

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

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Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL

Report



In His Love God Provides All Our Needs—When We Trust (and OBEY) Him

Every year the month of January is a whirlwind of activity, paperwork and otherwise. There are statistics to gather for an updated Brochure—next month's insert), employee forms to generate for the I.R.S. and Social Security department, sales tax to calculate and pay, the year-end report for the Nacogdoches Area United Way, and accounting and operational material coming and going from our accountant/auditor (9 boxes stacked in my office!). All this, in addition to the regular office work of correspondence with individuals, churches, and prisoners, accounting, counseling, production of our church bulletins/song sheets, and composition and reproduction of the "GODTEL Report" for February. (I am also working at finding time to proof and make corrections to two books Bro. June wrote.)

Therefore, for this month's insert I will be using a variety of past inserts left over from previous mailings (we have boxes of them) so there is no telling what you may receive. I pray it will bless you.

Also, since I have been so very busy (I am without Stephanie's help as she and her whole family have had Covid, and are still recovering slowly. Please pray for them.) I have not had enough time to work on composing an article for the newsletter. Thank God, He pro-

vides! I am reprinting a testimony from the January, 2021 newsletter of the Pacific Garden Mission. This is very reminiscent of what often happens at GODTEL.

Felix's Story

"When I was a kid, my family didn't have a lot of money. My parents had drug addictions, and there was a lot of abuse in my house. At some point, my parents' relationship got kind of rocky, and my father became abusive. My mother tried to get away from him. She was no longer using drugs and told him she didn't want to use anymore ... she wanted to clean her life up.

"I was about five years old when I lost both of my parents. My father somehow broke into our apartment and killed my mother—with my brother and me there. I was right there when it happened, and it's affected me greatly.

"A short time after my mother was killed, my father committed suicide in prison. It seemed unreal, and everything was completely different after both my parents died. Since then, my relationship with my family has been terrible ... every time they see my face, they see my father's face.

"I got out of high school, was selling drugs, and eventually

started using harder drugs. It led nowhere, and it was at that point when I came to Pacific Garden Mission for the first time. I wish I had paid more attention. The Gospel was right there in front of me, but I thought it was just a 'feel-good' story. I still had that hole in me because I lacked a relationship with Christ.

"When I left the Mission, I started living on the streets, which lasted a long time—around 10 years. But, I had already found some connection with Christ at that point. The seeds of the Gospel were planted.

"Living outside was torturous. I think it's one of the worse things you can experience on this earth because no one trusts you. They look at you like an animal ... you can't shower, and you can't eat normally. You start to hate because you see so many people doing well, and they won't even stop to have a conversation with you. Being homeless comes with a lot of stress. I felt like I was crying out in the wilderness. My heart was screaming for help, but I couldn't go to anyone. And that's when I came back to the Mission.

"Returning to Pacific Garden Mission, I started listening. I started really listening because I trusted Jesus Christ, but I was still unsure of His love for me. As an

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Nacogdoches Stats December, 2021

December Residents:	84
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,249
Meals Served:	3,831
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	282
2021 Professions of Faith in Christ:	3

Livingston Stats December, 2021

December Residents:	11
Nights' Lodging Provided:	179
Meals Served:	588
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	420
2021 Professions of Faith in Christ:	0

Lufkin Stats December, 2021

December Residents:	49
Nights' Lodging Provided:	772
Meals Served:	2,361
2021 Professions of Faith in Christ:	4



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.

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, 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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overnight guest for the second time, I had a different view of things. The preachers made more sense; the message of the Gospel was real ... it wasn't just something to make me feel better. I felt like there was something real. As someone who has had many problems—with people and just getting by in life—that meant something to me. When you have something missing, there is always something missing ... but Christ was waiting for me. I devoted my time to studying Scripture and applying the Gospel to my life.

"In the Bible program, I learned that there are people out there who love you no matter who you are—and it's not so much of our own will as much as it is a reflection of God's love through us. I used to be the most aggressive person, and the Bible program taught me how to love

people and forgive them when they make mistakes. I have learned to trust people. Without God, I would still be picking up cigarette butts off the ground. Without God, I would still be cursing my father for what he did. Now, God is my rock.

"...To be whole and secure is something we should all strive to be, and God can provide that no matter where you are in life. Even if you are living in an alley or out in a forest like I was, God can bring you back and make you whole."

Just a Reminder

Bro. June's sermons and music are available for viewing on YouTube. His music CDs and helpful Christian literature are also available directly from GODTEL.

Contact information below. Call for assistance.

— Nancy Gentry

Just so you will know, GODTEL depends on God and His obedient children for funding, therefore, we do not seek nor accept funding from state or federal government sources.

We do accept funds from the Nacogdoches Area United Way because they are supported by community-based voluntary contributions from people who choose to give to charity.

Please Remember

GODEL accepts scrap metal donations, including old cars, lawn mowers, and appliances at each of our three locations.

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