



GODTEL

Report

October 2023~Lufkin

ISRAEL

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.”

Deuteronomy 7:6

Morning Glory

Morning-early part of the day
Glory-radiant beauty or splendor

Morning Glory

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EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-1

Still working-4

Day labour-2

The Mosaic Center-1

The Men’s Fieldhouse-2

Professions of Faith-1

Praise the Lord!

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September continued to be a busy month. The temperatures continued to be extremely high. And GODTEL Ministries continued to serve the Lord.

We celebrated Labor Day by working. Meals were prepared and served. Clothes were washed and dried. And Bible study was presented twice that day.

Joseph took a week off. He had a stay-cation, as we call it. We were glad when he returned to his missionary duties, hopefully rested and refreshed.

One of our washing machines had a “vacation”. Well, we had to call the repairman to get it repaired and back to work. Dolores stayed at her post and had two other machines to keep the flow of laundry soap and water washing the residents’ clothes.

Dillon checked in to GODTEL mid-May. It took him awhile to get serious about finding a job. He

finally got the job and has been faithful to go to work. In June, Dillon made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. He will be moving out soon. Pray for Dillon as he walks with the Lord and grows in his faith.

Jasmine landed at our doorstep the end of June. She already had a job. She works at Brookshire Bros. at Gaslight. She starts her work day before most of us are awake. She works in the bakery. If you stop and pick up a breakfast food you may have seen her. Her original plan to move to Colorado has been put on hold. Oh my, don’t you wonder what God has planned for Jasmine? She has heard the Word in Bible study many times now. She is quiet and volunteers for chores. She will be moving out soon.

Autumn became official this past month, but our guest cooks did not “fall” out. Pizza with salad and chips showed up one evening to satisfy our hunger. Baked chicken, spaghetti, a pasta dish and hamburgers delighted our taste buds, also. And don’t forget the delicious Mexican meal. Ole!

We had a short visit from covid. Three of our folks were sent to their rooms for quarantine protocol. We praise God they are now covid free and no more cases have showed up.

Morning Glory

We have survived the extreme

high temperatures of summer. And most of us are walking on dead grass that cover our yards. BUT! As I walked out of my house those hot summer days I saw the violet morning glory flowers in all their magnificent beauty as if it were a spring day. How can one not smile for a moment and know that God still IS? Sometimes I would walk outside just to see the flowers once more before they would close their soft petals and sleep until the next morning. And bumblebees would be flitting from flower to flower taking their pollinating duties seriously.

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

Bible Study Fellowship has started its fall season. Christi and Brooke are attending the Thursday evening class. The Wednesday morning Bible study group that I have attended through the years is, also, back in session. We are studying the book of Hosea. We are blessed to have the opportunity to have fellowship and Bible study with sisters in the Lord away from the mission. What a sweet gift from God.

The Journey

Author: God

Main character: Mary

Without getting too personal and too much TMI-it started earli-

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So You'll Know

September 2023
1st-19 people
30th-17 people
Total helped-35 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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"Because the Lord loved you"

er this year with routine lab work and blood in my stool sample. A colonoscopy was discussed and finally scheduled.

A polyp was removed during the procedure. However, there was a tumor that could not be removed during this procedure. Of course, all was sent to the pathologist. No cancer seen. Surgery was scheduled to remove the tumor.

I checked into the hospital on a Tuesday and surgery was that afternoon. I don't remember much about the operation, I was asleep. :) The hospital stay was five days. I went home on Sunday.

There was plenty of help on the home front. Martin and two sisters-in-law were most helpful. Mom was taken care of and so was I. The prayer support and visits from precious sisters in the Lord was such a blessing. My two sisters were in

constant communication with me and very encouraging. God is love.

The follow-up doctor appointment was another test in trust. There was a small cancer spot that the doctor removed. Now I am waiting for a scan to confirm that there is no cancer.

There are other God details in the journey but not room to share. So the journey continues and my trust remains in the Lord.

Even though some of this month I was not "in the office", we were here to house and feed and clothe our residents and non-residents. And we thank you for that.

May God's grace, peace and joy surround you.

Because we serve a Living God,
Martin and Mary Baker

NEEDS:

PRAYER

Israel
God's children
Our pastors