

# **"HUME'S HAPPENINGS"**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated .  
Following is my report for **November 2021** .

## **MY MEDICAL UPDATE .**

This month I met with my surgeon for the last time re my total hip replacement . He is well pleased concerning my healing and recovery , but stressed that it can take up to twelve months for the muscles , sinews , and arteries around my new hip to be fully restored .

He assured us that the material that comprises my new hip is such that I will never need another one in my lifetime . He said that if I attempted an activity or manoeuvre , and my operation area became sore , I need to back off and be assured that eventually I will be able to move normally without soreness .

## **MAINLAND PREACHING TRIP .**

Jackie and I are getting excited about the prospect of us spending five / six weeks touring around congregations in the

Australian states Queensland , New South Wales , and Victoria . For many years I have received invitations from local churches all over Australia for me to visit them and preach for them .

A trip such as this has been a dream of mine ever since I began preaching , but personal domestic circumstances such as family , my home congregation , and lack of finances have thwarted us from leaving Tasmania .

This month the Eastside brethren have stressed to Jackie and I that we need to make such a trip while we are healthy enough to do so . They have suggested that I ask men in two Hobart congregations if they would be able to preach at Eastside for five Sundays while we are away .

We have begun to compile an itinerary of which churches to visit and which ones to eliminate . The problem is , Australia is a huge country with hundreds and even thousands of kilometres between congregations , and most often Air Travel is the only reasonable mode of transport between cities , and the cost of flights in Australia is not cheap like we found it was when we were in the U . S .

I will keep you informed if / when it looks like we may be able to make the trip .

### **PAPUA NEW GUINEA BOOKLETS REQUEST .**

A while ago , a sister in Christ in Sydney , who has been receiving my monthly booklets for about three years , asked me to send some to a preacher in the church of Christ in Papua New Guinea .

I sent some booklets and this month received an email from this preacher , [I have attached it for you to read](#) .

The requests from around the world for my booklets has increased to the extent I have to set aside five full working days ( 14 hour days ) each month to photocopy , collate , staple , bind , package , and address booklets for my mailing list .

Jackie is my "secretary" who takes them to the Post Office each month for mailing , but beginning from this month there is a change in procedure .

Single booklets for every state in Australia continue to be mailed each month and six ( 6 ) booklets each for [Kenya](#) , [India](#) , [Sri Lanka](#) , [New Zealand](#) , [Brazil](#) , and now [New Guinea](#) , will be mailed every three months .

The reason for this change is the Australia Post charges . Any package addressed anywhere outside Australia weighing 0 - 500 grams costs the same ( 1 gram package same as 500 gram package ) .

This means that one booklet costs the same to mail as six ( 6 ) booklets , so instead of sending one booklet to someone overseas each month , I will now send them six booklets ( just under 500 grams ) every third month for the same price .

Thirty years ago when I began photocopying my sermon each Sunday so that Eastside brethren could take it home and use it for their personal Bible study , I never imagined that those loose leaf lessons would "evolve" into bound Lesson Booklets that are used by brethren all over the world .

## **RENEE MOVES OUT .**

Renee Alves , the wonderful sister in Christ from Brazil who

has been living in our "brethren's apartment" downstairs for six months , has found shared lodgings just a few minutes from our home .

She said that she would love to live in our home forever , but realised that our apartment was built to be short term accommodation for the hundreds of brethren from all over the world who visit us .

With Australia's borders being reopened after the Covid Pandemic has been brought under control , Renee said she realises that a flood of international brethren will be , *"visiting the Humes"* again . So she has moved out so they can move in .

It is a sad day for Jackie and I , we are going to miss having her around each day .

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY .**

This month Jackie and I received our annual invitation to attend the final assembly of the school where we meet for Eastside's Sunday Bible Class and Worship .

Each year we present two awards to students , on behalf of the members of the Eastside church of Christ .

This assembly is attended by the Mayor of Launceston , leading politicians , and business leaders . Nearly every year one of these important guests sees , *"Donated by members of the Eastside church of Christ"* in the official program and asks the School's Head - Master , *"Who is the Eastside church of Christ" ?*

The Head - Master introduces us to them and Jackie and I get to tell them of New Testament Christianity .

## **TWO WEB PAGES .**

Right now , the leading Web Page Creating Company in Tasmania are in the process of designing and establishing a new web page for the Eastside church , and also a new personal web page for me .

I will let you know when they are up and running and how to access them .

## **MANY ADDITIONAL HOURS IN OFFICE .**

This month I spent even more hours than usual in my office , preparing new Bible Classes and sermons , and getting six months ahead packaging my Lesson Booklets for the monthly mailing list .

I have especially spent considerable time preparing new lessons for my , *"Major Doctrines that define Christianity"* series .

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

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 .**

November 7 - *"Knowledge"* .

14 - *"Knowledge"* .

21 - *"Knowledge"* .

28 - *"Knowledge"* .

## **SUNDAY SERMONS .**

November 7 - *"Discernment"* .

14 - *"Pray without ceasing"* .

21 - *"Why prayers are not answered"* .

28 - *"Authority in religion"* .

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## **MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .**

November 2 - Viktor taught **Luke 13** .

9 - Viktor taught **Luke 14** .

16 - Viktor taught **Luke 15** .

23 - Viktor taught **Luke 16** .

30 - Viktor taught **Luke 17** .

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 .