"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever…"
Psalm 100:4-5

November 2026

Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report

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We All Have So Much to be Thankful For

At each of our three homeless shelters we are very thankful for and pray for those of you who support GODTEL with your prayers, volunteer hours, and financial support. We also are thankful for your prayers for those we minister to. (We recently had a woman stay with us who admitted she had never opened a Bible and did not know what to do with one in our twice-daily Bible studies. She does now.)

We are thankful that the family with three children and the single mom with four children have found lodgings where they can be more at home with their families.

One of the many blessings we are thankful for is the frequent donations of food brought to us from banquets, weekly Rotary Club meetings, birthdays, funerals, guest cooks, etc.

Most of all, we are thankful for God's faithfulness and provision, for the offer of salvation and forgiveness, for His mercy, grace, peace, love, and joy. **What are you thankful for?**

Livingston Zip Code Change

The US Postal Service has recently added a new zip code to a large portion of Polk County, changing from 77351 to 77352.

Please, if you have been affected by this, **let us know**. You can call: 936-327-8863 or 936-327-5201, email: godtel@minister.com, or send us a note to 1607 S Washington Ave. Livingston, TX 77351.

If your zip code has changed, we do hope to hear from you.

Receipts for Donations

We are glad to provide timely receipts for all donations to GODTEL. Some of our donors prefer to receive a yearly statement of their financial gifts rather than a monthly receipt. Just let us know if you would rather receive a yearly rather than a monthly receipt and I will adjust the time you are receipted.

We sincerely **thank you** for giving to the Lord through GODTEL.

Holiday Meals

Again this year, our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals are open to the public (as are all our meals throughout the year). In Nacogdoches the special meals are at noon and in Livingston our serving time is at 4:00 p.m. Both meals are preceded by a devotion and prayer.

You are welcome to come join us.

Answered Prayer

In last month's newsletter, I spoke of two prayers God had answered for me recently. This month I am sharing an excerpt from the monthly mailing of the U.S. Prayer Center operated by precious friends Eddie and Alice Smith:

"The Night God Knocked at Our Door

There was a night when our family had reached what seemed like the end of everything. Eddie and I realized that we had virtually nothing left. Our pantry was almost bare, our money was gone, and I had just used our last diaper. To make matters worse, we were out of toilet paper.

"Honey," I said to Eddie. "I hate to ask you this, but would you please go next door and ask our neighbor if we can borrow some toilet paper?" His response was an immediate, "Absolutely not! Surely we have Kleenex." "No," I said. "What about paper towels," he asked. "No, we don't have those either," I replied. "Paper napkins?" I shook my head, "No." He reminded me that as a child, when his father pastured a small country church northwest of Ft. Worth, the parsonage was two bedrooms and a path… to the outhouse.

You see, we were music evangelists at the time. We had no regular paycheck. Our income came from churches who invited us to sing and minister. When the invitations came, we had income. But when there was no work—our pantry was nearly empty, and worse. We had no TP!

Have you, at one time or another, faced something similar? I think one mistake we often make is to pray general, rather than specific prayers. It's easier to ask God to bless us, than to ask Him <u>in faith</u> to meet specific needs, including toilet paper.

And then came the thing that broke my heart as a young mother. As we walked toward our bedroom, I told Eddie, "I just used our last diaper." There was nothing more we could do but pray.

So, we climbed into bed and prayed. We reminded our Father of His promise to never leave the righteous forsaken or begging for bead. That included us. So, in our praying we asked for TP and diapers. <Smile>

We didn't know where the answer would come from, or how God would provide. We simply thanked Him in advance, and trusted Him.

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Nacogdoches Stats — September, 2026	
September Residents:	94
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,679
Meals Served:	5,157
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	503

Livingston Stats — September, 2026	
September Residents:	19
Nights' Lodging Provided:	384
Meals Served:	1,230
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	344

Lufkin Stats — September, 2026	
September Residents:	59
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,324
Meals Served:	2,744

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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We were sleeping soundly when around 1:30 in the morning we were awakened by someone pounding loudly on our front door, wildly ringing the doorbell;. Was our house on fire? What was the emergency, we wondered?

We grabbed our robes and ran to the front door. When we opened the door, standing there in the porch light were our friends Rick and Candy Reynolds, friends from down the street. They were both grinning from ear to ear, almost dancing in place.

Candy said they were doing some late shopping at Kmart, when one of their famous "Blue Light Specials" was announced over the store speakers, along with the flashing rotating blue light: "Attention Kmart Shoppers…" It was a two-for-one special on all paper products. She said, "Rick, let's get what we need, and give Alice and Eddie the free items. They began carrying bag after bag into our home—food, diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, and other things we desperately needed.

There was not only enough. **There was more than enough!**

Rick and Candy couldn't have known everything we had mentioned to God in that bedroom. BUT GOD KNEW!

Before we ever closed our eyes that night, the Lord was already working on the answer. That night became one of those moments we will never forget. It taught Eddie and me something that has carried us through many difficult seasons since: God sees us. God hears us. And God knows what we need.

Through the years, we have experienced His provision like this many times. Sometimes His answer came in ways we expected. Other times, it arrived in ways we could never have imagined.

And sometimes—it came with a knock on the door in the middle of the night.

Perhaps today you are facing a need that no one else knows about. Maybe you have prayed and wondered if God has heard you. He Has. Pray specifically. The Apostle Paul testified, "*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*" (Philippians 4:19)

The same God who saw our young family with an empty pantry, no diapers or toilet paper still sees His children today. **Keep praying. Keep Trusting.**

You never know when your answer may be just outside the door...

Eddie & Alice"

I hope this has encouraged you to trust God more and know that He cares deeply for His children.

I am very thankful for His love, forgiveness, faithfulness, mercy, grace, and for godly friends and co-workers. (Are you thankful?)

—Nancy Gentry

May you have a very blessed Thanksgiving.

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