



GODTEL

Report

May 2023~Lufkin

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

April showers bring
May flowers
More rain
And weeds

EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-0
Still working-6
The Mosaic Center Graduates-1
The Fieldhouse Students-1
Praise the Lord!

Not only did the grass and weeds grow so did our children's population grow. On April 30th we had seven children and three mothers. For several nights every bed was filled and a crib was occupied in the women's dorm. We have maintained a high number of folks in both the women's dorm and the men's dorm. At this time, we still have seven children. Two left and two others checked in.

Tim checked in at the end of December. He got a job quickly. We told him about the Christian Men's Job Corps. He was interested. He applied and was accepted. In the meantime, he found another job and was able to quit his first job. He saved his money and moved this past month. He is still employed and attending classes. Graduation will be May 18, 2023.

Michael landed on our doorstep the beginning of December. He started helping out around the mission. He, too, was interested in attending the Christian Men's Job

Corps at The Fieldhouse. Michael followed the rules. Of course, he attended Bible study twice a day. So he heard the Word. Michael was not too interested in God, but he was very respectful. He and Warren would have discussions about the Lord.

God's plan kicked in and guess what!? Michael gave his heart to the Lord early February. Now our Bible studies have more meaning for him. Michael had a medical emergency and was in the hospital for a few days. He missed going to class and was so glad to get home. He is back on track and looking forward to graduation on the 18th of May.

Jennifer and her daughter came the end of March. Jennifer already had a job and she had childcare for her daughter. She has been saving her money and is taking her time to find the right place for her and her daughter.

Selena is back. She stayed at the Nacogdoches GODTEL and had to leave for cutting screens. We gave her a second chance in Lufkin. We let her know we would be watching her closely. She made plans to go to drug rehab. While waiting on a bed, Selena made a decision for Christ. She got the call about an open bed. And so she packed her bags and headed for help. After six weeks she came back to Lufkin and GODTEL. Because she is now at-

tending outpatient sessions she is able to work. Selena is working at What-A-Burger. She has a delightful smile and contagious laugh.

Jessica and her two children checked in towards the end of the month. Both children were in school. They were waiting for the beginning of May to move out. Jessica found a place for her and her children. In the few days she was here she had a medical emergency. She was sent to Houston for minor surgery. She returned a day later and was able to move out on time.

Amber and her four children checked in the end of the month. She lost her job and couldn't pay rent and was evicted. She and her children are safe, warm and dry these days. The three older children are in school. The baby is almost a year old. It will take her awhile to get her life together. We know the best fixer upper is Jesus and it is not an accident that she and her children are here. Pray for God to become real in her life and see what the next chapter brings.

Sadly, we had to tell a few people to leave for breaking the rules. We thank the Lord that we are here to help people whether they heed the rules or not. Some are thankful, some are not.

Our guest cooks were right on time with delicious meals to serve. Instead of the traditional ham, we

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So You'll Know

April 2023
1st-25 people
30th-34 people
Total helped-56 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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"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

had pork loin and mashed potatoes for our Resurrection Day meal. Gumbo, rice and salad was a Wednesday evening treat. Dorito casserole, frito pie and enchiladas were on the menu last month, too.

Martin and I were invited out for an evening at the theatre. We had the privilege to go see the play "Little Shop of Horrors". It was a local production performed at the VFW. It was a nice getaway and a very pleasant time. Plus we know the director. She did a good job. We look forward to her next project. Way to go, Erin!

Lawn mowers, weed eaters and edgers can be seen and heard around the town as spring turns to summer. Home improvements and other projects fill our evenings and weekends. Come by your local shelter and see what positive happenings are going on. Pick up a

rake or hoe and join right in.

Our two college grandchildren are home for the summer. Kristen has three or more jobs to keep her busy the next few months. Blaine is looking at two possible jobs. Maybe they will have a little time for their "aging" grandparents.

Remember to pray for our country, president and vice-president.

Thank you for keeping us up and serving.

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

Because we serve a Living God,
Martin and Mary Baker

Coming next month:
Cinco de Mary

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."
Matthew 16:24