



# GODTEL

## Report

February 2023~Lufkin

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*“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” Matthew 19:4-6*

New year.  
New year’s resolutions.  
New faces.  
New jobs.

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### EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-11  
Still working-13  
The Mosaic Center-3  
Professions of Faith-5  
Praise the Lord!

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Even though the old year ended the beginning of the new was quick and busy. We are enjoying our favorite part of Texas weather, you never know what you are going to get. It keeps us on our toes and we never get bored. Layer up in the morning and short sleeves by the end of the day. Rain boots and umbrellas, too. Gotta love it!

January was the beginning of the population explosion in the women’s dorm. We have fifteen beds in six rooms and one bed in the hallway. We averaged twelve to thirteen people in the women’s dorm most of the month. Ending the month with eleven residents in the women’s dorm. Only two are working, Chelsea and Kelley. Three of our women are attending the spring session of The Mosaic Center (aka Christian Women’s Job Corps), Melanie, Cassie and Victorya.

The men’s side, also, added to the high population. The men have a higher number of employed

folks. Three men have signed up to attend The Fieldhouse (aka Christian Men’s Job Corps). That session will start in mid February.

The new year started with a meal from the Broaddus First Baptist Church youth, who served us a delicious chicken dish. Mike Brown came the second Sunday and cooked us a different variation of a delicious chicken dish. Believers Bible Church prepared and served pork sandwiches with side dishes and a very fine chocolate dessert. Not to be outdone, the Last Tuesday guest cooks brought enchiladas. We ended the month with a Mexican favorite around here. Yummy! Yummy! Yummy! And thank you!

Bob (not his real name) and his wife checked in the first day of January. He got a job. One evening, after Bible study, Bob and Warren were talking in Warren’s office. In the course of the conversation Bob got angry. Warren tried to calm him down. Bob went out the door of the office building. There is a bench just outside the door. Bob picked it up and threw it on the ground. He picked it up and threw it down several times until the bench was in pieces. A knife was drawn by Bob. He would not stop. The police were called and because he had drawn the knife he was arrested. Warren was shaken. He was only trying to reach out and calm Bob. It breaks

our hearts when we have to call the police. We are praying for Bob.

During the mini-monsoon we had indoor rain as well as outdoor rain. Well, actually it was a major water leak in the men’s dorm bathroom. Wet sheetrock was pulled out. The water was turned off. A shower stall was removed. Plumbers came. Water pipes were replaced. A new shower stall was put in. New, dry sheetrock went up. A fancy kitchen/bathroom no mildew paint was put on. And the water was back on. And now, once again, we have four working showers in the men’s dorm. Praise the Lord! We like clean smelling men.

The showers weren’t the only uncooperative appliances. We had two washers and one dryer cause problems. Even if you have three washers on site, when one goes down it puts a big delay in your chore. We had the repairman come and check out all three of the delinquent appliances. The washer in Christi’s and Dolores’ apartment was dancing all around and making noises that were out of tune. The washer in the big laundry room, well, parts have been ordered and will soon be replaced in all the machines.

Christi has returned to physical therapy. The therapist’s goal is to get Christi walking, again. She is encouraged and goes to these ses-

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### So You'll Know

January 2023  
1st-23 people  
31st-34 people  
Total helped-48 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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"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 19:27

sions and comes home tired and sore. She walks with the walker around the office. She makes the trip to and from the bathroom using the walker. She has a motor scooter and toodles around the property. She rides from her apartment to the office and from the office to the kitchen and to Bible study and then home for the night. Yes, she walks (with the walker) in her apartment. Some household chores she can perform by herself and others with help. We thank God and give Him the glory for Christi's progress.

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Lufkin GODTEL servants for the Lord update:  
Warren-Manager  
Christi-Office  
Joseph-All around helper-  
especially any project that involves wood

Dolores-Laundry queen  
Chance-Helper  
Brooke-Cook  
Mary-Gopher extraordinaire and  
Martin Baker-Executive Director

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Martin travels to Nacogdoches on Tuesdays and to Livingston on Thursdays. And the days in between he is in Lufkin "catching up". Pray for God's wisdom and discernment for Martin as he makes decisions at all three locations. We thank God for our Board of Directors and their desire to be a part of God's ministry at GODTEL Ministries. Thank you to the prayer warriors. You are the reason we can take the anger of "Bob", forgive him, as God forgives us, and pray for him.

May God's grace, peace and joy surround you.

Because we serve a Living God,  
Martin and Mary Baker

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation... He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

JESUS CHRIST  
(Colossians 1:15&17)