

*"Up from the grave He arose, with  
a mighty triumph o'er His foes..."*

**April 2023**  
**Nacogdoches &  
Livingston**

# GODTEL Report



## *It All Happened at the Airport*

The first week of last month, my daughter, Joann, paid for my round-trip airfare to Tacoma, WA so I could care for her two of my 14 dear grandchildren while her husband took her on a weekend trip to celebrate her 48th birthday.

I arrived at the Houston airport at 3:30 p.m., anticipating a 5:00 departure. The plane was late arriving and then there was some kind of problem that required technicians being called to make repairs. I walked around the terminal hearing one delayed boarding time after another. Then, after boarding, there were more delays. When the plane finally took off, almost every passenger clapped and cheered — that was at 11:35 p.m.

During the wait, I had repeatedly quoted, "This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it." And, knowing God is always in control, I was at peace.

The plane landed at Sea-Tac Airport at 2:00 a.m. (that would be 4:00 a.m., Texas time.) And that's when the real test of my faith-that-God-was-in-control-and-this-was-the-day-He-had-made-for-me took place. As we disembarked, many of the passengers headed for the restrooms. I decided to bypass the one nearest the gate. (It was a decision I later regretted — but you will see why in the next few lines.)

At 2:00 a.m., there were very few people in the area where I found the next ladies' room. And,

surprisingly, no one else was in there. I took my cell phone out of my pocket and set it on the tray above the toilet paper dispenser (as it often fell out of that pocket when I sat down). When done, I went to wash my hands and two young ladies walked in. One went into the stall where my cell phone was—still. When my hands were dry, I patted my pockets and realized I did not have my phone. I walked over to the stall I had been in and said, "Pardon me, I left my phone on the tray. Would you please hand it to me?"

The voice from inside said, "There is no phone in here."

I said, "Yes," and described where I had left it.

She and her friend came out of their stalls and we conversed for a bit, exchanging pleading-accusations on my part and denials on theirs. I even checked the next stall, thinking I might have been wrong about where I had been.

Remember, it's very early in the morning, I had not been able to sleep much on the plane, there were two of them, they were thieves and liars, no one else was nearby, and, so, they left the airport with my phone...

I was tired, shocked and sad, BUT GOD was not surprised, and He comforted me and provided what I needed in order to communicate with friends and family.

Now I have an even better phone and though I lost my contacts and some pictures, I am thankful that I was not physically attacked. I am also very thankful that I was the one stolen from, rather than the one doing the stealing. I have prayed many prayers for those two young women.

(Just a side note, by a little later that morning, my phone was of no use to them, unless they needed a paperweight, because we reported it stolen and service was removed from it and the phone I.D. was blacklisted, so they could not ever get service on it.)

Guess who has learned a valuable, if somewhat painful, lesson and who will not set her phone down anywhere in public? A very thankful and blessed, me, Nancy Gentry.

### **Lines from Livingston**

We had another successful yard sale the last weekend in March. It was interesting that a heckler came by using profanity and threatening to put in the newspaper that we were selling items we should be giving away. Our prices are low, we negotiate when someone cannot afford to pay what we ask, and all the proceeds go to GODTEL to continue to help house and feed the homeless.

On a brighter note, we now have almost 50 baby chicks, Rhode Island Reds, to be exact. They are growing very fast, as you can see

## GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

*Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975*

### *Nacogdoches Stats — February, 2023*

February Residents:	115
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,545
Meals Served:	4,738
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	327

### *Livingston Stats — February, 2023*

February Residents:	25
Nights' Lodging Provided:	398
Meals Served:	1,214
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	423

### *Lufkin Stats — February, 2023*

February Residents:	59
Nights' Lodging Provided:	869
Meals Served:	2,680



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 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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in the two photos below which were taken just two weeks apart.

### **News from Nacogdoches**



The Nacogdoches Mission has had a big changeover of workers. Our current employees and volunteers include: Richard & Stephanie Silva—Manager, maintenance, relief cook; Stephen Shumate—yard work

& animal care (of 18 goats); Phillip Watkins—CHC manager and grounds keeper; Trinity Wahner—dayroom desk; Christine Jordan—cook; Durwin Booty—men's laundry; Mary Chantzfits—women's laundry and CHC Assistant; Joe Don Nance—dayroom desk; Andre Bush—maintenance, men's dorm manager, and dayroom desk; Shawn Spencer—general assistant. Oh, and in the photo below, Roxie Silva (a.k.a. mommy's little helper. When we weren't looking, as copies came out



of the copier, she removed them one by one and dropped them to the floor).

God is faithful, as always. May we always be faithful to Him. 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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