

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." John 3:16

**February 2024
Nacogdoches &
Livingston**

GODTEL

Report



"The Greatest of These is Love," 1 Corinthians 13:13

To quote the first two paragraphs from last February's newsletter: "Onward into the new year we go. The Tax reporting papers for 2022 (*well, 2023 now*) are completed and transmitted to the IRS and Social Security Departments (*W-2s, 1099s, and 1098-Cs*). The sales tax for last year has been paid. Our statistics for the year have been calculated—as you can see here in the center of the page.

I have also updated our brochure with last year's statistics and have used it as this month's insert. It includes the totals from all three mission locations combined as well as a brief history and other information about GODTEL."

Thank You's Received

Most of the individuals who stay at our three homeless shelters come and go without any expression of gratitude for the meals we've served them, the clothing we have provided at no cost, and the shelter we have provided in exchange for their compliance with our house rules. That is not to mention our repeated attempts to introduce them to Jesus, the creator of all we see, the Redeemer of anyone who will submit to His authority and receive the gift of salvation. But this past month, I have received several notes of appreciation which I would like to share with you.

The first one reads:

Hi Nancy!

I continue to enjoy your newsletters. My son and his wife lived at GODTEL many years ago and I have not forgotten your kindness. Thank you again! God bless, M.D.

great blessing; even more than you can receive.

*Yours truly,
L.M.*

The last note I wish to share is from our former Nacogdoches Mission Manager, Royce Oliver:

*Ms. Nancy,
Yesterday, my sister Teresa took me to the hospital... I started check-in at 8:30 a.m. and was released at 5:30 p.m.*

During that time, I was prepped for a 45-minute procedure where I received one stint in the largest artery of my heart where there was 80% blockage. Everything went well...

This morning I woke up feeling stronger than I have in years! I wanted to walk. After my walk of about 20 blocks, I felt that I was breathing deeper than ever with no exhaustion.

When I got home, your December Newsletter was in the mail. It reminded me of my days living and learning at GODTEL. Those were the most rewarding of any time of my adult life. Thank You, Lord, for Bro. June, you, Michael, the Bakers of Lufkin, Scotty and students of Yellow House, and others.

*My love to all,
Royce*

2023 Statistics

Nacogdoches Shelter Totals

Mission Residents:	1,210
Nights' Lodging Provide	25,005
Meals Served:	62,271
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	5,353

Livingston Shelter Totals

Mission Residents:	273
Nights' Lodging Provided:	4,698
Meals Served:	14,478
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	5,113

Lufkin Shelter Totals

Mission Residents:	619
Nights' Lodging Provided:	8,517
Meals Served:	25,540

One thank-you came in a Christmas card from a recent resident:

Dear GODTEL Staff,

Thanks so very much for allowing me the opportunity to be a resident and for providing (3 hots and a cot).

May God greatly reward your acts of kindness and pour out a

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Nacogdoches Stats December, 2023

December Residents:	93
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,822
Meals Served:	5,524
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	626

Livingston Stats December, 2023

December Residents:	22
Nights' Lodging Provided:	470
Meals Served:	1,486
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	434

Lufkin Stats December, 2023

December Residents:	47
Nights' Lodging Provided:	626
Meals Served:	1,978



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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Big Project in Livingston

The foundation of the main building at the Livingston mission has been eroding away for several years. Martin realized that we needed to do something about it. When we checked with a "dirt" man, he said all we needed were rain gutters with downspouts to carry the rain water away from the building. The cost of the gutters (with leaf guards) is just over \$13,000, of which we have paid 40%, with the rest due when the job is completed.

We praise God that a Foundation in Livingston donated a year-end gift of \$12,000 which will more than pay the rest of the cost as well as replace most of what we drew out of a special account to pay the 40%.

God has promised to provide what His children need and He often

uses His other children's willing obedience to meet those needs. We all belong to Him and all that we have belongs to Him. As we seek Him, trust Him, and obey Him, our needs will be met and God can use us to meet the needs of others.

New Donor in Nacogdoches

We welcome the Dilettante Club as new donors to the Nacogdoches mission. Two lovely ladies brought



their check in person. We are very grateful to all our donors and pray God will guide, bless, and protect you, now and always.

— 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

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

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