

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield:  
the Lord will give grace and glory:  
no good thing will He withhold from  
them that walk uprightly” Psalm 84:11

**July 2024**  
**Nacogdoches &**  
**Livingston**

# GODTEL Report



## *The Family of God*

As I sit in the Bible studies at the Nacogdoches shelter and look at the sea of 50 to 60 faces, I find myself wondering about their childhoods and the many paths that have led them to GODTEL. I do get to know some on these individuals and most have stories of making one bad choice after another in search of what only God can give: peace, contentment, joy, hope, and purpose. To be at one with our Creator is an awesome experience; so fulfilling and satisfying. Many of our residents believe that if there really is a being the Bible calls God, He does not care about them.

How I pray that we can help them come to the place where they believe not only that God is, but that He cares about each homeless person we house and feed at GODTEL's three shelters. He knows every wrong choice we have ever made, but He loves us anyway. God hates our sin, our rebellion against Him, but He paid the penalty for our transgressions of His laws. Only those who believe in and on Jesus, resulting in a changed life, will have that payment applied to their debt to the Creator. All others will spend a tortured, bleak eternity away from His glorious light and presence.

I have been blessed through the 49 years since we obtained our charter, by the involvement of my family in this ministry to the poor

and homeless. Every one of our children has been a part of the work we do. Most of our children also regularly support the ministry financially. Currently our two youngest have the most active roles. Josiah leads music at our Mission On The Hill (MOTH, for short) in Livingston and Joshua is the Vice President/Secretary of GODTEL's Board of Trustees. He also manages GODTEL's Facebook page. I know their dad would be blessed and proud that our children are serving the Lord.

Bro. June's brother, Richard, and his wife Stephanie are doing a great job managing the Nacogdoches mission.

I am truly blessed and encouraged by the many individuals who began to support GODTEL back in the 1970's and '80's who continue to contribute financial and prayer support.

June met our current Executive Director, Martin Baker, when they worked at the Daily Sentinel in 1974. The Bakers and Chris Englert (one of our faithful Bible study teachers in Nacogdoches—Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.) and his wife (whom we met at Fredonia Hill Baptist Church) worked with us to get GODTEL going. If it weren't for Jesus though, none of this would have been possible.

How very thankful I am to God and to all my family and friends who have been faithful

throughout all the ups and downs we have experienced. I pray that God will bless, guide, protect, and encourage each one of you, bestowing His love, mercy, and grace in abundance.

### **Nacogdoches**

We continue to provide shelter and food to between 50 and 60 residents each day and freely give clothing, household items, furniture, etc. to between 350 to 450 individuals through our Christian Help center (CHC) each month.

Again, this is not something we could do on our own. What we give has first been given to us. It is such a joy to provide a bed to someone who has been sleeping on the floor. One country church that we passed on some pews to have expressed their thanks over and over. God provides and we merely let His blessings pass through our hands.

**Thank you** to all our donors, whether you give money, food, clothing, furniture, aluminum cans for us to sell, cars, lawnmowers, tractors, scrap metal, etc. Every little bit helps us help others and we appreciate it.

### **Livingston**

The rains continued through the early part of June and trees and branches kept yielding to the pull of gravity, coming crashing down to the earth. The following photos are of a large tree that fell,

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### *Nacogdoches Stats — May, 2024*

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| May Residents:               | 95    |
| Nights' Lodging Provided:    | 1,915 |
| Meals Served:                | 5,845 |
| Christian Help Ctr. Clients: | 521   |

### *Livingston Stats — May, 2024*

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| May Residents:               | 15    |
| Nights' Lodging Provided:    | 322   |
| Meals Served:                | 1,000 |
| Christian Help Ctr. Clients: | 288   |

### *Lufkin Stats — May, 2024*

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|---------------------------|-------|
| May Residents:            | 64    |
| Nights' Lodging Provided: | 937   |
| Meals Served:             | 2,997 |



Martin Baker  
*Executive Director*

Martin was a founder of and, since 1975 has been affiliated with, God's Open Door To Eternal Life d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Following the death of

Bro. June Gentry in September of 2021, GODTEL's Board of Directors unanimously voted to promote Martin from Vice President to President of the Board of Trustees and Executive Director of GODTEL.

GODTEL is 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 the poor.

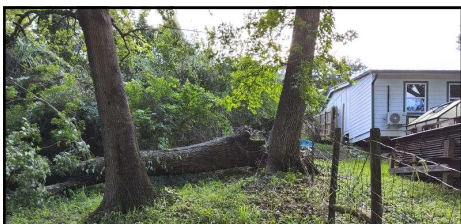
**"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."  
Matthew 11:5**

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bringing the fence down with it.



We are very thankful it fell away from our neighbor's shop, rather than onto it. (They expressed their relief as well.)

The repair work caused by the water damage is coming along nicely since the ground has dried up a bit. Terry and Robert are staying very busy with those repairs as well as keeping the grass mowed. (It has been growing super fast. Maybe those of you who live where it has been raining so much have noticed that as well. Smiley face.)

### **Electronic Newsletter?**

We are glad to mail our newsletter to anyone who would like to receive it. Several individuals have asked to have it emailed to them, which I am glad to do as well. If you would prefer that, just send me an email to [godtel@minister.com](mailto:godtel@minister.com) and I will switch you to our list to receive the newsletter in an email.

Until next time... — *Nancy Gentry*

### **For Your Information**

Bro. June's sermons, music, and memorial service are available for viewing and listening to on YouTube. Just search for "June Gentry preaching" and you can hear the sermons he has preached at the missions.



His music CDs and helpful Christian literature, including the series on Faith by Manley Beasley are also available directly from GODTEL (Contact information is at the bottom of this page). Call, email, or write us.

### **Donate Your Scrap Metal**

**GODTEL accepts scrap metal donations, including old cars, lawn mowers, and appliances at each of our three locations.**

(We will pick up vehicles when possible.)

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