GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

Sharing Practical Christianity Since 1975

Nacogdoches Stats — June, 2026	
June Residents:	85
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,896
Meals Served:	5,760
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	524

Livingston Stats — June, 2026	
June Residents:	20
Nights' Lodging Provided:	291
Meals Served:	953
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	356

Lufkin Stats — June, 2026	
June Residents:	52
Nights' Lodging Provided:	841
Meals Served:	2,685

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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Two ladies from Hugging Hearts Solution have been coming to our Nacogdoches shelter every second Saturday of each month, freely providing diapers and wipes to any of our guests in need of these supplies. Their cheerful attitudes are a blessing.

Livingston

At our mission church, our chairs are beginning to show signs of wear, as you can see in the photo. We would gladly buy the fabric for a group of volunteers willing to reupholster them. Pray about it.

Also in Livingston, Benita, our Livingston Mission Manager, and cook, again prepared a special meal to celebrate our country's independence. The photo below is one of the desserts she prepared. It consisted of cakes and candies which quickly disappeared into smiling faces.

I pray that your summer is going well and that your soul is prospering.

Don't be a doubtful pessimist but be a thankful optimist. The war has been won by Jesus. — *Nancy Gentry*

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Sing and make melody in your heart. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

August 2026

Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report

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Being Thankful is a Choice

I am thankful for so very much in my life and I hope you are too. I am mostly thankful that God loves me and that Jesus Christ pursued me with His love and offer of salvation until I surrendered my life to Him. I am thankful for the peace, love, joy, and hope He placed within my heart, knowing that when I die (or Jesus returns) I will be spending eternity (or, as one of our Nacogdoches Bible study teachers calls it, "infinity and beyond") in the new heaven and earth where righteousness dwells. I am thankful that God is faithful and has provided all we need to care for the poor and homeless in three counties. I am thankful for each person who prays for, volunteers at, donates food and items to, and contributes financially. It may be scorchingly hot outside, but I am thankful that my home, office, and the missions are air conditioned. My knees are painful with severe osteoarthritis and a torn meniscus but I can still walk (with help). My eyesight is weakening but I am able to afford glasses to correct my vision. And the list goes on and on.

I am still thankful, even though I became very ill shortly after writing the above. It has now been a week and a half during which I passed my deadline for getting the newsletter out. That is why you are getting this much later than usual.

God is faithful to supply all we need even during the "traditional" summer lull. The Nacogdoches and Lufkin missions are running at near capacity and the Livingston shelter has had several people check in, stay a bit, and then move on.

Our volunteer Bible study teachers, those who prepare and serve guest meals, and lend their support otherwise have continued to bless us. We received "Children's Blessing Bags" from the youth at Perritte Methodist Church. The bags contained snacks, water, a pencil, a ruler, and encouraging messages.

Praise Report

We rejoice to report two Professions of faith in Jesus Christ during the month of June this year. Prayers for these new believers are appreciated.

Richard and Stephanie, mission managers in Nacogdoches, recently spoke at First Christian Church giving information about GODTEL. We appreciate their support.

Our Tuesday night Bible study teacher (and member of the Board), Chris Englert, is generally accompanied by John Jasper who blesses us with a song before Chris preaches. One evening, they included our new Board member and Treasurer, Alan Mann, who accompanied John on the trumpet.