

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." John 3:16

**February 2023**  
**Nacogdoches & Livingston**

# GODTEL

  


# Report



## *God Still Works Miracles*

Onward into the new year we go. The Tax reporting papers for 2022 are completed and transmitted to the IRS and Social Security Departments (*W-2s, 1099s, and 1098-Cs*). The sales tax for last year has been paid. Our statistics for the year have been calculated—as you can see here in the center of the page.

I have also updated our brochure with last year's statistics and have used it as this month's insert. It includes the totals from all three mission locations combined as well as a brief history and other information about GODTEL.

### **Happy Valentine's Day**

Romantic "love" is a wonderful feeling but my prayer for us all is that we display the kind of love God describes in 1 Corinthians 13. It is not a feeling. Rather it is action: how we choose to treat those we come into contact with. We can check up on ourselves to see if we are being patient, kind, humble, etc. God's love in us, through the mighty power of His Holy Spirit, will enable us to show His love to others, even the unlovable.

### **Miracles**

The question just came to me, "Are there any **small** miracles?" Any miraculous happening is amazing and beyond human ability or explanation. With that said, let me tell you about a miracle God per-

formed for me on Monday, January 23, 2023. I was working in my Nacogdoches office and needed my Driver's License as proof of who I am so I could process GODTEL's 1099 Forms for tax reporting—online!!! (*In years past I have filled them out by hand or*

automobile. I called Benita at our Livingston mission and asked her to search my house there (*she is a really good finder*). The report came back that my wallet was not to be found. There was only one other place in my house that it could have been—the locked safe closet. God has a way of gently leading His listening children and the thought came to me to go to Livingston and search the closet.

Backstory: Martin was planning to pick up an extra washing machine in Nacogdoches the next day to transport it to Livingston but the weather report was calling for heavy rain on Tuesday. (*They were right!!!*) With that in mind, I decided to load the washer into GODTEL's big white pickup truck (*the one I had an adventure in last Valentine's Day when the transmission lasted just long enough to let me "cripple" back from Tyler to Nacogdoches*) and deliver the washer to the Livingston mission (*which has had only one working machine since before Christmas*).

I arrived safely, parked where the machine could be easily unloaded and headed for my locked closet with a fair amount of confidence that my wallet would be there. It wasn't! I got a flashlight and moved items all around the closet, but no wallet. I searched the house and tried calling the restaurant where my son

### **2022 Statistics**

#### *Nacogdoches Shelter Totals*

Mission Residents:	1,016
Nights' Lodging Provide	17,887
Meals Served:	54,733
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	5,820

#### *Livingston Shelter Totals*

Mission Residents:	249
Nights' Lodging Provided:	3,683
Meals Served:	11,401
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	4,942

#### *Lufkin Shelter Totals*

Mission Residents:	587
Nights' Lodging Provided:	7,869
Meals Served:	24,423

*used a typewriter, but my typing is not without error and making corrections to four copies is, well, laborious.)* I left the office and went to my little apartment to get my license, but much to my horror, my wallet containing my license was not in my purse. I diligently and thoroughly searched my entire purse, apartment, and

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### *Nacogdoches Stats December, 2022*

December Residents:	107
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,833
Meals Served:	5,630
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	454

### *Livingston Stats December, 2022*

December Residents:	24
Nights' Lodging Provided:	351
Meals Served:	1,134
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	455

### *Lufkin Stats December, 2022*

December Residents:	44
Nights' Lodging Provided:	590
Meals Served:	1,827



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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and I had dined on Sunday — no answer. At the end of myself, I prayed, "Jesus, You know where my wallet is and Your Word says to seek and we will find. Lord, you have seen that I have diligently looked for my wallet. Will You please show me where it is." I then walked over to my dining table and began unzipping the three pouches in my purse to show Benita how I had searched my purse thoroughly. When I unzipped the compartment the wallet should have been in, much to my astonishment, THERE IT WAS!!!

I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God performed a miracle. I do not know His reason or purpose. Perhaps He wanted the washing machine in Livingston on Monday instead of a-week-from Thursday. Or, maybe He just wanted to give me the joy of having Him per-

form a miracle for me. Whether He prevented me from seeing/finding my wallet in my purse in Nacogdoches, or He caused it to appear in my purse (*from wherever it might have been*), God worked a miracle.

I am reminded of the pseudo-scientists who declare that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea in just two inches of marsh water, that there was no miracle. They fail to realize that the greater miracle would have been for the Egyptian army to drown in just two inches of marsh water!!! I completely believe the Bible account. They walked through on dry ground with walls of water on each side which came crashing down on the Egyptians.

Trust, love, and obey God. He is still able and willing to work miracles for His children.

— Nancy Gentry

**Just so you will know,  
GODTEL depends on God  
and His obedient children  
for funding, therefore,  
we do not seek nor accept  
funding from state or  
federal government sources.**

*We do accept funds from the  
Nacogdoches Area United Way  
because they are supported by  
community-based  
voluntary contributions  
from people who choose  
to give to charity.*

### **Please Remember**

**GODTEL accepts scrap metal  
donations, including old cars,  
lawn mowers, and appliances at  
each of our three locations.**

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