

"... No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."
Psalm 84:11

June 2023
Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



Graduation and a Wedding

Where do I start? There is so much going on, it is difficult to know what to write about and what to leave out.

The Nacogdoches mission is at near capacity with between 55 to 60 people nightly. Lufkin has had a full women's dorm with many children but several have recently moved out. the Livingston shelter runs between 12 and 15 and sometimes up to 20 individuals.

We are very grateful for the prayer and financial support of God's faithful children who take seriously the many Scriptures instructing Christians to care for the poor.

There are projects our co-workers carry out to help generate income, for example, scraping old cars, lawnmowers, metal and aluminum cans, holding yard sales, etc. At this time we have a boat and trailer for sale (cheap), as well as the organ (make a donation) I pictured in last month's newsletter. Also, Brother June's 1989 Ford pickup, which our son, Michael bought from me, mainly for sentimental reasons is now for sale. He is asking \$3,000 for it. (It is parked in my driveway in Livingston.)

Graduation Time

Three of my grandchildren, Dexi Ann Corley, Justus Alexander Gentry, and Montana Silva, have graduated from high school but I was only able to attend the ceremony in Livingston for Justus. To celebrate, we had a

wonderful cook-out at Pedigo Park. Later that evening Justus and I got ice cream treats to celebrate.



Justus Gentry (*foreground*) and friend Justin (*close behind*)

Speaking of graduation, this month's insert is about that very topic. I originally wrote it in 2008 when our youngest son, Joshua, graduated from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. Now that three of my grandchildren have graduated from their respective high schools this year, it seemed like a good time for a reminder of what all Christians should be diligent to do: to study, learn, be in attendance, and work for — our "graduation" to Heaven. I am not sure just how much time is left for us to "cram" for our final exams. "Today is the day" to be about our Father's business and to be certain we will graduate rather than being "demoted" and sent to a most awful "detention" that never ends.

Statistics

A couple of people have asked me if I had the wrong month's

statistics listed in the newsletters, that is, they seem to be a month too late. In case you have noticed and are wondering the same thing, I will explain the situation to you.

I endeavor to get the newsletter written, processed (folded, inserted, labeled, and sorted for mailing) and mailed on or slightly before the first of each month. Therefore, my goal is to complete the contents of the newsletter by the 25th of each month. That means I cannot have a complete count of our residents, meals, number of beds occupied, etc. for the immediately preceding month. And that is why the monthly statistics run, seemingly, a whole month behind.

Wedding Bells

On May 21, here in the year 2023, the wedding of Josiah Gentry and Danielle Quigley was held at the Livingston mission's chapel which we call "Mission On The Hill" and beautifully officiated by Josiah's oldest brother, Michael.

Here is a photo of the happy couple.



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Nacogdoches Stats — April, 2023

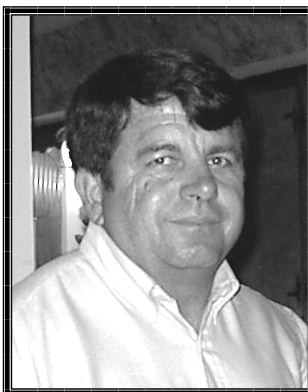
April Residents:	94
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,317
Meals Served:	5,597
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	410

Livingston Stats — April, 2023

April Residents:	22
Nights' Lodging Provided:	356
Meals Served:	1,105
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	378

Lufkin Stats — April, 2023

April Residents:	56
Nights' Lodging Provided:	777
Meals Served:	2,528



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. GODEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Following the death of

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

GODEL is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but we do not seek nor accept government funding of any kind. GODEL 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 GODEL 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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For the past year, Josiah has been in charge of the music at Mission On The Hill. Danielle has been teaching Bible and Language Arts at a Christian school in Tomball. I am blessed to have her as a daughter-in-law.

Josiah brings two children (boys) into this union and Danielle brings three children (one boy and two girls) into this now-blended family. Your prayers for them all will be greatly appreciated.

To our Supporters: We are truly grateful for your faithful, generous gifts and pray for God's abundant blessings in your lives.

THANK YOU!

Thank You

We continue to be very grateful to the individuals and churches who provide meals for our residents.

Stonewall Baptist Church donates food every first Sunday of the month. For Mothers' Day, they brought little purses for all the ladies at our Nacogdoches mission.



A GODTEL resident with men
From Stonewall Baptist Church

Until next month, may the Lord guide, protect and bless you.

— 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 GODEL (Contact information is at the bottom of this page). Call, email, or write us.

Donate Your Scrap Metal

GODEL 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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