

# **"HUME'S HAPPENINGS"**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **July 2017** . I apologise for being late , as I have been laid low for several days this week with pinched nerves in my back .

## **FUNERAL REQUEST .**

The wife ( non - Christian ) of a lovely popular family ( non - Christians ) that Jackie and I have known and loved for many years passed away this month and her husband asked me to perform the funeral service .

Given her spiritual status and the affection Jackie and I held for her , it was difficult for me to officiate in front of over 200 in attendance .

Hopefully , my participation will cause someone to reflect on their destiny .

## **WEEKLY STUDIES .**

I am continuing to have private studies with Fabien and his mother ( my neighbours across the street ) each Thursday evening .

Fabien is progressing well since his baptism last month , and his mother attends our Bible Class and worship each Sunday . She is still considering the validity of her baptism when she was eighteen years old .

## **VISITING BRETHREN .**

Last year a man and his wife moved from Brisbane in Queensland to Hobart in Tasmania and placed membership with a church (Eastern Shore ) that Jackie and I have not had a lot to do with . Early this year when I preached for the Lindisfarne church in Hobart one Sunday morning , Jackie and I attended Eastern Shore's evening worship .

We met this Brisbane couple and when the man confessed he was an avid bushwalker ( wilderness hiker ) we told him my nephew at Eastside was also . He said he had never preached before arriving in Hobart , and now had three sermons , he asked if we would be interested in him coming to our home city ( Launceston ) and preaching for us . He said he would like to meet my nephew and compare hiking notes .

Early this month he and his wife worshipped with Eastside ( he is a highly qualified executive in his secular employment and did a fine job preaching his sermon ) . He met my nephew and already they have engaged in two twenty plus kilometre hikes together , with more planned for the rest of this year .

The Eastside members are excited and overjoyed that my nephew has built a relationship with someone from this other congregation at the other end of our island state .

## **FOOTBALL SEASON ALMOST OVER = LETTERBOXING .**

Tomorrow ( 5th August ) will be the second last time for 2017 that Jackie and I will be operating the Canteen for the country football team that is twenty minutes from our home . We begin cooking at 7am and serving around 9am for the day , intermingled with our "Chaplaincy" ( without the title ) duties during the day .

Once the football season is over, it means it is springtime and winter is behind us. With the warmer weather we have 10,000 leaflets ready to deliver and many more to be printed.

We go out in pairs, each couple delivering leaflets to 400 houses (takes about one hour) and then for the next five weeks delivering a different leaflet to these same 400 houses, before moving on and repeating this five week process to a different 400 houses.

### **URGENT PLEA TO TEACHERS / PREACHERS .**

Do you know of anyone in the U.S. who could help me out during the next five months by teaching a midweek Bible Class (and / or preaching) each week ?

Viktor Koskovic leaves Tasmania in three weeks time for FIVE MONTHS in Croatia (He is meeting and living with his parent's families. He was born in Australia, but his parents were from Croatia.

Viktor teaches our midweek class, and for the next five months I am the only one able to do it. Because I teach our Sunday morning Bible Class and preach the sermon each week, for me to do the midweek class as well, I will need to cease doing all the other things I do each day /week and focus on two Bible Classes and a sermon each week.

For the next five months I have cancelled all my sixth weekly preaching trips to other churches around Tasmania, and do anticipate restoring these trips until Viktor returns in early February.

I have one more trip to Ulverstone on the 20th August, but that will be the last as Viktor leaves on the 25th.

Any period of time during Viktor's absence would be great, even if someone could come for a shorter period. We could help with Air Fares and provide free accommodation in our "brethren's

apartment" , and Jackie has offered her car to anyone who could come . We are not in a position to offer more than Air Fares and accommodation ( such as support / wage ) .

The members at Eastside specifically asked me to include this request in my report .

## **LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN JULY .**

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 .**

July 2 - *"Knowledge"* ( added to our faith ) .

9 - *"Self control"* .

16 - *"Self control"* .

23 - *"Self control"* .

30 - *"Self control"* .

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

July 2 - Guest Speaker - David Underwood .

9 - *"Do we inherit Adam's sin ?"*

16 - *"Calvinist's proof texts examined" .*

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

30 - *"What it takes to serve Jesus" .*

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

July 4 - Viktor taught *"1 Kings 9 - 10"* .

11 - Viktor taught *"1 Kings 11 - 12"* .

18 - Viktor taught *"1 Kings 13 - 14"* .

25 - Viktor taught *"1 Kings 15 - 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 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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