

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

**February 2026**  
**Nacogdoches & Livingston**

# GODTEL

  

# Report



## Love Means Giving

I just received a newsletter from our friends, Eddie and Alice Smith, of the U.S. Prayer Center, who minister in word and song, not only in the United States, but in foreign lands as well. I was blessed by what was written about the topic of LOVE, and I quote,

*"Have you noticed? Most love doesn't look like a Valentine card.*

"No one takes pictures of folded laundry. Or quiet hospital hallways. Or meals reheated for the third time because someone came home late. But that's where real love often lives.

"We tend to celebrate love when it's dressed up with flowers, cards, and candlelight. But the love that shapes souls usually arrives quietly. It shows up early. Stays late. Keeps showing up when no one is clapping. That kind of love doesn't trend. But it lasts...

"Cultural love often asks, 'How do I feel?' Biblical love asks, 'How can I serve?'

"May we challenge you today? Loving others often begins with something simple: *acknowledgment*.

"Wherever we go, let's notice people. An elderly woman in the grocery store aisle. A young couple adjusting to life with a new baby. A small child tugging at a parent's

hand. The clerk behind the counter. The stranger standing next to us.

"Look them in the eye. Offer a kind response. It doesn't have to be big. Sometimes it's just a smile, with a gentle, 'Hello.' Other

Jesus in Heaven. Her tired body, an empty shell, was left behind, but her soul and spirit soared up to meet her Savior face to face.

Please be in prayer for her family and friends who have been left behind — for now.

### Praising God

We are very thankful that none of our three shelters suffered a power outage or broken pipes as a result of the recent frigid weather. The Nacogdoches location saw an influx of people. Some checked in, but others came to just get warm, take a shower, or have a hot meal.

We greatly appreciate those individuals who brought in jackets and coats to donate so we could give them out at our Christian Help Center at no cost to the recipients.

As I looked at our newsletter from February, 2025, it included the following photo from winter storm Enzo which blew in on January 20<sup>th</sup>.



This year winter storm Fern brought us a very few minutes of snow in Livingston, but mainly just mixed rain and sleet which

### 2025 Statistics

<i>Nacogdoches Shelter Totals</i>	
Mission Guests:	1,087
Nights' Lodging Provide	21,603
Meals Served:	65,939
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	7,169

<i>Livingston Shelter Totals</i>	
Mission Guests:	190
Nights' Lodging Provided:	3,750
Meals Served:	12,044
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	3,755

<i>Lufkin Shelter Totals</i>	
Mission Guests:	680
Nights' Lodging Provided:	10,634
Meals Served:	33,048

times it's a kind, 'My what a beautiful baby.' And especially—let's acknowledge those who don't look like us. Small moments of recognition can become quiet acts of love..."

### Prayer Request

On January 27, Martin Baker's mother, Virginia at the age of 94 years, left earth to be forever with

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### *Nacogdoches Stats December, 2025*

December Guests:	78
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,883
Meals Served:	5,711
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	593

### *Livingston Stats December, 2025*

December Guests:	12
Nights' Lodging Provided:	286
Meals Served:	948
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	325

### *Lufkin Stats December, 2025*

December Guests:	55
Nights' Lodging Provided:	9664
Meals Served:	2,978



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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left a glaze of ice on the trees, grass, power lines, etc. Following are some photos of the glaze, downed branches, frost, and icicles.



We hope and pray that you are able to stay warm throughout this winter season. Spring will come, and summer will come, and best of all Jesus WILL come again.

Until next month...

— 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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