

GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

Nacogdoches Stats — January, 2025

January Residents:	108
Nights' Lodging Provided:	2,025
Meals Served:	6,206
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	547

Livingston Stats — January, 2025

January Residents:	23
Nights' Lodging Provided:	388
Meals Served:	1,199
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	275

Lufkin Stats — January, 2025

January Residents:	74
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,261
Meals Served:	3,952



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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the service he accepted Jesus Christ not only as his Savior, but as the Lord of his life. His wife had a wonderful and glorious surprise when she returned home.

God has promised that an unbelieving husband can be won to the Lord by observing the Godly and chaste behavior of his wife. (See 1 Peter 3:1-2) Scripture is true, true, true, so we must live it if we want to reap the promised benefits.

Livingston

We ordered more gutters for two more buildings: our church (Mission On The Hill) and along the back side of the building that houses our Christian Help Center where we freely distribute clothing, household items, and furniture to those in need. This was done to prevent further erosion of the foundations of those buildings.



In addition to the gutters, the rotted support beam under the south side of our main-office building has been replaced and for the first time since we occupied the building in 1989, the back-office door can now be completely closed and latched.

In other news, my sister Helen had some fellow-missionary guests come for a visit the last week of February. They first met while serving on the mission field in Yemen where Helen, and her husband Don, taught the three daughters of this precious missionary

family. Helen was blessed and refreshed by their visit.



We welcome visitors at each of our missions. Come see us. — Nancy Gentry

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.)

1902 Douglass Road
Nacogdoches, TX 75964-3817
(936) 569-7914
FAX: (936) 564-2976



323 Moody Street
Lufkin, TX 75901-0445
(936) 637-2520
FAX: (936) 637-2289

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Livingston, TX 77351-4047
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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5

**March 2025
Nacogdoches &
Livingston**

GODTEL Report



What is Your Life's Story? (Your Testimony)

The first two months of 2025 have been a flurry of activity for me in the office. Just yesterday, I completed the calculations and the filling out of the 1040 Tax Forms for most of GODTEL's employees. (None of us make a lot of money, so this is a service I can do to help them out since I have the ability.)

My 82-year-old brain and body are glad to settle down to the day-to-day routine. (Did I say routine?)

Nacogdoches

We are delighted to report that we will soon be getting awnings to cover the sidewalks along and connecting our main buildings. Since the construction of our final building here at 1902 Douglass Rd. in 2018, we have seen a need to have shelter over the passageways between buildings and along the sidewalks. Currently, the women must brave the elements getting from their dormitory to the main building for Bible studies and meals. And I'm sure you've noticed that it has been raining a lot this year and our residents have been getting soggy and even soaked from time to time.

As we considered how to pay for the project, we remembered how generous the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation had been with us ten years ago when we were in the process of relocating our shelter from downtown to out near the loop in Nacogdoches. (The credit belongs to God, of course.) I

gave them a call and discovered they were less than a week from a meeting, so I followed the instructions I was given to submit a grant request. Then we prayed and, with hope, waited for their decision. What joy to receive the news that our request had been granted.

We then called the company that had given us the bid to install aluminum awnings and they have put us on their schedule. The following photos are of the length of the awnings, from near one end of each building as well as a side awning from the entrance of the women's dorm out to the sidewalk.



I will post more photos when the awnings are in place, maybe even in next month's newsletter.

More Nacogdoches

Our guest population has shrunk from almost 70 to just over 50 guests. How I pray that God will give them ears to hear

and a heart to receive the wonderful truths from His Word.

Sharing Testimonies

Martin (our Executive Director) and I had a visitor in the office recently. In case you don't know Martin, let me tell you this about him. He has a habit of asking people who claim to be Christians to share their testimony about how they came to know Jesus and how God has changed their lives. He is also quite ready to share his testimony with them. (He became a Christian at the age of nine years.)

Our recent visitor told how his wife, who was a Christian, whereas he was not, had loved him unconditionally and had her church praying for his salvation. For years she continued to pray for and show him love that he did not deserve. While his wife was away for a weekend with her daughter's Girl Scout Troop, he picked up a book she had left laying around and read it. The next day, he decided to go to church. (He was surprised that everyone there seemed to know who he was.) The pastor's message was from Galatians about not frustrating the grace of God. At the end of

Praise the Lord!

We rejoice to report that 4 of GODTEL's residents made professions of faith in Jesus Christ in January. Please pray for them.