



# GODTEL

## Report

January 2023~Lufkin

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*“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others.” Colossians 3:12&13*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Good bye 2022

Hello 2023

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EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-1

Day labor-2

Still working-6

Professions of Faith-2

Praise the Lord!

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“Ooh! Aah!” “How pretty!” “How Cute!” These words were heard when the gift bags were handed out to each resident.

Designs were formulated in the artists’ minds and executed with their talented hands. Stencils, crayons, colored pencils, glue, fun foam and so much more were on the table waiting to be made into amazing works of art. And it was so.

The artists were none other than Emily and Lauren, our two youngest granddaughters, with a little help from their older cousin, Kristen. They were focused and very precise in their artistic creations. We send you girls a big thank you for all your hard work.

Christmas morning at 8:00 am the kitchen was filled with helping hands. The GODTEL staff and two outside volunteers had their aprons on and cooking utensils in their hands ready to cook.

Once again, our Christmas menu was provided by the TEL/Willing Workers Sunday school

class of LifePoint Church. What a feast! We had eggs-fried and scrambled; biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, bacon, sausage and ham; hash browns and waffles. There was a beverage choice of coffee, milk and orange juice.

The bell rang at 10:00 am for Bible study. Martin shared the good news from the book of Romans 8:1-11. A prayer of thanks was said and the eating commenced. The gift bags were handed out. Each bag had a Bible in it. For several years now, at Christmas time, Randy B. has brought us new Bibles with the request that each resident be given a Bible. And we have done so.

Next the residents got to “go shopping”. Buckets were set out with gift items: personal hygiene items, socks, gloves, caps and other fun stuff. This way each person can pick what they want and get the right size or style of the gift item.

Broken Vessels Church brought bags with fruit and good news. There was plenty to give to residents and guests.

The rest of the day was filled with holiday movies and naps in the middle of the day. Snacks were available and a simple evening meal was served. Thank you to all who had a part of this special day celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

We had a total of 31 folks

show up for the Christmas gathering.

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Christmas Day

5 volunteers

3 guests

23 residents & staff

31 total

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The Baker tradition of Christmas tacos continues. Our son and his two college children drove up from Nederland. They arrived just in time to help me fine tune the gift bags and set up the “shopping strip table mall.”

Then we headed to the house for family fellowship and tacos. I drafted a volunteer to grate the cheddar cheese. I cooked the hamburger meat and Martin cooked the tortillas. The rest of the food items were prepared at an earlier time. We surrounded our dining table with family members. Martin’s mom, cousin Tom, Paul, Kristen, Blaine, Martin and myself ate until we were pleasantly satisfied. Phyllis, Martin’s sister, came in after work and joined in the eating and family time.

The women’s dorm got an early gift. All the windows in the rooms have new blinds. A pleasing sight and gives the rooms a cleaner look. Several of the residents got the gift of a haircut when Stephanie came.

Guest cooks showed up. Guest cooks took a holiday break. Guest

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### So You'll Know

December 2022

1st-18 people

31st-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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"And to all these virtues add love, which is the perfect bond. Let the peace of Christ be in control in your heart (for you were in fact called as one body to this peace), and be thankful." Colossians 3:15&16

cooks brought chicken salad sandwiches, a delicious casserole and chicken spaghetti. We thank the Lord for the guest cooks. What a blessing, indeed.

#### **Meet Brooke and Chance**

Chance came through our doors late September. His wife, that would be Brooke, was scheduled to come after Thanksgiving. Chance started going out on day jobs and helping around here. Through the years he has served the Lord in different capacities. He was waiting for his next assignment from God.

Brooke was in Missouri with her son and daughter in law and brand new baby, a grandson. It was time for her to head this way to Lufkin. She, too, has served the Lord in her life. She jumped right into the kitchen to help Dolores. The kitchen and Brooke seem to fit well together. (Dolores is now in the laun-

dry room, a semi step to retirement, and Brooke is our new cook.) She and Chance did a lot of cooking on Christmas day. Come by and meet Brooke. She will greet you with a big smile. And Chance will welcome you with a friendly howdy.

The year 2022 is over. We start this new year with hope and faith and trust in our Lord. He got us through the ups and downs and challenges of the last year. We look forward to the journey of the new year with Him leading the way. We are thankful for those of you who traveled with us in 2022. We hope you had a good Christmas.

And Happy New Year!

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

Because we serve a Living God,  
Martin and Mary Baker

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."  
Colossians 3:17