

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

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

FUNERALS .

This month , as with most months , Jackie and I attended several funerals of friends and acquaintances . It is so sad and difficult for Jackie and I to sit and listen to people being given false hope , especially if it is the funeral of someone we have tried to speak to about the gospel .

SYDNEY PHONE CALL .

This week I received an exciting phone call from a lady who is a member of the large Macquarie church of Christ in Sydney , New South Wales . This lady and her husband worshipped with us at Eastside on two consecutive Sundays about a year ago , when they were touring Tasmania .

She phoned to tell us that she has a niece living near my home city (Launceston) whom she has been having weekly spiritual discussions with by phone . Both her and her husband believe that of all the congregations they discovered during their Tasmanian holiday last year , my home church (Eastside) would be a “perfect fit” (her words) for her niece .

She has given her niece both Jackie and my contact details , and has encouraged her niece to contact us . Jackie told this lady she would love to meet her niece in our city somewhere to have a coffee together , just to get to know each other , rather than have her niece feel uncomfortable by attending a formal Bible study .

VISITORS TO WORSHIP .

Again this month , we were pleasantly surprised when mainland brethren walked through the door as we were preparing to worship . Eastside has become a regular item on brethren's itinerary when they visit Tasmania , and our members always get a spiritual boost when "old faces" visit us again .

SON IN LAW TO HOBART .

Last Monday Jackie and I departed from our daily routine to drive my son in law about three hours one way to our capital city (Hobart) for him to have a back operation .

We left home on a Monday morning , and he had the operation on Tuesday morning . Jackie and I stayed overnight on Monday and Tuesday to ensure he was OK , and then we drove home on Wednesday .

I took my work computer and began each morning at 5am , working until hospital visiting hours at 2 pm . Around 7 pm on Tuesday night we left the hospital to return to our accommodation and I was able to get another two hours on the computer before going to bed .

He should be released from hospital in about a week , so Jackie and I will make the six hour return trip to Hobart and back to Launceston in one day to bring him home .

QUIZ NIGHT .

Less than two weeks to go (13th September) until Jackie and I conduct a trivia quiz night at Eastside member Viktor Koskovic's retirement village . We are well known throughout Tasmania , as we conduct these quiz nights free of charge for worthy causes .

We have been doing this now for many years , and had many opportunities to let people know we are Christians , and often we get an opening to speak about New Testament Christianity . We have become lifelong friends with many people that otherwise we would never have met .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN AUGUST .

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 .

- August 6 - *"Lift high our banner" (Psalm 60 : 4) .*
13 - *"Lift high our banner" (Psalm 60 : 4) .*
20 - *"What it means to preach Christ" .*
27 - *"What it means to preach Christ" .*

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- August 6 - *"Parable of the talents" .*
13 - *"Difference between talents and Minas" .*
20 - *"It does not seem fair" (1 Kings 17) .*
27 - *"When at the end of your rope" (1 Kings 17) .*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- August 1 - Viktor taught **1 Corinthians chapter 1 .**
8 - Viktor taught **1 Corinthians chapter 2**
15 - Viktor taught **1 Corinthians chapter 3**
22 - Viktor taught **1 Corinthians chapter 4**
29 - Viktor taught **1 Corinthians chapter 5**

Following is a repeat of the items that form the basis of my activities each month .

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .

Set up school .

Jackie and I arrive about one hour early on Sunday morning along with two other members and we set up an “auditorium” in the gymnasium of the Ravenswood Heights Primary School .

"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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