



# GODTEL

## Report

August 2023~Lufkin

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*“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.” John 14: 26 &27a*

### STILL SUMMER

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#### EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-7

Still working-5

Day labour-1

Professions of faith-3

Praise the Lord!

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The on-going, never ending hot, hot days of summer continue in Texas. Instead of rain pouring down, buckets of sweat are everywhere. Whining and complaining are heard every day across the south. Lakes, ponds and rivers are slowly losing their water levels. IT IS HOT!

On the home front, we are thankful that we have air conditioning this summer. The electric bill is up, but whose isn't? We praise God we are able to pay for this piece of comfort. And, hope, maybe, the temperatures will cool (even a teeny bit) in September.

Once, again, we are thankful the heat did not keep our guest cooks away. The “imported” meals included spaghetti with garlic bread and peach cobbler, tacos times two, a delicious hash brown casserole, mouth watering brisket, baked chicken and sloppy joes. We can say no one went to bed hungry this past month.

Just in case you might wonder about the other days of the month about our meals...put your worries

away. We have a very good team of daily cooks. Brooke and Chance are in our kitchen preparing three meals a day. Michael and Cassie are very capable assistants. They, also, make lunch for our workers. Their chores are not only to prepare the meals, they take in food donations. Canned goods are put in the kitchen pantry or in the warehouse. Leftover prepared meals go in the kitchen to serve at lunch. Sometimes there is plenty to serve for dinner.

Non-residents are welcome to eat at GODTEL at all three locations. They need to be here at the bell ringing and blessing. Today we hear news reports of the hungry people in our nation and around the world. We praise God that we are able to help feed hungry people in our small part of the world.

Christi spent a week with her children and grandchildren in the Conroe area. She was with family to celebrate her birthday as well as the birthday of the United States. She had a good visit. We were glad to have her back home.

There were quite a few women in and out of the dorm last month. Claudia, Melody, Suzanna and Mandy were asked to leave. Suzanna has been here many times. She said she was ready to get help and change her life for the better. We showed her mercy and checked her in. It wasn't long un-

til she and her roommate were fussing. They were separated, which is not the usual way we deal with these situations. Things escalated and she had to leave. If these folks would only understand that we desperately want to help them and introduce them to the “fixer-up-er”-Jesus. Some do, most do not.

The men were no better than the women. Food in the room, not wanting to do chores and under the influence of an illegal drug were a few of the reasons to ask the men to leave.

Diavanna checked in the end of the month. She was waiting on her husband to get a team truck driving job. She was most pleasant and helpful around the mission. I finally said her name correctly by the time she left. They were going to pick up “their” truck and, first stop, Chicago, Illinois. We pray they do well. She heard the gospel twice a day. We pray there will be response and heart changes.

Tish came from Dallas. She had been in a severe car accident and her left arm was in bad shape. A friend went to Dallas to pick her up and brought her to Lufkin, where she is from. Daily, her friend would come and pick her up to take care of business. She looked into Seasons of Hope Center. After the application was filled and she had an interview it was decided she would go there

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### So You'll Know

July 2023

1st-23 people

31st-27 people

Total helped-55 people

Praise the Lord!



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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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**"Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."  
John 14:27b**

for a season. :)

Coming this month: school starts, The Mosaic Center and The Fieldhouse sessions begin and more hot days. The Mosaic Center and The Fieldhouse will start classes on August 21, 2023. The Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps is a 12 week session. Women attend daytime hours and the men attend Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Want to volunteer? Know anybody who wants to improve their lives and their spiritual growth? Men call: 936-632-2035, The Men's Fieldhouse. Darryl did! Larry did! Dillon did! And Shawn did, too! Women call: 936-639-5068, The Mosaic Center. Barbara did!

Remember to pray. There is so much to pray for. But always be thankful. No matter your political opinions God exhorts us to pray for

our leaders. That includes our President and Vice-President. Pray for the Supreme Court Justices. Pray for our state governors. How about our borders and those who protect them, too. Pray for the solution to the war in Ukraine and Russia. Pray for our missionaries around the world and the new believers in these countries. And don't forget our local folks-students, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, volunteers, administration, the list goes on. We pray for you and thank you for your support. Thank you that we can help Diavanna and Suzanne and non-residents.

Stay cool. Stay with Jesus.  
May God's grace, peace and joy surround you.

Because we serve a Living God,  
Martin and Mary Baker

Needs:  
PRAYER  
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