

GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

Nacogdoches Stats — November, 2022

November Residents:	79
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,437
Meals Served:	4,473
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	526

Livingston Stats — November, 2022

November Residents:	24
Nights' Lodging Provided:	360
Meals Served:	1,127
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	488

Lufkin Stats — November, 2022

November Residents:	42
Nights' Lodging Provided:	724
Meals Served:	2,231



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 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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when the rest of God's children get to Heaven.

Speaking of Heaven, more and more it is being populated with dear friends and family. I learned from a Christmas card that our good friend, Chaplain Larry Tyler went to be with the Lord last summer. His widow D.K. has moved to Tulsa, OK to be near their oldest son.

News from Nacogdoches

So many people blessed us with donations of food, household items, gifts for the residents, Christmas caroling, special food preparation, and year-end financial gifts that there is not enough room in the newsletter to thank them all. The following three photos will give you an idea of these blessings.



The Black Student Caucus from SFASU provided and distributed sack lunches for us.

Joy to the World & to GODTEL!



North Point Church, which sponsors the Christian men and women's job Corp, came Wednesday and sang some Christmas songs for us right before our 7:00 p.m. Bible Study



The Pineywoods Peacemakers Motorcycle Club fixed a BBQ dinner for us with homemade banana pudding for dessert.

We rejoice to be a part of the Family of God with loving and generous brothers and sisters like you. **Thank you** and may you have a blessed and **Happy New Year.**

— Nancy Gentry

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.)

1902 Douglass Road
Nacogdoches, TX 75964-3817
(936) 569-7914
FAX: (936) 564-2976



323 Moody Street
Lufkin, TX 75901-0445
(936) 637-2520
FAX: (936) 637-2289

1607 South Washington Avenue
Livingston, TX 77351-4047
(936) 327-8863
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"In the beginning GOD created..."

Genesis 1:1

*We did not evolve from an "ape-man."
Before the Beginning, there was only God.*

January 2023

Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



May Your New Year be Blessed by God

December was quite an eventful month. There was so much activity getting ready for Christmas. There were donations and cooking of food, carolers serenading our residents, gifts being sorted and placed in festively decorated bags, and messages of the incarnation of God our creator, who entered into earth's history and our lives as the man, Jesus. At our Christmas dinners, we fed a total of 156 people.

I realized that if God had not visited Bro. June in that jail cell in 1971 and if June had not said, "yes," to God, there might not be the homeless shelters in three counties known as GODTEL.

Many of those who work with us have also said, "yes," to God and are at His disposal. I am very grateful for those who love God enough to love the lost, homeless, and poor we serve by being gentle and kind, even to those who are difficult. For this new year, I pray we will see many more submit to God's authority and serve Him willingly.

Lines from Livingston

Shortly before Christmas, one of our helpers, Greg Berg, who has been with us since 2005 and on GODTEL's payroll since 2016, went to be with Jesus (and Bro. June). He was diagnosed with lung cancer in October and spent much time in the hospital off and on after that time. Ms. Benita, our Livingston Mission Manager, and Greg became

special friends and she has written a tribute to him which I am happy to share with you:

I met Greg on January 22, 2005, when he came to GODTEL, sick and with no voice. He was coming off of a drinking binge. Shortly after his arrival he began asking one of our residents, Deborah C. about me. He finally started talking to me and things changed for him. I told him I was not interested in being in any kind of relationship with anyone dependent on alcohol. He said okay and with God's powerful help, Greg never touched another drop. How I thank God for how he changed Greg's life.



Gregory Eugene Berg

11-27-1952 — 12-21-2022

Greg was a sweet, compassionate man who showed love for me and my family as though they were his own. Before he worked for GODTEL, he had worked for

Ace Hardware, 4 years at Jack-in-the-Box, and managed a Popeye's Chicken for 9 years. Greg took good care of GODTEL's grounds, was a chauffer (making pickups, driving our handyman, Terry, wherever he needed to go for plumbing parts, lumber, auto parts, etc.), and kept the chickens fed and watered. He felt this was his home.

He loved GODTEL, Bro. June and Ms. Nancy so much. After Bro. June went to Heaven, Greg conducted the morning Bible studies (which he had also done when the Gentry's were out of town at one of the other missions). When he opened up with prayer, he always prayed for them. It broke his heart when June passed away.

I thank God for all the "dress rehearsals" (the deaths of Bro. June and my son) to get me to the place in Him where I have overwhelming peace and the comfort of God's loving arms around me. I trust in His Word and promises that He will always be with me through great times and times like these, when death comes to a loved one.

We will all miss Greg but rejoice to know we will see him again soon

Praise the Lord!

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