

*"In them that perish...we are
the savour of death unto death..."
2 Corinthians 2:15-16*

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**Nacogdoches &
Livingston**

GODTEL Report



An Odor of Death

I have just finished watching "Tortured for Christ," "Sabina," and a TV special celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Voice of the Martyrs ministry. The two movies tell the story of Richard and Sabina Wurmbbrand who were imprisoned and tortured just because they were Christians. Their love for Christ and, through them, His love for their enemies won many Nazis and Russian communists to the saving faith in Jesus.

The way this world is going, it would not surprise me if we Christians are not met with the same fate in the near future. I have heard of several people who have already been imprisoned for merely teaching what the Bible says about homosexuality being an abomination to God. *(Male and female have complementary functions. Anything else is against natural design.)*

These films have encouraged, even urged, me to be more bold in witnessing to anyone I come into contact with and with whom God gives me an opening. All I need to know is: God is; that He created all we see; that He is a rewarder of all that truly, sincerely, diligently seek Him; that He so loved each and every human being that he sent His one and only begotten son to live as a man and pay the penalty for my sin (the sins of all mankind); that Jesus died on a Roman cross, was buried in a borrowed tomb,

and returned to life on the third day; that He ascended into Heaven (the third heaven) where He sits on the throne of power and from where He will return to earth and take all true believers (who are doers of the Word, not hearers only — James 1:22) to live with Him forever in a place of indescribable joy and pleasure.

God does not adopt us into His family to give us an easy life here on earth (that's what Heaven is for). He saves us and desires for us to share the good news of His offer of eternal life (and escape from the torments of hell) even if it means we are mistreated, persecuted, or imprisoned. The light of the Gospel shines brightest in the depths of spiritual darkness. God's love and power are most clearly seen when those being tortured love their enemies, pray for them, and return good for evil. Christ suffered for us. Can we do no less for Him?

It is terribly sad when lost souls refuse to hear and consider the claims of the Gospel. There are members of my extended family who become angry when another family member tries to give them information that can enable them to escape eternal torment and, instead, receive unearned and undeserved joy. I fear their refusal to engage in conversation about Christianity will be

one of their torments in hell.

Can anything change truth? The truth is the truth and no amount of denying or disputing truth changes it. Heaven and hell are real. God is loving, but just. He has declared what He expects/demands of mankind and we will be judged by His laws, not our "better" ideas, and wishful thinking to the contrary.

News from Nacogdoches

The East Texas Community Health Clinic brought their mobile unit to both our Nacogdoches and Lufkin shelters to administer immunizations, check blood pressure, test blood sugar levels, and set up appointments for a clinic visit if needed. They had also collected donations of canned food; dry goods like beans, rice, and cereal; paper goods and hygiene products.

We are very grateful. (Below are photos of the event.)



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Nacogdoches Stats — August, 2022

August Residents:	107
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,567
Meals Served:	4,778
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	580

Livingston Stats — August, 2022

August Residents:	21
Nights' Lodging Provided:	352
Meals Served:	1,056
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	429

Lufkin Stats — August, 2022

August Residents:	52
Nights' Lodging Provided:	591
Meals Served:	1,853



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. GODEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Following the death of

Bro. June Gentry in September of 2021, GODEL's Board of Directors unanimously voted to promote Martin from Vice President to President of the Board and Executive Director of GODEL.

GODEL is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but we do not seek nor accept government funding of any kind. GODEL 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 GODEL 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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Also at the Nacogdoches mission, the college group that presents our Monday night Bible study is now serving a meal once a month. If you want to experience the joy and enthusiasm of these students from the Yellow House (Church of Christ) ministry at SFA, come join us at 7:00 p.m. Monday.



SFA's Yellow House Representatives

Lines from Livingston

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned that the Livingston Rotary Club was providing funds for us to purchase an air conditioning

unit. We are now enjoying the blessings of not one, but two air conditioners that are effectively cooling our eating and meeting area. The effects are being felt in the Manager's office, kitchen and laundry room. We thank God for putting the desire to cool us off into the hearts and minds of the Rotarians, and we thank the Rotarians for their follow-through.

Please Pray

Covid has once again struck the Nacogdoches Mission. Hopefully, we will be able to confine it to the three people currently suffering with it, but we would greatly appreciate your praying: 1. for God's will to be done in all our lives — staff and residents alike and 2. for a rapid recovery for the sick.

Thank you for your prayers.

— 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 GODEL (Contact information is at the bottom of this page). Call, email, or write us.

Donate Your Scrap Metal

GODEL 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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