

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee;
because he trusteth in Thee" Isaiah 26:3*

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Nacogdoches & Livingston

GODTEL Report



Time is Passing ... and Running Out

In September I took a 10-day vacation! My daughter, Joann, and husband Zach, who live in Tacoma, Washington treated me to airline tickets and hosted me royally while a guest in their home. We celebrated my 80th birthday while I was there with a meal at a fancy restaurant on the waterfront and a visit to "Ice Cream Social" afterward.



My other daughter, Greta, had sent my birthday card to Tacoma (clever girl that she is!) and Joann presented it to me while we had the cake and ice cream. In the card was a coupon for a "sailing excursion around Galveston bay". I once owned a small sailboat and delighted in getting out on the lake in it. Now, my thoughtful daughter is going to take me on a sailboat ride for my continuing birthday celebration. After all, it's my BIG 8—0!

I had been unsure about taking the time off and taking such a long flight, but my sons cheered me on and have contributed to my joy at reaching this milestone in my life.

Lines from Livingston

Early one morning (2:30 early) Ms. Benita, our Mission Manager, received a phone call that her 42-year-old son, Michael (Mikie), had suffered a fatal heart attack. He had had some warnings which he attributed to panic attacks. If only he had known and gone to the doctor to be checked out... But he was a diligent worker and continued to follow his daily schedule of hard work. I hope this will be a warning to any of you macho men who refuse to see a doctor when your body tells you something is not quite right.

Benita is striving to keep her focus on God and is receiving strength to carry on her duties as Mission Manager and cook, etc. of the Livingston mission. We would appreciate your prayers for Benita, her family, Mike's widow Kim, and their three sons.

Grief

Grief is like an earthquake.
The first one hits you, and
the world falls apart.
Even after you put the
world together again,
there are aftershocks,
and you never really know
when those will come.

— Unknown —

News from Nacogdoches

After five weeks of our residents suffering with covid, flu, and just plain nasty colds, I believe we are now covid-free once again. Some of the residents complained about having to wear masks in the buildings and having to sanitize the tables and chairs and door knobs, etc. but our diligence has paid off. Of course, we give God the credit for honoring our efforts.

I stayed away from that mission in the meantime (except for one brief visit to the office and my apartment to exchange business papers, accounting, checks, etc.) When I started going back, I wore a mask and carried sanitizing wipes with me with which I opened doors and wiped down my chair and table top where I put my Bible. Some of our Bible study teachers stayed away for a time as well.

In October, we did get visits from First Baptist Church and St. Mary's group from S.F.A. represented by Alex, Carson, Caden, Nick, & Andy who spent four hours working to clean the patio. The power washer would not cooperate but they washed it with a hose and have plans to return to clean windows.



Alex, Carson, Caden, Nick, & Andy
(not necessarily in that order)
Representing St. Mary's group from S.F.A.

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Nacogdoches Stats — September, 2022

September Residents:	97
Nights' Lodging Provided:	1,562
Meals Served:	4,773
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	426

Livingston Stats — September, 2022

September Residents:	24
Nights' Lodging Provided:	307
Meals Served:	960
Christian Help Ctr. Clients:	456

Lufkin Stats — September, 2022

September Residents:	39
Nights' Lodging Provided:	684
Meals Served:	2,114

First Baptist Church sent a crew to GODTEL for their "Serve Day" and serve, they did! They cut down three dead trees, mended the staff house fence, and stained the new fence behind the office. The group from First Baptist purchased the needed supplies and brought their own equipment to use as well. We had residents help gather the tree pieces and put them in our trailers. Richard helped with the removal of trees and with the staff house fence. Everyone worked really hard and everything looks amazing. It was very encouraging and heartwarming to see!!!! A great big thanks to all!!!!

— Nancy Gentry



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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Timber!!!



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

Praise the Lord!

We rejoice to report that
In the month of September,
5 of GODTEL's residents
made a profession of
Faith in Jesus Christ.

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