



# GODTEL

## Report

*August 2024~Lufkin*

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“I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood but I love your law. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws. Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.” Psalms 119:162-165

**JULY**  
Still summer

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**EMPLOYMENT REPORT:**

New jobs-1  
Day labor-2  
Still working-10  
Praise the Lord!

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Wow! July was an interesting month. Hurricane Beryl made landfall. The rain continued. Power went out. And more trees came down. Lufkin GODTEL was out for a few hours. Just about the time we got the generators going, our power came back on. And we are most thankful to the men and women who “walk the line” to get our power back on.

“When you want it to rain, wash your car.” Right?!

Livingston GODTEL was out of power for two plus days. On day three, Martin loaded two generators and six filled gas cans onto a trailer and headed south. He arrived safely and Terry and Robert helped unload and set up. Martin made a quick return. About the time he got to Corrigan, the power had been restored to the mission. So...

“If you want power, set up the generators and 30 minutes later it will come on.” :)

Our guest cooks showed up with delicious meals. We were blessed with pork chops, hot dogs, nachos, sliders and pulled pork sandwiches. Salads and desserts complimented each meal.

Walk into our kitchen...it is like the sun is based there. Warren researched the internet and found what he was looking for. And what would that be?! New and more efficient light fixtures. He purchased them and he has started to install them. Some rooms are brighter than others. The hallways are a calmer shade of yellow.

And then we have the kitchen...it not only has new lights, it has a brand new stove/oven. First Baptist Church of Broadus Vacation Bible School raised the funds to purchase this stove. It, too, is so shiny and bright. Our kitchen crew has been dancing around, praising the Lord, for the new stove. We look forward to many years of

amazing meals. And wear your sunglasses when venturing into our kitchen. Thank you VBS-ers of First Baptist Church of Broadus. This church is one of our guest cooks.

Thank you for your generous response to the NEEDS box. We now have oodles of noodles. We are in pasta heaven. Thank you.

Chad moved out into a house. Calvin went to a drug rehabilitation facility. Kenneth helps around here, mainly yard work.

Our kitchen crew consists of Destiny, Vanessa, Cassie and Eric, when needed.

Sometimes we have people with the same name. When this happens, we call them Jimmie 1 or Jimmie 2 and it works well. We had some doubles of different names this past month. Here goes; we had two Destinys, two Jimmies, two Hannahs, two Erics, two Kenneths, two Saras, two Adrians (both men). We had two Calvins, one spelled with a “C” and one spelled with a “K”.

Happy Birthday, Amanda,

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### **So You'll Know**

July 2024  
1st-32 people  
31st-24 people  
Total helped-68 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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**"I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight. Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me." Psalm 119:174 & 175**

Kristen and Lauren! Martin and I made a short trip to Spring for a combo birthday celebration. Our daughter and two granddaughters each added a year to their ages. One of the birthday girls may not have been excited about adding a number to her age. Helping, mainly watching, Emily and Lauren bake the cake for their cousin, Kristen, was great fun. Emily and Lauren showed off their baking and artistic skills. And we all showed off our sweet "tooths" when we ate cake the next day. We had a great time.

A special birthday wish for my friend and sister in Christ, Linda. School starts this month. Be in

prayer for our students, teachers, administrative people, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, school nurses. And the many other parts that keep our schools up and running.

No matter your politics-God tells us to pray for those in authority over us. Pray for all the candidates this election season.

Hot or cold, wet or dry, we pray for you-our supporters. Thank you for another month of allowing us to serve the Lord.

Stay safe. Stay cool.

Stay with Jesus.

Because we serve a Living God,  
Martin and Mary Baker

**NEEDS:  
PRAYER**

**Tuna  
Cereal**