

# **“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 2021** .

I am so sorry for being a week late with my report , a number of "not normal work schedule" requests for my time surfaced in the last week of April and the first week of May .

Before I realised it , the first week of May has passed and Jackie said to me , *"Have you sent your report for April" ?*  
Oh No !

## **ANDREW McKERIHAN MOVES OUT .**

Andrew is the brother in Christ from Western Australia ( about 55 years of age ) who has been living in our "brethren's apartment" since last October .

This month he moved out of our "brethren's apartment" because of the next item in this report . Andrew has found himself accommodation and continues to be an asset to the Eastside church .

## RENEE MOVES IN .

This month a brother in Christ from the Eastern Shore congregation in Hobart (two hours plus from my city) phoned me and said that a sister in Christ (**Renee Alves**) from Brazil had begun meeting with them. Renee is about forty years of age.

She had just arrived in Australia on a mature "Student Visa" to study the English language and Information Technology. When Renee applied and was accepted into University she discovered there was only two places she could complete her courses, my home city (Launceston) and Melbourne on the mainland.

Renee told the Eastern Shore brethren she would not live in Launceston because, *"There is no church of Christ there, and I never live where there is no church to support me spiritually"*.

The brethren at Eastern shore assured her there was a church in Launceston that would be a perfect "fit" for her. She travelled to Launceston, met Jackie and I, moved into our "brethren's apartment", attends all of Eastside's worship services and Bible classes, and has begun her University studies.

This week at worship, Renee told all the Eastside members, *"I am so happy, I love you all, I love this church, I love my apartment, God led me to you brethren"*.

Renee is such a wonderful lady, it is a delight for Jackie and I to have her living downstairs. Since being with us, Renee has "found" a number of married women in Launceston who are from Brazil, and they are permanent residents of Australia. Renee said, *"I will invite them to worship at Eastside"*.

Renee is doing well mastering the English language, to the extent that can have a stilted conversation with her, though we all struggle to understand her sometimes. I will keep you informed as to Renee's progress.

## OVERSEAS BOOKLETS .

Each month I send Bound Lesson Booklets to a number of countries around the world. Twelve months ago, when the Corona Virus Pandemic hit, the Australian Post Office informed me that all mail services to **Kenya**, **India**, and **Sri Lanka** had been suspended.

For the past twelve months when I have packaged my Booklets each month (New Zealand and every state in Australia), I have also packaged the above countries, and stored the booklets for these suspended countries in containers.

The mail services are now operating again, so I have twelve months of booklets for the above three countries ready to take to the Post Office for mailing.

## SURGEON UPDATE.

In last month's report I informed you of hospital tests and the doctors recommending I see a surgeon re the possibility of me having a hip replacement operation. My General Practitioner doctor arranged for me to see a hip surgeon in the first week in June.

Yesterday the surgeon phoned me and said he had a cancellation, and could now see me on the 20th May. I will inform you of developments.

The brethren at the two Hobart congregations have contacted me saying that if I have the operation, they will organise a roster system of men to preach in my place at Eastside while I am recovering.

## CORONA VIRUS INJECTIONS .

Three weeks ago Jackie and I had our first Corona -

Virus vaccination injections and have not experienced any side effects whatsoever. Twelve weeks after these injections we are due to receive our booster shots.

Last week our doctor summoned us to his Medical Centre to have our annual "ordinary" influenza shots.

## **MY WEB PAGE .**

This month I was able to replace a large number of sermons on my personal web page, "*Barry's Bible Lessons*" (<https://www.barrysbiblelessons.com>).

When I originally placed these lessons on my site in Word format, they did not make sense, the number 1 on the bottom of page one was at the top of page two, half of my headings were on one line and the other half on another line.

The solution was to change every sermon on my web page (over 200) to **PDF Format**, and they appear perfectly on my site. It is taking me considerable time to change each sermon, but I am about three quarters through the sermons and with the Bible studies still to be altered.

## **HILLWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB .**

The Australian Football season has commenced with the country Football club named Hillwood requesting that Jackie and I continue our role as "Club Chaplains" (without this title) again in 2021.

The concept is, if anyone in this club are experiencing personal issues in their lives, they confidentially approach Jackie or myself in order to discuss their problems with us and hopefully receive advice, guidance, and information re professional help available.

As well as the above role, Jackie and I arrive at Hillwood's

football ground every second Saturday at 7.30 am for Jackie to spend two hours making eighty salad roles while I assist the Canteen Manager to fire up the ovens and prepare the many food items on sale.

After the first two hours Jackie moves into the Canteen to serve customers, while I "float" between serving customers and circulating among players and supporters in case someone wants a private chat.

Every match day someone asks me a religious question. Our association with this club enables us to, "*become all things to all men*" and to, "*let our lights shine*" and speak about Christ and His church to people we otherwise would never meet.

## **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 4 - The doctrine of atonement.
- 11 - The doctrine of atonement.
- 18 - The doctrine of atonement.
- 25 - The doctrine of atonement.

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

April 4 - The assurance of salvation ( Part 2 ).

11 - The assurance of salvation ( Part 3 ).

18 - Joy in all circumstances .

25 - Loving our enemies .

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

April 6 - Viktor taught Matthew 25 .

13 - Viktor taught Matthew 26 .

20 - Viktor taught Matthew 27 .

27 - Viktor taught Matthew 28 .

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 .

Barry Hume .