



# GODTEL

## Report

June 2023~Lufkin

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***“This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? “ 1 John 5:3-5***

Summer!  
No more school!  
No more books!  
No more homework!  
Sleeping late.  
Lazy days of summer.  
Can't wait...

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**EMPLOYMENT REPORT:**

New jobs-4  
Still working-3  
Day labour-3  
The Fieldhouse Graduate-1  
Professions of Faith-2

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Bathroom woes to bathroom wows! Earlier this year we had a major plumbing issue in the men's dorm bathroom. We investigated, we looked some more and we needed "outside" help. After the plumbers rescued us, our part of putting things back together began. One thing led to another and now Chance is painting the bathroom. White is the color. Boring, you say? Bathrooms are necessary and functional not fun, cute and colorful. Plus that is the color the "boss" wants in there.

We had to call the plumber, again, this past month. This time the laundry room was the culprit. God is good. Dolores was only shut down for a morning. I don't know if she was glad for the rest or sad because of an extended day of work. The good news is that all three washers are working and clothes continue to be washed,

dried and folded for the residents twice a week.

The Fieldhouse had their graduation ceremony, as scheduled, on May 18th at Carpenter's Way Baptist Church. Michael and former resident, Tim, completed the 16 week session. We praise God for their faithfulness and commitment. A job well done. Congratulations, Michael and Tim!

Michael will be staying awhile at GODTEL to help. He has already made his mark in the kitchen. We are excited to watch Michael's walk with the Lord mature.

By the end of the month, we had six women and one child in the women's dorm. The men's side was lower than that weighing in at five men. Every day has a blank page to be filled in with resident comings and goings. Who said missionary life is boring?!

Our guest cooks blessed us with their culinary expertise. Chili dogs, Mexican taco casserole, pizza, a ramen noodle chicken casserole and a ham and rice dish served with macaroni & cheese and a delicious salad made appearances at GODTEL this last month. That is, quick appearances, as the meals were served and eaten.

Christi had a rough month. She spent a week in the hospital in Nacogdoches. She continues to have her good days and bad days.

In between these interruptions, she is in the office. Brooke, also, had a medical crisis. She was out of the kitchen for about a week. Never fear! Her husband, Chance, came to the rescue. With Cassie's and Michael's help, the kitchen didn't miss a beat or a meal. Praise the Lord!

Martin and I had the opportunity and blessing to head south to Spring and see our daughter and granddaughters. Our daughter has a pool in her backyard. You can imagine that most of our time was spent outside in the pool or watching the girls do flips or pretend to be mermaids.

Our granddaughter, Kristen, came for the weekend, also. She will be 21 years old on her birthday in July. It was precious to me to see how she was with her much younger cousins, Emily is 9 and Lauren will be 7 in July. They get along well. But, remember, all's fair in love and pool wars. As always, the visit was short but most enjoyable. Kristen is back to work and Emily and Lauren will be attending several camps throughout the summer.

Cinco de Mayo? Or Cinco de Mary? Well, I am Mary and my birthday is May 5th. Living in Texas and on the border in El Paso, Texas I thought Mexico was celebrating my birthday on May 5th all these years. (not really) This date has come in handy.

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### So You'll Know

May 2023  
1st-34 people  
31st- 19 people  
Total helped-62 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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"Only he who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood-Jesus Christ." 1 John 5:5&6

While walking across campus one day, years ago, my son met a classmate who was dressed up. Paul asked him where he was going. The classmate said to a Cinco de Mayo celebration. That reminded Paul to call his mom and wish her a happy birthday. And that makes a mom happy.

Our daughter, Amanda, sent a party box. In it were items to have a Cinco de Mary party: small sombreros, mustaches to wear, a banner proclaiming the Cinco de Mary celebration, a cactus cup, a small chili pepper bowl and an avocado. An avocado sent through the mail? No way! Yes...it is a coin purse, but very real looking. We donned our party gear and took pictures and sent them to Amanda. She declared us crazy. (and wasn't it her idea?:)) We ate Hostess cakes that she sent and ice cream, which we bought. It

was a good day.

The birthday blessings did not end there. A dear sister in the Lord called and asked if I wanted to go out to lunch or have a pedicure. Never having had a pedicure I chose the new adventure of pampering my feet. Oh, it was a wonderful! My feet were soaked and washed and massaged. The color I chose for my toenails was green, emerald green-my favorite color and the May birthstone. It was great. Another birthday isn't so bad after all.

Thank you for walking along side us at GODTEL this past month. Summer is cranking up. Stay cool. Stay with Jesus.

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

Because we serve a Living God,  
Martin and Mary Baker

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."

1 John 4:16