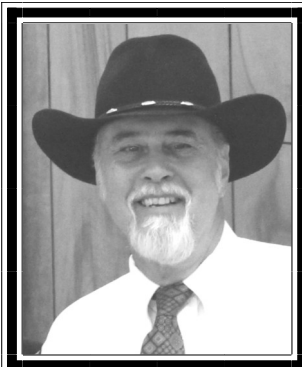
October Residents:	73
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,283
Meals Served:	3,932
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	373
2021 Professions of Faith in Christ:	3

Livingston Stats — October, 2021

October Residents:	13
Nights' Lodging Provided:	210
Meals Served:	647
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	361
2020 Professions of Faith in Christ:	3

Lufkin Stats — October, 2021

October Residents:	45
Nights' Lodging Provided:	722
Meals Served:	2,196
2021 Professions of Faith in Christ:	4



Bro. June Gentry
08/08/1947— 09/17/2021

Bro. June was the founder and for 45 years the CEO of God's Open Door To Eternal Life 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 NAC & LIV, GODTEL operates "Christian Help Centers" which freely provide clothing, furniture, and household items to the poor.

Bro. June authored a book titled "Creation vs. Evolution" giving scientific facts supporting "recent" Creation and was nearing completion of a commentary on the first eleven chapters of Genesis and a book of Christian fiction about going to Mars. Hopefully, they will be completed soon.

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

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needs to be done. You see, our handyman, Terry, and I had already agreed that the tree needed to be trimmed or cut down, I just had not taken action.

A Former Resident Calls

W.F., a resident at our Nacogdoches shelter back in 1998, called recently. When we spoke, he told me he reads the "GODTEL Report" newsletter on our web site. When he read of Bro. June's "promotion" to Heaven, he called to give his condolences and to express his appreciation for what he had learned at GODTEL. He said he has been married for eight years, reads his Bible every day, and has a steady job.

It does my heart good to hear from individuals we have helped—who have stayed helped rather than returning to their old willful ways.

Jesus is My King

If you would like to hear some of Bro. June's songs we sang with our four younger children back in the late 1980's, you can search for "June Gentry, We Are the Family, Jesus is My King" on YouTube. Songs from the album "It Takes More Than a Hat to be a Cowboy" are also on YouTube. (*The title song goes on to say, It takes more than a Bible to be a Christian.*) Think about it.

— Nancy Gentry

Bro. June's Memorial Service

To view the Memorial Service, go to YouTube and search for June Gentry Memorial. Or, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VWNByy-rCg>

(There is also a link on our website and on GODTEL's new Facebook page)

For Your Information

Bro. June's sermons and music 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.

Please Remember

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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