



GODTEL

Report

January 2025~Lufkin

Happy New Year!

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23 & 24

EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-1

Still working-10

Praise the Lord!

CHRISTMAS DAY

Residents and Staff-40

Volunteers-6

Guests-20

Total-66

Our kitchen door opened and welcomed volunteers as early as 8:00 am. on Christmas morning. The preparations for our Christmas breakfast began. The kitchen was full of working hands and merry souls. Tables were decorated. Ham, bacon and sausage sizzled on the stove. Waffle batter was mixed and poured into the waffle iron. Eggs were scrambled and eggs were fried. Fresh fruit, biscuits and hash browns sealed the deal.

At 10:00 am the bell was rung. The chairs were filled quickly and Martin presented Bible study. He

presented the nativity story from the books of Matthew and Luke, putting it in chronological order.

He read about the angels who visited Mary and Joseph at different times. The journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. There were visitors from afar, the Magi, who followed the stars to see the Christ child. After another visit from an angel, Joseph moved his family to Nazareth. A good story, indeed.

How did Nacogdoches and Livingston GODTELS celebrate the birth of Jesus? Check out this month’s insert and you will see how each community’s love for Christ was shared.

December, also, brought about a few changes at GODTEL. Vanessa and Eric answered the call to move and take care of his mother. They are not too far from us. Please continue to pray for them and their walk in the Lord. We will miss them.

With Vanessa and Eric leaving, there was a need for a cook. Let me introduce you to Lillian. She has embraced her new “hang out”.

One day I looked out my office window and saw a bee hive of activity around the outside kitchen door. Lillian had several men cleaning the door, inside and out,

the door frame, the walls, the island posts and more. She has been deep cleaning the pantry, cabinets, shelves, refrigerator and freezer. Even the broom closet has had a bath.

Even with our high population she has no fear in preparing three meals a day. We are thankful and grateful to God for Lillian. She has a delightful smile and willing attitude. Oh! And she is the dorm “mom”, too. Come by and meet Lillian. She will bless you.

More food news...our guest cooks did not let the holidays keep them from blessing us with their cooking talents. Lasagna, chicken spaghetti, enchiladas, potato soup, chicken enchiladas, chili and a smorgasbord of dishes were served. We, also, had breakfast burritos on Christmas eve morning. Are we blessed or what?!

“For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

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So You'll Know

December 2024

1st-43 people

31st-36 people

Total helped-67 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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"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody." 1 Thess. 4:11

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat.""
1 Thessalonians 3:7-10

We thank the many parts of the family of God who made our Christmas day a super blessing for GODTEL and our residents. Thank you to the Victory and Mary Martha and TEL/Willing Workers Sunday school classes of LifePoint Church. Thank you First Baptist Church of Broaddus, who bought new jackets for the three children who are here. They look so cute as they "bob" into the dining room. Thank you to those folks who brought toys for the children.

Thank you for the rain ponchos. They sure have come in handy this past month.

Martin and I enjoyed Christmas

tacos with our son and his children. Who, by the way, are not "children" anymore. Kristen graduated from Lamar University last May and is employed by Lamar University. Grandson Blaine will graduate from the University of Texas at Austin this coming May. He has a job waiting for him at Lockheed Martin in Ft. Worth. Some of you have been receiving our newsletter long enough to have followed the growing up years of these two precious gifts from God. And they are precious gifts as are our younger granddaughters, Emily and Lauren.

We look forward to and are excited to partner with you in serving the Lord another year. We know He walks beside us, never leaves us and mostly carries us in our darkest moments.

Happy New Year!
2025...

Who would have thought?

Stay safe. Stay warm.
Stay with Jesus.

Because we serve a Living God,
Martin and Mary Baker

NEEDS Prayer

Reading glasses
Soup
(chicken noodle &
vegetable beef)