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

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Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report

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God Hears and Answers Prayer

(When We Are Not Holding on to Sin)

I have heard that God always answers prayer. Sometimes He says, "Yes." Sometimes He says, "No." And sometimes He says, "Wait." Recently God has answered two of my desperate prayers in two different ways. The first was concerning a "lost" car key. The second was concerning a file folder containing important tax information. In each case, I searched diligently and I prayed earnestly. Days went by for one but only about 8 hours for the other.

When Terry told me he had accidentally locked the key to the diesel inside the truck, I told him, "No problem. I will get you my key out of the safe." But, it was not there. I looked on my desk, on the peg by the back door where we have a few keys hanging, on my dresser, on June's dresser, across the street in my office, and other places I thought I might have put the key. I decided that I had fulfilled the Scripture to "seek and ye shall find" and knowing that God knew where the key was, I called Martin. He said he did not have the extra key and told me to get a locksmith to unlock the truck. Less than 30 minutes later, Terry had his keys back. That evening, as I was brushing my teeth, the location of my missing key suddenly appeared in my brain. "It is in the console of your car." I was tempted to say, "No way!" but I went to my car and there it was, much to my surprise and delight. As I pondered how the key could have gotten there, it finally dawned on me how it must have happened. I cannot adequately express the thrill and joy I felt as I praised God for sending me the answer. I knew I never would have looked in the console for that key. We would have had another key made by the time I had a need to put something in the console and found the lost key.

The prayer that took days before I received the answer involved me searching my offices in both Nacogdoches and Livingston. Again, I gave up and decided I would have to get copies from the IRS and Social Security Administration (a prospect I was not looking forward to).

Erin, one of our volunteers, for whom I had prepared her income tax had received communication from the IRS saying she owed an additional $400.00. As we later found out, this concerned the Marketplace Insurance.

While I was searching one of my file cabinets to be able to help her, in a drawer that I had not searched for my other documents, because there was no reason I could think of that I would have filed them there, I found what I had so diligently searched for in two counties. Again I was thrilled and very, very thankful. I also found myself wondering if God had merely duplicated those files and placed them where He knew I would be looking for the other documents. (He works miracles and could so easily do that, you know.)

On a Personal Note

The Gentry family has seven September birthdays. I turned 84 on September 19th and what a celebration I had!

My granddaughter, Montana, chose that day, and Livingston as the place, for her wedding to her long-time sweetheart, Austin. They will be living in Waco where he will be working for Space-X. Our family would appreciate your prayers for them as they relocate and begin their lives as one.

Michael (father of the bride), Montana, Austin, and Janie (Michael's wife)

Praise the Lord!!!

We rejoice to report that in the month of August, one of GODTEL's guests prayed to receive Christ as his Savior. Please pray for him.

GODTEL Ministries, Inc.

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Nacogdoches Stats — August, 2026	
August Residents:	108
Nights' Lodging Provided:	2,026
Meals Served:	6,138
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	461

Livingston Stats — August, 2026	
August Residents:	13
Nights' Lodging Provided:	305
Meals Served:	985
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	290

Lufkin Stats — August, 2026	
August Residents:	65
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,200
Meals Served:	3,758

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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My deeply heartfelt thanks to all who had a part in making my day so very special.

Rosh Hashanah

We were treated to a delicious meal on the last day of The Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah which, this year, began at sundown on the 11th of September and ended at sundown on the 13th. Benita and Erin really outdid themselves with traditional Jewish dishes of lamb, salmon, ribs, fruits, and vegetables.

Benita delights in using her culinary skills to honor and glorify God. She does research and diligently seeks out the ingredients. She would be the first to tell you that she is far from perfect, but she is a blessing to us all. One of the following photo is from last year but both are representative of what was served:

And Then There's Coffee

We are very thankful to Monte and Cheri Brigance and Lion's Den home church for their recent donation of coffee, creamer, sugar, and cups to get mornings going at GODTEL. Bless 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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