

"He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." Proverb 28:27

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Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



God Will Lead Us Safely Home

On Valentine's Day this year, I decided to deliver the two adult tri-cycles I no longer needed to some dear Christian friends in Flint, TX, near Tyler, about an hour and twenty-minute drive from Nacogdoches. After much discussion with Richard (Silva, Bro. June's brother) we decided the best vehicle to use was the 2001 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup with automatic transmission.

The trip up that afternoon was uneventful. The visit was delightful, so much so that I stayed a little later than I had planned to — as I wanted to be home by dark. About twenty minutes into my return trip, the engine suddenly began to race and the truck began to slow down. I pulled over immediately and made two phone calls, one to Richard and one to Rod in Livingston (another treasured Christian friend who knows about automobiles and was June's go-to mechanic when he had a question about any mechanical problems he encountered working on GODTEL's vehicles).

The decision was made for me to slowly proceed. (20 to 25 mph was as fast as the truck would go without losing power to the wheels.) I arrived in the next town, Jacksonville, just after 5:00 p.m. where I checked the transmission fluid and found it adequate, so I continued my snail-pace of a journey home.

At one point, I prayed and said,

"God, this is Your truck, I am Your child, and my time is Yours. If this is how You want me to spend this time, that's okay with me." My concerns were lifted and the "difficulty" became a rather exciting "adventure" and I found myself singing praises to God as I crept along with flashers flashing and pulling over occasionally to let faster traffic pass.

Upon arrival at the Nacogdoches mission at approximately 8:30 (well after dark), our mission manager, Stephanie, was just rounding the corner of the shed near where I was to park and guided me as I backed the truck into its parking place. Then, when I could not find my apartment keys, she let me into the office where I keep an extra set. I was relieved to find my house keys locked safely in my house (rather than being in Flint).

As I think back on the difficulties of that drive, I am reminded of the many blessings of that entire day: the peace of God, the wise counsel and loving assistance of Christian friends and family, the exhilaration of being on an adventure, safe travels, genuine offers of help, and the Valentine flowers and balloon left in my gate handle. (Thanks again, Richard and Stephanie.) God is good—all the time—God is good.

Martin Baker sent Scott, one of Lufkin's helpers, up to Nacog-

doches to analyze the problem with the truck and replace the part indicated (the overdrive module). On the test drive following the replacement of the part, all seemed well... until the truck lost traction and Scott could not get it to shift into any gear. (Martin was able to tow it back to the mission.)

I was thrilled to realize that God had held that transmission together to enable me to arrive safely back in Nacogdoches the night of my trip. What joy Christians can experience knowing that our loving heavenly Father will lead, guide, and protect us as we trust and obey Him on our journey to Glory. Praise the Lord!

Gamma Chi Chi Donation

Three ladies (photo below) from the Gamma Chi Chi Sorority stopped by our Nacogdoches shelter with a bountiful donation of items including cereal, winter clothing, hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels and socks. We do appreciate their kindness and concern for the homeless.



GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

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Nacogdoches Stats — January, 2022

January Residents:	89
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,503
Meals Served:	4,572
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	292

Please pray for all these who have come to us.

Livingston Stats — January, 2022

January Residents:	14
Nights' Lodging Provided:	188
Meals Served:	599
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	388

God dearly loves each person we minister to.

Lufkin Stats — January, 2022

January Residents:	45
Nights' Lodging Provided:	713
Meals Served:	2,177

Pray that our workers will show God's love to all.



Martin Baker
Executive Director

Martin was one of the founders of and for 45 years has been affiliated with God's Open Door To Eternal Life d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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.

Martin is available to speak about GODTEL to your Church or Civic group. Most days you may reach him at the Lufkin Mission, although he is generally in NAC on Tuesdays and in LIV on Thursdays.

**"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."
Matthew 11:5**

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About the Insert

This month's insert has a brief history and a summary of what we do at our GODTEL missions and includes last year's statistics.

Speaking of statistics, the box above which provides the statistics for each of the missions, lags behind one month. Since our goal is to get the newsletter printed by the 25th of each month, that leaves almost a week's worth of statistics incomplete for the previous month. (I just thought I would mention that since a couple of people noticed what they thought might be an error in my reporting.)

Jesus is My King

If you would like to hear some of Bro. June's songs we sang with our four younger children back in the late 1980's, you can search for

"June Gentry, We Are the Family, Jesus is My King" on YouTube. Songs from a more recent album, "It Takes More Than a Hat to be a Cowboy" are also on YouTube. The title song goes on to say, "It takes more than a Bible to be a Christian." Think about that.

Last, But Definitely Not Least

Though we may not know or remember those of you who pray for us and give of your time and substance to enable us to house and feed the homeless, poor we minister to, please know we are very grateful. Be assured that God knows who you are and has promised to bless those who help the poor. May He bless you in abundant ways and draw you ever closer to His heart.

Thank You all.

— Nancy Gentry

For Your Information

Bro. June's sermons and music 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.

Please Remember

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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