



GODTEL

Report

December 2023~Lufkin

Merry Christmas

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“But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.’”  
Luke 1:30-32a

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EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-5
Still working-10
The Mosaic Center graduate-1
The Men’s Fieldhouse graduate-2
Praise the Lord!

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**Thanksgiving Day Report:**

Residents-22  
Volunteers-2  
Guests-16  
Total Present-40

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What is love? One Sunday morning Love Lufkin made a visit to GODTEL. It is a ministry of First Baptist Church. The group that came here for two hours worked hard. One project they did was to clean out the planter where the GODTEL Ministries sign is. New plants were put in and fall colors abounded.

The second project was the cleaning of the kitchen closets. That included the pantry, the broom closet and the water heater closet. Whew! I get tired just writing about it. Thank you, First Baptist Church.

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“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.”  
Luke 2:4-7a

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On November 9th First Baptist Church hosted graduation for The Men’s Fieldhouse. There were three graduates and two of them were from GODTEL. Praise the Lord! Congratulations to Darryl and Shawn. Darryl is attending The Legacy Institute for more training. Shawn has a job and continues to work. Pray for these two young men to be faithful in their walk with the Lord.

Trinity Baptist Church hosted The Mosaic Center graduation on the 16th of November. GODTEL had one woman graduate. We praise God that Barbara started and completed the 12 week fall session. She is now looking for a job. She, too, is growing in her walk with the Lord.

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“On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been

conceived.” Luke 2:21

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CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 am start preparations

**10:00 am Bible study and
Breakfast**

Volunteers and guests welcome

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I had the opportunity and blessing to spend a few days with our daughter and granddaughters. The original invitation was the Veterans Day program at Emily’s school on Thursday night. She is in the 4th grade choir. She was really excited about singing the National Anthem. The choir sang a few other songs including the theme songs from the different military branches.

Friday the girls went to school. On Saturday we went to Hobby Lobby, everybody’s favorite place. Emily and Lauren and a friend decorated Christmas bags for the residents at GODTEL. We will fill the bags with a Bible, socks, gloves and caps. I came home on Sunday with memories of laughter and smiles.

The Thanksgiving holiday did not keep our guest cooks away. Pork chops and lasagna were a treat. And there was a turkey meal prepared and served early in the month. One Sunday an invitation was extended from a local church to come and eat a Thanksgiving meal. They came and loaded our

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### So You'll Know

November 2023  
1st-20 people  
30th-23 people  
Total helped-44 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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### Emmanuel God with us

folks in a van and some personal vehicles. Not only was the food very good, there was fine fellowship. Coats, socks and underwear were given away. Our folks had a wonderful time and came home with their appetites satisfied.

Christi is settled in at her son's house. She is enjoying her time with her grandchildren. She has homework. She took pillowcases and strings to continue to make laundry bags for GODTEL. We miss her, but we are adjusting well.

Cathy (not her real name) came to GODTEL in October. She has a home but it is in very bad shape. She did not have a current ID card and had to start the business of getting a new one.

Cathy was not thrilled about attending Bible study. She follows the rules, volunteers for chores, and has a good attitude. She has re-

ceived her new ID card and has a job. Her heart has softened towards the gospel. Praise the Lord! Pray for Cathy. We want a new sister in the Lord.

This has been a challenging year for many of us. We've had good days and bad days. Health issues have been the main obstacle. God has, and always will be, faithful. We can testify to this. God is amazing. His love endures forever. His mercy is great. He is God.

Thank you for your part in supporting God's ministry on Moody Street this past year. We pray you will continue to partner with us next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From

Warren, Dolores, Joseph, Chance,  
Brooke, Cassie  
Martin and Mary

NEEDS:  
PRAYER  
Israel  
God's children  
Our pastors