

“HUME'S HAPPENINGS”

1st June 2020

Barry Hume
P . O . Box 177
Launceston 7250
Tasmania , Australia

North Beach church of Christ

Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **May 2020** .

Another brief report because of the Corona restrictions , yet I have been busier than ever with , *"isolated in my home"* activities .

NEW COMPUTER DIED .

The month started badly when my brand new computer died . I phoned the Dell company and they talked me through a one hour process to test my computer , and they decided the problem was a faulty **Windows 10** .

They then talked me through a process to wipe everything off my computer and reinstall a brand new version of **Windows 10** . So far it seems to be working as it should .

The reason I purchased this new computer was to move on from **Windows 7** and become proficient with **Windows 10** . I am struggling to master the new format and regularly fire up my old **Windows 7** machine to type things like this report .

AT LAST - I AM "ONLINE" .

This month I taught my first on - line lesson on Skype , and then every Sunday most of the Eastside members link up for a service and for me to preach a sermon .

At the moment I am in the amateur class , but with God's help I believe that I will become more proficient . It is a great way for brethren to communicate and study God's word together during such Government restrictions as we have in place now .

LESSON BOOKLET PROGRAM .

Every Monday morning Jackie and I distribute my Bound Lesson Booklet (re what I preached on line) to one Eastside member who cannot join us on - line and another who wants one each week .

These booklets are studied by these brethren during the week and on Friday I phone them to answer any questions they have re that week's subject .

MAIL SERVICES SUSPENDED .

Every month I post my lessons booklets to Kenya , Sri Lanka , India , New Zealand , and every state in Australia .

This month the Post Office informed me that mail services to India and Sri Lanka were suspended due to the Corona Virus outbreak .

I am piling up a heap of booklets addressed to these countries and when the mail service resumes I will have a truck load of booklets to post .

RESULTS FROM NEWSPAPER ADVERTS .

Last month I reported that I had placed four adverts in northern Tasmania's leading newspaper , inviting people to apply for our John Hurt's Correspondence Course .

Seven people have applied so far , one from north west of the state , two from the north East , three from suburbs around my city , and one from a few houses up the street where I live !

The "cheap adverts promotion" by this newspaper during the Corona Virus ends on August 1st , so I have ordered four more adverts before that date .

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE .

I am not aware of any brethren in Australia who has been infected with Corona Virus . This crisis has certainly affected the lifestyles of brethren , and completely disrupted the way we normally serve the Lord each day .

Jackie and I are missing our "every sixth week" trips around Tasmania for me to preach for congregations , and brethren have informed us they are praying that we will soon be able to worship with them again .

HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB .

Because all sport has been cancelled , our working in the canteen every second Saturday for the Hillwood Football Club has not happened . The same is true re our "chaplain" duties .


On the day this month that our Government eased restrictions , allowing two visitors into homes , Jackie and I visited the leading man and lady of this football club , and he informed me that during my absence from the club he had connected to my web

page (<https://www.barrysbiblelessons.com>) and studied my sermons re subjects he wanted to check out .

He said that when life returns to normal he has a number of Bible subjects he wants to discuss with me .

ACCESSING MY WEB PAGE .

The best way to access , view , and print my on - line lessons is to follow this procedure :

- 1 . Type <https://www.barrysbiblelessons.com> into the url box .
- 2 . Click on **"Sermons"** or **"Bible Study"** .
- 3 . Click on **"Subjects"** .
- 4 . Click on  (top right of screen) then on **"PHOTO"** .
- 5 . Double click on required **subject** .
- 6 . Click on required **sermon** or **"Bible Study"** .
- 7 . **Read** and / or **print** lesson if required .
- 8 . **Bookmark** my home page for quick access next time .

OLD SERMONS RESTORED .

During this isolation period I dug out about thirty of my old sermons that I typed forty years ago on an ancient Remington Typewriter with glass sides and black and red typing ribbon .

I am reworking these sermons onto my computer . On the back

of each sermon I recorded where I preached it , and reading the names of congregations throughout Australia where I preached brought back a flood of wonderful memories .

Those were the days when I was not restricted to working with one church . Jackie and I have a selfish dream of one day having enough capable men at Eastside to allow me to do a three month or more tour of Australian churches and preach for them renew old friendships .

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 3 - "Skype service" .

10 - "Skype service" .

17 - "Skype service" .

24 - "Skype service" .

31 - "Skype service" .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

May 3 - Steve Schiller preached .

10 - *"What is Biblical love" ?*

17 - *"Why should we worship God" ?*

24 - *"The Bible and scientific foreknowledge" .*

31 - *"Why was the Bible written" ?*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

May 5 - Viktor conducted SKYPE session .

12 - Viktor conducted SKYPE session .

19 - Viktor conducted SKYPE session .

26 - Viktor conducted SKYPE session .

PLEASE NOTE :

The following items re my daily work schedule , are not relevant this month because of the Corona - virus self isolating laws . I will leave them in as part of this report for brethren who may not be aware of my "normal" activities .

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 .