



GODTEL

Report

September 2022~Lufkin

“Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.” Psalms 28:6&7

HOT! HOT! HOT!

These three words describe the month of August. School bells were heard throughout the land. Big yellow buses decorated our roads as they stopped and students climbed up the steps for learning adventures. Some students are walking, some are riding bikes, some are driven to school in mom’s or dad’s cars. And many are having school classes at home. No matter the school venue, prayer is the most important “school supply” we need.

EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

- New jobs-0
- Day worker-1
- Still working- 2
- The Fieldhouse- 3
- Praise the Lord!

New faces were seen in the laundry room and kitchen. Eric had laundry duty. He moved out. John did his time washing resident clothes, sheets and towels, as well as the kitchen towels.

John moved out of laundry and into the “all round helper”. He is one of the three men attending The Fieldhouse. Devonte and Brent complete the trio of students from GODTEL. Pray for these men and teachers during this fall session. Pray that all students will complete and graduate and that they will meet and know that God

has a plan for their lives. Amen.

Jodie checked in mid-August. She was having a rough day. After a few days of Bible study and rest, Jodie asked if there was anything she could do around here. And, of course, we said “yes”. Bright and early on a Monday morning Jodie was introduced to the 3 washers and 4 dryers...And the dirty clothes that awaited her attention. She has been at this station ever since and has been doing a good job.

JoAna came through our doors the first day of August. Even before the rules were read to her she asked if she could read the Bible. (I don’t think I’ve ever had that question asked before.) Well, what do you think the answer was? YES! YES! YES!

She barely got checked in before asking if there was anything she could do to help. She said she liked to cook. Warren asked her if she would help Dolores in the kitchen. The smile on her face told us the answer was “yes”. So JoAna has been helping Dolores. She keeps the drawers and shelves clean and organized. She helps prepare the food for Dolores. And she helps serve the meals.

One day, JoAna asked if she could prepare a meal by herself. Warren suggested a Sunday dinner meal. And so she has been at the helm since then, except on the second Sunday when we have a

guest cook.

House calls. Did somebody say, “house calls”? Yep. The second week of August we had a visit from the East Texas Community Health Services 40 foot mobile unit. They parked that big unit on the rocks on the front yard of the mission property. We met Kris, Ray and Katie as they set up their table with pamphlets and covid test kits. They were open and available to us and our neighbors. Questions were welcome and blood pressures were taken. The three representatives took turns going on a tour of GODTEL and learning more about us. They have visited the Nacogdoches mission several times. We look forward to their next visit. House calls-dreams do come true.

Our guest cooks made their house calls this past month. The theme was “cool”. One meal was a vegetable salad, tuna salad, chicken salad, and ice cream. One dinner was sliders, macaroni and cheese with an ice cream dessert. And more sandwiches from McAlister’s Deli. Not all the meals were cool, one meal was chicken enchiladas and refried beans. All meals were delicious. Thank you, cooks, one and all!

The last day of the month brought us a family of four. Daughter Arika is in high school and in the band. Son Roberto is in junior high and plays 7th grade

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So You'll Know

August 2022
1st-17 people
31st-21 people
Total helped-52 people
Praise the Lord!



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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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"Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place."
Psalm 28:2

football. Step dad Nathan is finishing up all his requirements to drive a school bus. The parents have been house and apartment hunting. We are thankful for the good attitudes of this family.

It was Labor Day, a school holiday and Roberto was bored. He saw a need and asked if he could crush cans. After that chore was finished he power washed a rug. What a blessing to see such a willing worker. And both jobs were well done. At bed check I see Arika doing homework with her mom right there. We know God has the perfect home for this family.

Christi update: One evening Christi was having trouble breathing. She went to the ER. She had all sorts of "pictures" taken of her back. It was determined that she needed more "cement" (aka-kypoplasty) work done on her T11

and T12. She was sent to Nacogdoches Medical Center for this procedure. While there, a lung infection was found and antibiotics were quickly started. She is home now taking it one day at a time. We pray for God's grace, for it is sufficient.

September reminds us of cooler temperatures and we look forward to the beautiful autumn colors of brown, yellow, orange and red. Oh the freedom the leaves believe they have when they fly off the tree limbs and branches only to land on the ground. Some will be raked into piles, others will be used for decorations or put into collections.

In the air or on the ground, we thank you for your encouragement and support this past month.

Because we serve a Living God,
Martin and Mary Baker

A big THANK YOU
To Warm Hearts of
Texas and BOMBAS
Socks
Our feet will be warm
as well as our hearts.
(a total of 350 pairs, PTL!)