

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **June 2018** .

PREACHED IN HOBART .

This month Jackie and I drove 200 plus kilometres to Hobart (our Capital city) for me to preach for the **Lindisfarne** church . We made the trip on Saturday afternoon and stayed overnight with brethren in order to avoid the icy road Sunday morning .

We received the usual very warm welcome (lots of hugs and kisses) from the Lindisfarne members , they listened attentively to my sermon and requested multiple copies of my lesson booklet to hand out to contacts .

We also stayed over Sunday night to attend the **Eastern Shore's** evening meeting , where we again was warmly welcomed , with many of the brethren wanting to chat , and inform us they would be making the trip north to attend our upcoming

Gospel Meeting . We returned to Launceston around midday on the Monday .

Every sixth week I am away from Eastside , preaching in Hobart and then six weeks later in Ulverstone (North West Tasmania) , then six weeks later Hobart again etc .

GOSPEL MEETING .

It is "all systems go" for our imminent Gospel Meeting (**July 1 - 8**) with Melbourne evangelist **Graham Wall** doing the preaching . Six billboards have been placed beside the major highways into our city , advertisements have been placed in our major newspaper , and a religious radio station is running adverts periodically during the day .

It is the first time we have tried such a large newspaper advert on the back page (Australians are sport fanatics) . I have attached the first one for you to see .

HILLWOOD PLAYERS TEA .

This month it was Jackie's turn to cook and prepare a cooked meal for fifty Australian Rules Footballers and serve it up to them when they finish training at the Hillwood Football Club . Four ladies take it in turns to prepare this dinner so Jackie and I need to do it about once a month .

It took Jackie two days to prepare and cook fifty serves of Shepherds Pie (Cottage Pie , similar to Potato Pie) and the accompanying serves of salad and fries . On the night Jackie and I arrive at the clubrooms as training is commencing , and we begin to cook the fries (hot potato chips) , and when training has finished the players line up as Jackie dishes up each meal and I take it to each player in the queue .

It is a big job , Jackie spends many hours working hard preparing this meal , but it is another way for us to integrate in the community , build relationships , and hopefully influence someone for Christ .

The players all know us well as we are into our third year of acting as "Club Chaplains" (without the title) whereby anyone in the club who is having "life problems" can talk to Jackie and I in confidence .

BENEVOLENCE BASKETS .

Always on display in our lounge room are two large washing baskets , and each Tuesday night before our Bible class , members give Jackie items of groceries to put in these baskets .

When the baskets are overflowing with groceries , Jackie covers them with coloured cellophane paper and places a card on each stating , *"From the members of the Eastside church of Christ"* .

These baskets are now full , so this week Jackie and I will take these grocery baskets to the Principle of the school where we conduct our meetings and he chooses two needy families in the community and presents them to these families .

This benevolence program has no connection with the work of the Eastside church or its treasury , but is a completely separate commitment by the Eastside members as individual Christians .

This is just another way we try to , "let our light shine" (as members of the Eastside church) in an attempt to follow God's word re our duties toward the lost .

HILLWOOD "CHAPLAINCY "

This month at the Hillwood Football Club Jackie and I met a player for the first time and he wanted to talk to us about his battle with Schizophrenia . He finishes training nights about 8 . 30 pm and then drives for an hour and a half on icy roads to his home in a mountainous region , arriving around 10 .00 pm .

Jackie and I have arranged for him to stay in our apartment on training nights (our home is twenty minutes from the football club) and drive to his home next morning when the ice on the road has melted .

Because there are about 70 players that make up the three teams , and every year some leave to play elsewhere , and others arrive at the club for the first time , it is impossible for Jackie and I to become acquainted with them all (because we spend all of the match days working in the canteen) .

On match days I leave the canteen every hour and circulate among the players in the change rooms and chat with them in case they wish to discuss with me any problems they may be having .

Since we agreed three years ago to fulfill the roles of "Club Chaplains" (without the title) at the Hillwood Football Club , Jackie and I have been surprised at the number of players and club members who want to "unload" their life problems to us and seek advice .

The key factor is confidentiality , whereby if someone seeks our advice , nobody else in the football club knows they have spoken to us .

ANOTHER BUSY MONTH .

As usual, June was very busy for Jackie and I , with our

involvement operating the **Canteen** for the Hillwood Football Club every second Saturday , compiling and sending **Lesson Booklets** all over the world on a monthly basis , **letterboxing** leaflets to hundreds of homes in our city , and researching and compiling **Bible Classes** and **sermons** for Eastside (and other Australian churches) .

I am in my office at **5am** seven days a week , and work around fourteen hours each day , loving every minute of it .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN JUNE .

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 .

June 3 - *"Resurrection of Christ (the empty tomb)" .*

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17 - *"On what days did Christ die and rise" ?*

24 - I preached at **Lindisfarne** .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- June 3 - *"Dealing with second choices"* .
- 10 - *"People are more important than....."* .
- 17 - *"Jonah - more than just a fish story"* .
- 24 - I preached at **Lindisfarne** .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- June 5 - Viktor taught *"Nehemiah 11 - 12 - 13"* .
- 12 - Viktor taught *"Esther 1 - 2 - 3"* .
- 19 - Viktor taught *"Esther 4 - 5"* .
- 26 - Viktor taught *"Esther 6 - 7"* .

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 ,

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