

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

Philippians 3:13

January 2025
Nacogdoches &
Livingston

GODTEL Report



New Year, New Possibilities

I hope each of you enjoyed a joyful and peaceful celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the light and Savior of the world—the Savior of whosoever will choose to believe what is written in the Bible about Him. That includes **admitting** we have broken His laws (commandments), **asking** to be forgiven, and **inviting** Jesus to take up residence within our being. A vital part of the process is being willing to quit living our way and to start living God's way. That is called **repentance**. **We** make the choice and **He** will supply the power to live right (living His way). One of my favorite Bible verses is Psalm 84:11 which says that God protects and gives understanding to His children and then says, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Now that's what I call encouragement to be obedient—to "be a doer of God's Word, not a hearer only, deceiving ourselves" James 1:22

To celebrate Christmas and God's great gift to mankind at our three missions, we gave gifts and provided Christmas dinner for 216 poor and homeless people (and volunteers) at our three shelters. (See photos on the insert.) Before the Christmas meals we had a devotion from God's Word. We are so very thankful to each person who contributed time, money, food, prayer, gifts, etc. to make

this a more joyful time for our residents. May God bless you abundantly for caring and sharing what you have with those who are without the necessities, much less the niceties of life.

Thank You, Thank You, ...

We are thankful for everyone who contributed to GODTEL this past year and during the holiday seasons to give our residents special treats and gifts. We are also thankful for another year to serve our Lord by ministering His Word and love to the poor in our communities. Thank you for any part you played in making this possible. Blessings to you all.

Happy New Year!

May God guide and protect you every day of 2025

Father-in-Law Reprise

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned that my father-in-law was the only soldier in his foxhole who survived a German attack. If God had not spared his life at that time, he would never have produced any children, the eldest of

Praise the Lord!

We rejoice to report that 19 of GODTEL's residents made professions of faith in Jesus Christ in 2024. Please pray for them.

whom was June Gentry, one of the founders of GODTEL Ministries. It follows that without the vision and leadership of Bro. June, there might not even be a GODTEL.

Since June and I were married for 48 years producing four children (we each brought one child with us when we married, so we had six altogether), my life would certainly have been quite different.

BUT GOD had a plan for us and He has a good plan for all His children. Please, do yourself a favor and trust and obey Him.

Nacogdoches

We hosted a wedding in early December and rejoice that the happy couple, Andrew and Rickee are studying their Bibles together, in addition to our twice-daily Bible studies.



We congratulate them and ask that you remember them in your prayer time. *(They have been very helpful cleaning the parking lot, sorting cans for recycling, and any thing else we ask of them.)*

More Nacogdoches

We greatly appreciate Brookshire Brothers grocery stores for a

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Nacogdoches Stats — November, 2024

November Residents:	83
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,684
Meals Served:	5,207
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	622

Livingston Stats — November, 2024

November Residents:	30
Nights' Lodging Provided:	413
Meals Served:	1,384
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	326

Lufkin Stats — November, 2024

November Residents:	74
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,178
Meals Served:	3,582



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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special project they recently conducted — with GODTEL as the recipient of "Bags of Hope" containing a variety of food items for distribution to the poor.

The donation is shown here by one of our residents, Crystal, who recently received a promotion at the store where she works. It is no wonder, because she is always on time for work,



she goes in when they call needing her to work extra, works dili-

gently, never calls in sick (unless she is deathly ill), and is pleasant to customers and co-workers.

The Insert

This month's newsletter insert contains photos of our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, as well as photos of our Livingston "Grandma's Christmas Corner" that Ms. Benita, our Livingston mission manager, cook, mother hen, etc. creates every year. She collects toys, books, clothes, and decorates our day room (where we eat three times a day and have Bible studies twice a day). Adults must bring their children and then stand back while each child gets to pick three items, fun snacks, etc. The insert includes photos of some of the happy children who came this year.

— 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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