



GODTEL Report

October 2022~Lufkin

“Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.” Psalms 25:5&6

COOL...

EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-3

Day labor-2

Still working-5

The Fieldhouse-2

Praise the Lord!

COOL...

A long, long time ago in a small east Texas town, God planted a vision in a man’s heart. A shelter where the gospel of Christ was heard daily became a reality.

Men, women and children came for shelter and food. Adults went out to find employment. Children attended school. Three meals a day were prepared and served. Clothes were washed and dried. Ears heard the word of God and some hearts were changed.

The first location of GODTEL Ministries was on Main Street in Nacogdoches, Texas. It was the old Redland Hotel. It was an old building. There was electricity. And you could see the indoor plumbing that was added years after the hotel first opened. Gas heaters warmed us in the winter. Ceiling fans “cooled” us in the summer.

Since the opening of the shelter in 1977, there has not been air conditioning at any of our three locations (Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Livingston). Little by little

things changed. One day a man walked into the Livingston office. He noticed how hot it was and noticed papers sticking to Nancy’s arms. He asked Nancy what was wrong with the air conditioning. She replied that there was no air conditioning. The man left. He talked with Bro. June. Soon there was new insulation going in and a new central air unit was installed. We thank God for this man and his gift to GODTEL Livingston.

In the meantime, Nacogdoches GODTEL moved to a new location. One by one buildings were built. As each new structure was built, the zoning laws changed. The last building was the women’s dorm. By this time, the city required central air in multi-person occupancy buildings. And so it happened. Then the men’s dorm was fitted with central air.

Bro. June saw “the writing on the wall.” He told Martin (Lufkin director) to start putting air conditioning in our buildings. It has taken two plus years, but we are getting to the finish line slowly.

In Lufkin, we now have our men’s dorm building set up with central air. Three big units are parked on the inside patio. The first unit cools the kitchen and big room/dining room. The second unit cools the men’s dorm wing. And the third unit cools the three staff rooms and the laundry room.

Even though the temperatures

are a teeny bit cooler and winter will be here eventually we are happy and glad for these “modern” amenities. The offices each have a window unit to keep us comfortable. Dolores and Christi have window units in their rooms. Soon one of the units, which was in a staff room, will park itself in the living room of Christi’s and Dolores’ apartment.

The plan for the women’s dorm is to put a big window unit at each end of the hall and a dehumidifier in the bathroom. We are thankful that we had the funds to do this big project.

Come by. See and hear the soft hum of coolness.

One Saturday morning I stepped out of my house into a wall of bubbles. Did I go back in time to the Lawrence Welk show? No, it was the three brothers waving their bubble wands. Small, medium and large bubbles filled the air around the parking lot. It was a pretty sight. What a sparkle they made when the sun hit the clear round bubbles. Where did they come from I wondered. Oh yea. I remember now. I gave the boys the bubble wands and the chalk. The sidewalks were decorated with butterflies and flowers. What a display of up and coming artists.

The three brothers came with their mother mid-month. They are all in school. They are typical

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So You'll Know

September 2022

1st-21 people

30th-28 people

Total helped-39 people

Praise the Lord!



Martin Baker
Executive Director

Bro. Martin Baker was one of the founders and is the Board President of God's Open Door To Eternal Life, Inc. d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

We are 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 area residents.

Martin is available to speak about GODTEL to your Church or civic group. Most days you may reach him at the Lufkin Mission.

**"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."
Matthew 11:5**

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"Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths." Psalms 25:4

boys, but mom seems to be able to keep them out of too much trouble. Mom is looking for a job. She needs to get a job that works with the boys school schedule. That make take awhile, but we are praying for God's direction.

CORRECTION: Alberto is the junior high student's name not Roberto. He and his family are still here making plans to move to a place of their own. Nathan did get the bus driving job with the Lufkin Independent School District. We are thankful for bus drivers. There is a shortage of drivers all across our country. Nathan had driven for LISD before. After a review and updates on laws and policy he got a route. He leaves very early in the morning and walks to the bus barn. He does his route and then he is back for a short break. He returns to the bus barn, gets into his bus

and picks up his riders and delivers them safely home. We pray for God's leading in this family.

Christi update: She seems to be in a holding pattern. No unexpected hospital trips. She is coming in to the office a few hours everyday. We are thankful for her desire to serve when she is able.

Thank you to our supporters. We do not put our thanks on a holding pattern. We raise our voices loudly in thanksgiving for your giving of time, money, prayer and service to GODTEL Ministries.

Because we serve a Living God,
Martin and Mary Baker

P.S. The Livingston women's dorm is air conditioned. The men's dorm will soon join the cool kids.

Join us in prayer for all those who were hit by Hurricane Ian. Most of us probably know someone who was touched by this storm.