

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **April 2016** .

PREACHED AT ULVERSTONE .

This month Jackie and I made the 90 minute drive to North West Tasmania , for me to preach for the Ulverstone church . As usual , we received a warm welcome , and all my Lesson Booklets were taken , with some members requesting extra copies to give to relatives and friends .

HILLWOOD CANTEEN .

Our Australian Rules Football season has begun , meaning every second Saturday (home game days) , Jackie and I work in the Hillwood Football Club's canteen from 7 am . In addition , every Thursday night we help the ladies committee to prepare a cooked dinner for the players of three teams (about 60 plus) after they finish their training session .

Our association with this football club has resulted in many life - long friendships being established , and our "chaplaincy" roles (without the title) has given us many opportunities to teach Bible principles to members of the club who are having difficulties and are hurting .

SCHOOL READING .

The Literacy Program at the school where Eastside meets , has started well for 2016 . Jackie has children from the same class she had last year , but I have been allocated a different class than 2015 .

Every Tuesday for one hour we teach young children to read , but the teachers have stressed that building a relationship with the pupils is equally as important .

EASTSIDE WEB PAGE .

A wonderful brother in another congregation here in Launceston has offered to create a Website for the Eastside church , and then teach myself and our young member "Amazing Kane" Kelleher how to add to , and take away from our website .

This brother has been coming to my home regularly , and many days this month I have spent listening to him , and watching him show me procedures that I really do not know what he is talking about (I am still a computer novice) .

The Eastside members have requested that the first things that are put on the site are details about Eastside's meetings and location , and all my sermons and Bible Classes . As Kane becomes familiar with how to work with the site , we have designated him to be the one that adds teaching articles and news about Eastside's programs and work .

When we have the site up and running , I will let you know how to access it .

GREAT PHONE CALL FROM SYDNEY PREACHER .

This month I received a phone call from a Sydney preacher , who many years ago was a full time preacher for a Hobart church , in the days when Jackie and I were relatively new Christians . We have never met him , because he was the preacher for a congregation that we had never visited , though we were familiar with his name .

He phoned us to ask if he could give our contact details to a lady member of his Sydney church, because she is concerned about a female friend of hers who has moved from Sydney to near my home city of Launceston.

This Sydney sister - in - Christ is concerned that her friend (a non - Christian) is now living in Tasmania without any friends, literally knowing nobody. So she asked the preacher of her Sydney church if he could recommend anyone in a church in Launceston who would be willing to attempt to establish a relationship with her friend, and more importantly introduce her to the gospel of Christ.

What Jackie and I are so thrilled and excited about is that this Sydney preacher never met us when he was working in Hobart, yet he recommended that his "home" church member contact us regarding her friend !

He said that when his church member asked him to recommend someone in the church in Launceston, he immediately thought of us. He said that though he had never ever met us, he had only ever heard good things about us from the brotherhood all over Australia. We told him to certainly give our contact details to his home church sister - in - Christ.

PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS BEGIN .

Within 24 hours of giving our consent to the preacher, the Sydney lady phoned us and I was on the phone talking to her for nearly two hours.

She sounded like the most marvelous person, as she told me all about her friend, her home church, and personal difficulties she is experiencing.

The subject of my Lesson Booklets arose, and she asked to be put on my free monthly mailing list. I initially sent her three different Booklets, and within days she emailed me with the request for three more of one of those I sent her.

She requested a booklet on Holy Spirit baptism, but though I have preached on this over the years, using a card for reference notes, I had never compiled a Lesson Booklet on this subject.

Consequently, for two weeks of this month (along with other things), I revised my notes, and compiled a Booklet, which I sent to her.

The Sydney lady has given her friend our address and phone number, and she told her we are ready to assist her in any way we can, to just be her Tasmanians friends.

We have come to an agreement that we will wait for the Sydney lady's friend to contact us, so far she has not done so.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN APRIL .

Most of my Bible class and sermon subjects take several weeks to cover due to the nature of the Eastside members who need constant repetition, detailed explanations, and mutual discussions among brethren re personal applications of Biblical principles in their lives.

Also, I encourage members to ask questions re anything they do not understand or even something that is a side issue to what we are actually studying at the time. Thus it is very rare for me to ever complete a lesson in one Bible class.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS .

April 3 - *"The Mosaic Age"* .

10 - *"The Mosaic Age"* .

17 - *"The Mosaic Age"* .

24 - I preached at Ulverstone .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- April 3 - *"When God is not fair"*
- 10 - *"Was the cross an accident" ?*
- 17 - *"People say - God says"* .
- 24 - I preached at Ulverstone .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- March 6 - Viktor taught **Leviticus 12 - 13 - 14** .
- 13 - Viktor taught **Leviticus 15 - 16 - 17** .
- 20 - Viktor taught **Leviticus 18 - 19 - 20** .
- 27 - Viktor taught **Leviticus 21 - 22 - 23** .

Following is a repeat of the items that form the basis of my activities each month .

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .

Set up school on Friday afternoons at 4pm for Eastside's Sunday meetings . (it takes Jackie and I about one hour to clear out the classroom and set up our "church auditorium") .

"Friend day" lunch at our house for brethren and visitors after Sunday worship on the second or third Sunday in the month .

Midweek Bible Class : Continues to be at my house .

Study periods : Preparing sermons and Bible classes for Eastside's meetings .

Lesson booklets : Ongoing typing , photocopying , stapling , and binding of new and replacement booklets for requests , and for display at our church meetings .

Study packs : Ongoing photocopying , stapling , and packaging of these as time permits .

Letterboxing : Jackie and I make every effort to continue this project on a weekly basis , but often a lack of time does not allow this to happen .

Thank you once again for your wonderful support , please visit us if you ever get the opportunity to do so ,

Yours in Christ ,

Barry Hume .

P . S . "DO NOT BE FEARFUL"

I have attached another one of my sermons
for you to see how and what I preach