



# GODTEL

## Report

February 2024~Lufkin

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***“For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***  
**John 3:16**

*“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” Deuteronomy 6:5*

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**EMPLOYMENT REPORT:**

New jobs-5  
Still working-8  
The Men’s Fieldhouse-8  
The Mosaic Center-2  
Professions of Faith-2

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*“Thou shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Mark 12:31*

POP! POP! POP! The sound of firecrackers were heard around the neighborhood welcoming in the new year. Warren and a few of our residents took up the challenge and stayed up until midnight meeting the new year head on. While waiting for the calendar to turn the page the folks watched movies, ate popcorn and enjoyed soft drinks provided by us.

So now the new year is 1/12th over. Can you believe it?! How time flies.

Brooke started the new year with an invitation to visit and tour The Mosaic Center, also known as Christian Women’s Job Corps. She enjoyed her visit and learned a lot about this amazing ministry to women in our community. The spring session started the 29th day of January. GODTEL has two women attending this session. We praise God that these women want to grow in their walk with the

Lord. Pray for these girls to attend and complete this 12 week session.

The Christian Men’s Job Corps, also known as The Men’s Fieldhouse, began its spring session the week before on the 22nd of January. Hold on to your hats...GODTEL has eight men attending classes! Two cars, three times a week, drive these men to the evening classes. We praise the Lord for these men and thank God for their desire to learn more about the Lord and be better men. Pray with us that they all complete this spring session. What a blessing it will be.

*“If you love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15*

Joseph was “transferred” to the Livingston GODTEL. There are several projects needing to be done and he is just the person to do it. His first assignment is a storeroom. He has cleaned it out, done some wall repair and it is ready for a fresh paint job. He has come for a visit or two.

We have had our usual east Texas winter dance. We went from parkas to umbrellas. We dipped and stayed below freezing for a few days. Then warmer temperatures arrived bringing 2 to 3 days of rain. We broke records of freezing temperatures and rain amounts in a day.

Our guest cooks started the new year with delicious meals.

Soup, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hashbrown casserole, taco salad and potato soup with sliders satisfied our appetites this past month.

*“Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law.” Romans 13:8*

Christi has moved back to Lufkin and GODTEL. Her friendly face and encouraging words can be seen and heard in our kitchen. Christi enjoys cooking and for a short time she will be in the kitchen. She has good help. Cassie is right beside her, cutting, cooking and cleaning, as needed. She is a big help in the women’s dorm. We have a full house and there is a lot to keep up with. Cassie gets the job done.

We have several multi-returnees. Chris was given a time frame in getting a job. He just made it before his deadline. He is employed at Brookshire Bros. Eric and Vanessa, also, were given choices. Vanessa is helping out on the kitchen and attending outpatient meetings for addiction. Eric is one of the men attending The Men’s Fieldhouse. He, too, is helping in the kitchen, mainly he is the “muscle”, lifting and carrying the pots and pans wherever they need to go. We are encouraged and pray this progress will continue.

Jennifer came in from the cold.

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### So You'll Know

January 2024  
1st-17 people  
31st-35 people  
Total helped-64 people  
Praise the Lord!



Martin Baker  
Executive Director

Bro. Martin Baker was one of the founders and is the Board President of God's Open Door To Eternal Life, Inc. 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 Nacogdoches and Livingston, GODTEL operates "Christian Help Centers" which freely provide clothing, furniture, and household items to area residents.

Martin is available to speak about GODTEL to your Church or civic group. Most days you may reach him at the Lufkin Mission.

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

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**"We love Him, because He first loved us."  
1 John 4:19**

She prefers to be by herself, but she knew she needed to come here for the extreme weather conditions. She stayed a few days and then left again.

Jayne has been here several times, also. She is quiet and doesn't talk much. She always volunteered for chores, mostly washing dishes and did a very good job. But Jayne wasn't finding a job. This time she is actually engaging in conversation. She still volunteers for chores and does a good job.

*"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loves is born of God, and knows God. He that loves not knows not God; for God is love."  
1 John 4:7&8*

Just for fun: names. We had 11 J names: Jessie, Jesse, Jayme, James, Jasmine, Jennifer, Joseph, Joshua, and Jessica. Whew! We had two

Chasity's. Really, we did. Christi and Christopher times two. Alex and Alexis, no relation.

No matter their names or how many times they have been here, we praise God that we were able to help them, again, this past month.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your financial support. Thank you to our guest cooks. Thank you for volunteering your time.

We look forward to walking along side you as we serve the Lord another year at the top of the hill on Moody Street. May we always be found sharing the Word and love of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ at GODTEL.

Because we serve a Living God,  
Martin and Mary Baker  
*"And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I have loved." Psalm 119:47*

NEEDS:  
PRAYER  
Umbrellas  
Rain ponchos