

# **“HUME'S HAPPENINGS”**

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Greetings brethren ,

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

## **CORONA VIRUS UPDATE .**

My island state of **Tasmania** has gone another month with **zero** cases of people being infected . Our border is now open to all the other states except Victoria , which is down to one new case of infection for yesterday . Overseas arrivals are still not allowed into Tasmania .

There are very few people in Australia who do not believe that our Federal Government has done a wonderful job in isolating and containing the Corona - Virus cases in our country .

## **INTERSTATE BROTHER MOVES IN .**

Last month I reported on a brother in Christ from Western Australia who was "trapped" in our state when the Corona -

Virus first appeared and our state borders were closed . For the past six months he has been living with brethren near our Capital city , Hobart ( two hours plus from our home ) .

This month he moved into our "brethren's apartment" and because he is a Maths teacher he has recorded his name with many schools in our city in the hope that he will obtain a relief teaching position .

He has fallen in love with our beautiful island state and wants to live here permanently .

### **STEVEN SCHILLER QUILTS PREACHING .**

This brother has been preaching for Eastside about every sixth week when I have driven to preach for other churches in Tasmania , but he has struggled with the amount of time and effort involved with preparing sermons on a regular basis .

Last week he informed me that at the end of this year he wishes to cease preaching as it has become too much for him . His decision means that I am back to preaching every Sunday for 52 weeks of the year , which is no problem at all for me .

The problem is that churches around Tasmania have eagerly looked forward to my preaching trips every sixth week , because they do not have a full time preacher . Men in these congregations work at secular employment , and preach on a roster basis , this is common throughout Australia and is known as a "mutual ministry" .

These men regularly express to me how great a struggle it is to compile sermons and Bible classes , especially the men with young families . The result is , the quality and standard of sermons and Bible classes is way below what it needs to be , because men hastily throw a lesson together , any lesson , simply to fulfill their place on the roster .

They don't have the time or ability to prepare a lesson that will actually cater to the needs of the members of their congregation .

Brethren , we desperately need full time preachers in Tasmania , but first of all we need sound , capable men from the U . S . to work in Australia , training Australian men to become full time preachers . Any volunteers ?

### **GUEST PREACHER .**

Phil Dow and his wife Lindy , members of the Eastern Shore congregation stayed at our home one Saturday night this month , and Phil preached at Eastside next morning .

Jackie and I have known this couple since they were teenagers living on the mainland . They have been members of the church of Christ for maybe 35 years , and Phil's father ( Alf Dow ) was a prominent Australian preacher in the 1940 's and 50's .

### **BENEVOLENCE BASKETS .**

It is time to begin compiling a new pair of benevolence baskets . Each Tuesday evening when brethren come to our home for dinner before the 7pm - 8 pm Bible Class , they bring items of groceries and place them in two washing baskets .

When these baskets are overflowing , Jackie covers them with colorful see - through paper , each with a card that says , "*From the members of the Eastside church*" ( not from the Eastside church ) , and we deliver them to the Principle of the school where we conduct our worship services .

The Principle chooses two needy families in his school community and gives each family a washing basket of groceries . This year we distributed six ( 6 ) grocery baskets . This program has no connection with the work of the Eastside church or the

treasury of the congregation , but rather is an initiative of our individual members .

### **JACKIE'S HILLWOOD HOT MEALS .**

Every Friday night the Australian Rules Football Team where my wife Jackie and I fulfill the office of "Chaplains" ( without the religious title ) , provide a hot meal in their clubrooms for members of the Hillwood community .

These meals are cooked and served by lady members of this club who take turns on a roster basis . This month Jackie took her turn and cooked a beautiful meal of lasagna , salad , and fries . Jackie plated the meals and I served them to the tables . Jackie has one more rostered turn left for this year .

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

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 .**

|         |    |   |                           |
|---------|----|---|---------------------------|
| October | 4  | - | <i>"The Mosaic Age"</i> . |
|         | 11 | - | <i>"The Mosaic Age"</i> . |
|         | 18 | - | <i>"The Gospel Age"</i> . |
|         | 25 | - | <i>"The Gospel Age"</i> . |

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

October 4 - *"What is conversion" ?*

11 - *"What is in your hand" ?*

18 - **Phil Dow** preached ( from Eastern Shore ) .

25 - *"An everyday religion" .*

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

October 6 - Viktor taught **Matthew 7** .

13 - Viktor taught **Matthew 8** .

20 - Viktor taught **Matthew 9** .

27 - Viktor taught **Matthew 10** .

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 .

**P . S .      "THE TRUE SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE"**

I have attached another one of my sermons  
for you to see how and what I preach