

# **“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** . Please especially read and consider the item and attachment relating to Kane Keleher .

## **KANE TO FLORIDA COLLEGE ?**

( Can you please help ? )

In my report of November 2013 , I mentioned the arrival on the scene at my "home" congregation Eastside , of a thirteen year old boy named **Kane Keleher** . In subsequent reports over the last three years I have made mention of the incredible spiritual progress he has made , and I have attached excerpts to this report re mention I have made of Kane .

One Sunday this month the Eastside members asked me to investigate the logistics of Kane attending Florida College for four years , and after graduating , returning to Australia to work full time as a preacher .

## **INITIAL CONTACTS .**

I contacted **Robert Harkrider** and **Colly Caldwell** in Florida about Kane , Robert connected me to **Colleen Engel** , who is the international

admissions counselor for Florida College , and she has been incredibly helpful with back and forth emails outlining what is required for Kane to attend Florida College .

I also contacted **Kelly Johnson** from Texas , who worked with me here at Eastside for three months , about two years ago , thus Kelly knows Kane personally , and can attest to Kane's academic , spiritual , and intellectual capacity to succeed at Florida College .

All four of the above people are as excited about the prospect of attending Florida College as we are .

### **KANE'S ACADEMIC ABILITY .**

Kane is a brilliant student , having been the valedictorian of his High School every year he has attended . Each year the Australian Government runs a testing program in Literacy and Numeracy , in order to discover who are the brightest students in each state of Australia .

In 2014 Kane's High School nominated Kane to be their representative , and he was the number one student in Tasmania !

Kane had to attend a ceremony , attended by leading politicians , businessmen etc , and be presented with his award from the Premier of Tasmania .

### **WHY AM I TELLING YOU ALL THIS ?**

The bottom line is that Kane "ticks all the boxes" , except for the fact he does not have the financial means to pay his fees each year to attend Florida College .

Because it is not possible for Kane's family to contribute anything toward his fees , and the amount that Eastside members could contribute would be a "drop in the ocean" compared to what is required , sponsors will need to be found in the U.S . before **March 2017** , so that Kane can begin at Florida College in **August 2017** .

The four above mentioned people have agreed to seek U.S. sponsors for Kane, and if think you can assist in either seeking sponsors or contributing financially, they would appreciate you contacting them.

Their contact details are :

**Colleen Engel**

Coordinator of Admissions Data | Office of Admissions and Retention Services  
Florida College | 119 North Glen Arven Avenue | Temple Terrace, Florida 33617  
+1 813.988.5131 ext. 152 | Toll-Free +1 800.326.7655 ext. 152 | Fax +1 813.899.1799

[rharkrider@earthlink.net](mailto:rharkrider@earthlink.net) ( Robert Harkrider )

[kdj2000@att.net](mailto:kdj2000@att.net) ( Kelly Johnson )

[caldwelc@floridacollege.edu](mailto:caldwelc@floridacollege.edu) ( Colly Caldwell )

The Eastside members are planning to establish a Bank Account, into which they will deposit periodically whatever they can afford. This fund will be used to send Kane a sum of money each month to help him with spending money, clothes, entertainment, etc. Whether this monthly sum will be enough to cover his personal expenses, we are not sure, maybe some sponsorship money may need to be used as well.

## **LINDISFARNE AND EASTERN SHORE.**

This month Jackie and I drove two hours plus to Hobart for me to preach for the Lindisfarne church. We made the trip on Saturday afternoon and stayed overnight with brethren.

For a number of years now we have always driven back home on Sunday afternoon after worship, but because members of a second Hobart church have indicated that they wish to have more association with us, for the past two trips we have stayed in Hobart on Sunday night also, and driven home on Monday morning.

This allowed us to meet with the Eastern Shore church for their Sunday evening worship. Jackie and I received a very warm welcome from the Eastern Shore brethren, and many of the congregation came with us for a meal after the meeting.

## **LESSON BOOKS REQUESTS EXPLOSION .**

A while back I mentioned that a Sydney preacher ( **Roy Courtney** ) contacted me to enquire if it would be OK to give my contact details to a female member of his congregation ( **Esther Sherwood** ), because her female cousin had moved to my home city , and she wanted us to establish a relationship with her .

Esther phoned me , was added to my booklets monthly mailing list , and then the "explosion" occurred .

1. Esther requested additional copies of the booklets I initially sent her .
2. She requested booklets for her uncle in Deloraine , Tasmania .
3. She asked me to add a man in New Guinea to my mailing list ( Roy Courtney's congregation supports him ) .
4. She has requested two copies of every booklet I have in stock ( 100's ) , sent as I find the time , so that this congregation can set up a "resource library" of my booklets .

If any of their members need material for personal study , or to hand out to contacts , they can access what they need from this library . As booklets get taken , this congregation will email me for replacements .

I need to live to 110 if I am to achieve my goals , and projects I have under way ( Ha ) .

## **MARRIAGE SEMINAR .**

This month I was required to attend a day - long ( 6 hours ) Marriage Celebrant seminar at a cost to me of nearly \$ 200 . 00 . Under Australian law , if I refuse to attend this annual event , I will have my Marriage Celebrant's licence revoked . Brethren in Tasmania appreciate having "one of their own" perform their wedding ceremonies with Bible content , so I need to live with the annoying aspects of

the law , in order to maintain my ability to perform ceremonies . Often these seminars are so boring , and the content most years has no relevance to my performing ceremonies for members of the church of Christ .

### **EASTSIDE WEB PAGE .**

Kane from Eastside , and another wonderful brother from another Launceston congregation , are continuing the process of getting a web page up and running for the Eastside church . It will eventually contain about 700 of my sermons , and about 500 of my Bible Classes . I will inform you when it is ready to access .

### **LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN MAY .**

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 .**

May 1 - *"The Gospel Age"* .

8 - *"The Gospel Age"* .

15 - *"The Gospel Age"* .

22 - I preached at Lindisfarne .

29 - *"The period between the Testaments"* .

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

- May 1 - *"Five states of man"* .
- 8 - *"Five states of man"* .
- 15 - *"Suffering and sin"* .
- 22 - I preached at Lindisfarne .
- 29 - *"Is God strong enough to help me ?"* .

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

- May 3 - Viktor taught *"Numbers 1 - 4"* .
- 10 - Viktor taught *"Numbers 5 - 8"* .
- 17 - Viktor taught *"Numbers 9 - 12"* .
- 24 - Viktor taught *"Numbers 13 - 14"* .
- 31 - Viktor taught *"Numbers 15 - 16"* .

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 .