

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated .
Following is my report for **February 2023** .

I apologise for not sending a report for January due to the complications following my hip replacement .

MEDICAL UPDATE .

My hip replacement surgery on January 18th was considered to be a complete success until I left the Private Hospital and went home . A few days after arriving home , my wound bled , necessitating a visit to the surgeon who unbandaged it , washed it , and rebandaged it .

One week later , it bled again , I visited the surgeon , same procedure as above .

The third time it bled was a Sunday morning as Jackie and I

were driving to worship, and being Sunday my surgeon was not contactable. Jackie drove me to my city's Public Hospital and they washed the wound and rebandaged it.

A few days after this Public Hospital visit, I developed "welts" down both sides of my back and across the top, a "welt" on the inside of both thighs, and one on the front of my left leg.

Another visit to the surgeon who was puzzled and thought it might be an allergic reaction to the anti-biotics he had prescribed, so he told me to stop taking them.

Last **Monday** (27th **February**) I arose from bed and discovered the welt on my leg had become what looked like an ugly, festered ulcer.

My family doctor agreed to see me that morning, and when I showed him my "ulcer" and the welts on my back and thighs, he said, *"That is not an ulcer, you have GOLDEN STAPH all throughout your system, have you been near our Public Hospital recently" ?*

(Apparently, our Public Hospital has been rife with Golden Staph for the entire month of February).

My doctor prescribed a strong anti-biotic to be taken four times a day, and said he wants to see me in four days. It is now **Thursday 2nd March** as I type this, and though I have been taking the anti-biotic for only three days, I actually feel better than I have felt for a long time.

The welts on my back and thighs appear to be drying up, and the ugly "non-ulcer" still looks ugly, but is nowhere near as painful as it was on Monday.

Tomorrow morning (Friday) at 8.20 am I return to my family doctor, so I will learn whether he thinks the Golden Staph is on its way out.

Summary :

When I was discharged from hospital it was wonderful to realise that I no longer had any pain in my hip, groin, or leg. Even during the bleeding episodes, I felt good, until that Public Hospital visit, then for the past three weeks I have felt terrible. We now know why.

This morning I have started to feel good again, and for the first time since January 18th (six weeks) I entered my research office downstairs. I worked there for six hours before coming upstairs to my computer office to begin typing this report.

I think the anti - biotics I have been taking are actually destroying the "Staph", and I am excited at the prospect of returning to my fourteen hour work days again. This time with no hip pain.

GUEST PREACHERS.

On the last two Sundays in January and the first two Sundays in February, the Mornington Hill church (6 hours round trip) sent men to Eastside to preach the sermon in my absence. The men are **Greg Wells**, **Phil Dow** (twice), and **David Underwood**.

The Mornington Hill congregation is a wonderful church, its members having embraced a "Christlike" attitude re their dealings with fellow brethren. The members at Eastside greatly appreciate the relationship we enjoy with this Hobart church.

BIBLE CLASS - ANDREW MCKERIHAN.

On **Sunday 22nd January** I was still in hospital after my operation, and on **Sunday 29th January** I was confined to my bed because of the bleeding, unable to teach my Sunday morning Bible Class.

Andrew McKerihan (Eastside member) volunteered to take my place by reading aloud my Class Outline and then encourage the members to engage in discussion of the material .

Andrew is a wonderful brother in Christ , totally dedicated to accepting and applying God's word without human denominational doctrines or church of Christ human traditions .

BIBLE CLASS - WHEELCHAIR .

On the four Sundays in February I resumed teaching my Sunday morning Bible Class while sitting in a medical wheel chair . The first two Sundays in February I taught the class and Hobart brethren preached the sermon .

On the second two Sundays in February I resumed once again to teach the Bible Class and also preach the sermon .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN FEBRUARY .

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 .

- February 5 - *"Significance of Christ's resurrection"* .
- 12 - *"Significance of Christ's resurrection"* .
- 19 - *"On what days did Christ die and rise" ?*
- 26 - *"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- February 5 - **Phil Dow** (Hobart) preached .
- 12 - **David Underwood** (Hobart) preached .
- 19 - *"Do not worry about your life"* .
- 26 - *"How great is our God" ?*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- February 5 - Viktor taught **Acts 13** .
- 12 - Viktor taught **Acts 14** .
- 19 - Viktor taught **Acts 15** .
- 26 - Viktor taught **Acts 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 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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