

*"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me..."* Psalm 66:18

**May 2023**

**Nacogdoches & Livingston**

# GODTEL Report



## *God Answers Prayer (When He Hears It)*

You may have heard that God answers prayers three possible ways: "Yes," "No," and/or "Wait awhile." There may be times we think God does not answer our prayers but the truth is, according to Psalm 66:18, if we are holding on to sin (disobedience to His will), He simply refuses to hear our prayer. Until we admit and confess our sin to God, ask His forgiveness, and determine to not repeat it (that is, repent of it, turn away from it), our prayer is unheard. Until God hears our prayer, there will be no answer forthcoming. This is certainly something worth thinking about.

We are very grateful to each one of you who prays for GODTEL, our staff, and our residents. Many who come to us for help are struggling with addictions and emotional problems. They need Jesus and the love and transforming power that He alone is capable of providing.

### **News from Nacogdoches**

Several groups have come and blessed us recently. Members of Davis Memorial Church brought and served delicious chicken spaghetti, green beans, and cornbread. They also brought clothes and shoes for our residents. (Photo below.)



On Easter Sunday, the choir from North Point Church came and presented an enjoyable mini-concert for us. Two of the choir members are GODTEL residents. (See below .)



Toward the end of March, a group of motorcyclists, 'Warriors for Christ,' held a three-day revival meeting and presented all the proceeds to the homeless shelters operated by GODTEL in Nacogdoches and Lufkin. Stephanie took the two photos below of them. One was fairly formal as they presented a check to Richard Silva



(and his son, Cannon).

The other photo was taken with the "Warriors" relaxing and visiting with our residents.



We are very thankful for these groups and the others who come with meals, or just to serve meals we have prepared. Our guest Bible study teachers at all three missions are a constant blessing as well and we are very grateful.

Spring has brought the birth of baby goats and our goat herd has grown to 19. The babies are quite entertaining to watch. They bring smiles to all our faces as they cavort around, sometimes suddenly jumping straight up into the air.



### **Lines from Livingston**

Last month we had several new residents check in, stay for a few weeks, then move out, taking a young man with them who had been here a bit longer and who was listening intently to the Bible studies. We were disappointed when he left but are delighted that he has returned after realizing he did not want to be around their negative influences. He admits he has learned a valuable lesson.

The last two Sundays of April, my oldest son Michael came and preached at GODTEL's Mission On The Hill. (His message will soon be posted on YouTube.) After one ser-

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### Nacogdoches Stats — March, 2023

March Residents:	93
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,627
Meals Served:	4,994
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	332

### Livingston Stats — March, 2023

March Residents:	27
Nights' Lodging Provided:	497
Meals Served:	1,516
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	450

### Lufkin Stats — March, 2023

March Residents:	61
Nights' Lodging Provided:	906
Meals Served:	2,979



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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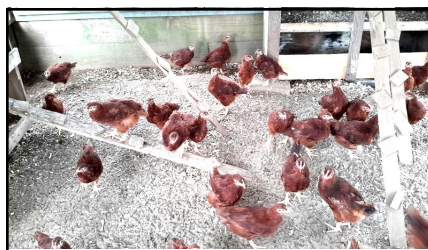
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vice, he counseled with one of our residents who then made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior. The next night, this same man received more counseling from our faithful Monday night guest Bible study teacher, Tom Owen, pastor of Goodrich Baptist Church, and made sure of his profession. This morning (Tuesday), Benita said he was all smiles.

Salvation is a wonderful, priceless gift. When the guilt and the burdens we carry when lost in sin are lifted, what peace and joy fill our entire being. Thank God for His offer of forgiveness, salvation, and the promise of an eternity with Him in Heaven.

On to more mundane matters, our chickens have now been moved to their permanent pen outside and are continuing to

grow rapidly. We are anticipating the eggs we will be harvesting from them, hopefully by late summer.



### For Sale—Make an Offer

We have had an organ at the Livingston mission for years but no one plays it and we would like to have the space. If interested, call us or come by.

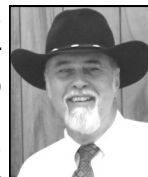
Until next month, may the Lord bless you and keep you.



— 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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