

## **FUNDING**

GODTEL is funded in various ways by individuals, churches and organizations in and around the communities in which each mission is located. **We do not seek nor accept funding from government sources.** Here are examples of types and sources of support:

- † Local Churches
- † Prayer Groups
- † Bible Study Teachers (Volunteers)
- † Individual Donations
- † College Organizations
- † Canned Food Drives
- † All Types of Food Donations
- † Personal Hygiene Items
- † Clothing Donations
- † Household Items, Bedding, Towels
- † Furniture
- † Volunteer Work
- † Nacogdoches Area United Way



Monetary gifts are used at the GODTEL mission in the county from which the gift was received. All items donated to GODTEL that are not directly used in our missions, such as household items and furniture, are given to local needy people in our communities. Donated household and clothing items are distributed free of charge to those in need.

*God's Open Door To Eternal Life, Inc.*  
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Monetary donations are tax-deductible consistent with  
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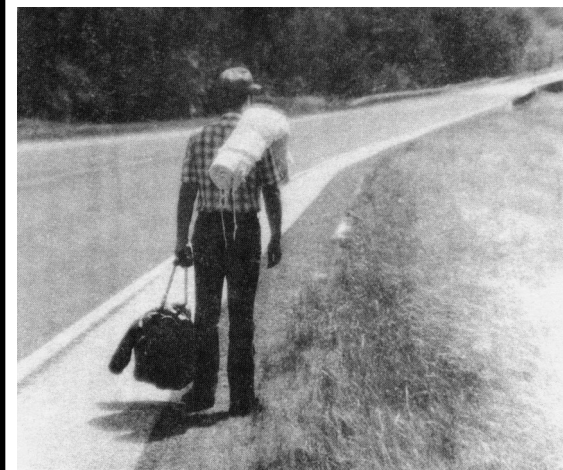
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# **GODTEL Ministries**

**Sharing Practical  
Christianity  
Since 1975**



## **Homelessness ...**



**It's not just a big-city problem.**

***The poor have the gospel preached to them.***

**Matthew 11:5**

## HISTORY



God's Open Door To Eternal Life, Inc., d.b.a. GODTEL, was chartered in 1975 by Rev. June and Nancy Gentry. (Bro. June died of COVID in September, 2021.) When God gave them a vision to minister to the homeless and less fortunate in their community, Bro. June and Nancy, with the help of Martin and Mary Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Englert, and a host of other Christian friends, began this work. The first mission opened in January 1977 on the brick streets of Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas. The Lufkin facility was established in October 1983. Then, in December 1988, the Livingston shelter began serving yet another East Texas community. Since opening the first shelter early in 1977, GODTEL has daily presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor while providing them with temporary shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities.

## CHC



At our Christian Help Centers (CHCs,) we give away donated household items and clothing to those in need. Last year, on average, we assisted more than 872 people per month in our East Texas communities. Most years we help 1,000 people per month. (In 2023 we provided clothing for 10,466 individuals.) This service provides an opportunity for us to witness to non-residents by handing out Christian literature with the items they receive.

## HOUSING



At our three shelters we house men, women, and families. Each mission is able to house at least 60 people (120 in Nacogdoches). In 2023 we provided 38,220 beds (this number represents each night a bed is occupied) to 2,102 homeless individuals. Residents may stay as long as they obey house rules and are continually working or seeking work. Upon their departure, we hope they have gained financial stability and have acquired a greater understanding of basic Scripture.

## MINISTERING



To help meet the spiritual needs of our residents, we require them to attend Bible Study twice a day during their stay. These Bible studies are held at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week. Bible Studies are a formal way of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We conduct personal counseling sessions with those who have a deeper desire to come to the saving knowledge of our Lord. Staff members live in our missions, allowing an even greater opportunity to witness to residents. Mission Directors and staff members teach the majority of our Bible Studies. We also have several dedicated volunteers who regularly conduct some of our other Bible Studies. During 2023, a minimum of 23 of our residents made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

## MEALS



All the missions provide three meals daily, to residents as well as to non-residents. Collectively, the missions served over 8,774 meals each month and a total of 105,289 meals for the year of 2023. (We served over 14,732 more meals in 2023 than in 2022.) Since 1977 we have served over two million (around 2,888,924) meals to the hungry. These mealtimes allow another occasion to witness to residents and non-residents through prayer and a brief Scripture reading.

## MISSION



Since 1975 this ministry has met the spiritual and/or physical needs of well over a million people. We minister to homeless, and otherwise needy, individuals, families, single-parents, drug addicts, alcoholics, prisoners, parolees, and probationers, as well as church members all over the United States. Our message focuses on the practical applications of the Scriptures. Although many come to our missions with physical needs (housing, food, and clothing), our primary purpose remains: to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We strive to allow the love of Christ to reach every person who enters through the open doors of GODTEL Ministries.