

# **“HUME'S HAPPENINGS”**

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **March 2015** .

## **MAINLAND TRIP CONFIRMED .**

Details have been finalised and confirmed for my mainland trip to work with the **WEST HEIDELBURG** and **SOUTH EAST** congregations in Melbourne . At this stage Jackie and I are planning to sail on the overnight vehicular Ferry on Sunday afternoon ( after Eastside's worship ) on **August 16th** and depart the mainland on Monday **31st August** .

This itinerary would mean I can work with each Melbourne church for a week , but only be away from Eastside for two Sundays . I am rostered to preach for the Lindisfarne church here in Tasmania ( about 2 hours plus from my home ) on the 23rd August , but they have agreed to change that to 27th September .

## **HILLWOOD FOOTY CLUB .**

Here in Australia our Aussie Rules Football Leagues begin their rosters in the first week in April, and the Hillwood footy club has required Jackie and I to attend pre - season training sessions so that we could be introduced to new players and members. This is in relation to our roles as Club "chaplains" (we refused the title, but agreed to accept the function), and in 2014 (our initial year in this role) we were kept busy the whole footy season, dealing with personal issues in people's lives.

## **CAMP BARNABAS LECTURES.**

Much of the month of May was spent dealing with preparations for our "Camp Barnabas" Lectures (April 3 - 6). Though Jackie and I retired in 2012 from full time organising, catering, and conducting the Lectures (we did it for fourteen years) I am still very busy each year as the Lectures get closer, compiling and printing Team charts, duty rosters, menus, cabin allocation charts, programs, and clip on name tags for every person attending the Lectures (colour coded re what team each person is in).

We have five teams at "Barnabas", COOL CORINTHIANS (Blue), GALLANT GALATIANS (Green), FABULOUS PHILIPPIANS (Yellow), COURAGEOUS COLOSSIANS (Orange), and HEROIC HEBREWS (Purple).

Each team has just one duty each day, either preparing and serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or cleaning the showers and toilets, with one team each day having a day without duties. There is much friendly rivalry between teams, each trying to outdo the others.

This year the guest speaker (he is presenting all five Lectures) is **BOB MARKS**, who is the full time Preacher for the Warringah church of Christ in Sydney, in the state of New South Wales. Bob is supported by U.S. churches, and is a very good speaker.

Each year I receive invitations to preach at Lectureships held each "Easter" weekend around Australia, and I would dearly love to accept an invitation every year, but feel I would be "deserting"

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Tasmanian brethren . When Jackie and I quit fully organising and conducting "Barnabas" , I made a decision to preach at a mainland Lectureship every second year , and attend Camp Barnabas on alternate years in order to encourage Tasmanian Christians .

Just the day we left home to go to Barnabas , I received emails from mainland brethren , which said in essence , *"We wish you were attending our Lectures , but have a good 'Barnabas Camp' , hopefully we will see you next year"* . Can someone please advise me how I can be in two places at once ? ( Ha ) .

### **JACKIE'S HEALTH SCARE .**

Every second year for many years now , Jackie has had a Mammogram X - Ray , with results showing no sign whatsoever of breast cancer . This year she was recalled and instructed to drive to our Capital city , Hobart ( 200 plus klms ) because Doctors found spots that they were very worried about , and they wanted Jackie to have more specific tests and biopsies taken than can only be done with instruments and medical staff in Hobart .

We stayed overnight with brethren in Hobart the night before the tests which began at 8 . 45 am , and the tests continued all day until 4 pm . In addition to ultra - sounds , Jackie had six "normal" biopsies taken and also nine "core" biopsies ( ? ) , then we had to wait a nervous four days until our Doctor in Launceston had received the results .

When we walked into his surgery , his opening words were , *"Half of my female patients who get recalled after their mammogram discover after the trip to Hobart that they have breast cancer , but you two have won Tattsлото !* ( a nationwide lottery that Jackie and I have never bought a ticket in ) .

He then informed us that the Hobart tests showed there was no sign of cancer whatsoever , and that the "spots" that showed up on the original mammogram was Calcium buildup instead . Praise the Lord !

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#### REQUESTS FOR RESEARCH MATERIAL .

This month I received the usual requests from brethren all around the world for study material . If I have personal Lesson Booklets on the subjects required , I send them , and if not , I photocopy and compile "Study Packs" ( where copyright allows ) from my extensive filing system that consist of sermons , Bible classes , and articles written by brethren .

When I receive a request for a Study Pack on any given subject , I compile three , so that I have a "Master" for future requests on that subject , and also a spare for the next person who requests that particular subject .

#### LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN MARCH .

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 .

March 1 - *"Walking in love"* .

8 - *"Misplaced love"* .

15 - *"Misplaced love"* .

22 - *"Misplaced love"* .

29 - *"Misplaced love"* .

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### SUNDAY SERMONS .

- March 1 - *"Seven things God hates"* .
- 8 - *"The Bible is a mirror for the soul"* .
- 15 - *"Pilgrims , sojourners , strangers"* .
- 22 - *"What it means to be lost"* .
- 29 - *"The meaning of salvation in Christ"* .

### MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- March 3 - Viktor taught Hosea 1 - 2 - 3 .
- 10 - Viktor taught Hosea 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 .
- 17 - Viktor taught Hosea 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 .
- 24 - Viktor taught Hosea 12 - 13 - 14 .
- 31 - Viktor taught Joel 1 - 2 .

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

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### 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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