

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **June 2017** .

ANOTHER BUSY MONTH .

As usual , June was very busy for Jackie and I , with our involvement operating the **Canteen** for the Hillwood Football Club every second Saturday , teaching children to **read** every Tuesday , compiling and sending **Lesson Booklets** all over the world on a monthly basis , **letterboxing** leaflets to hundreds of homes in our city , and researching and compiling **Bible Classes** and **sermons** for Eastside (and other Australian churches) .

I am in my office at **5am** seven days a week , and work around fourteen hours each day , loving every minute of it .

NEIGHBOUR BAPTISED .

In recent reports I have mentioned private studies I have been having with my neighbours across the street from my home . This month the seventeen

year old son (Fabien Corner) asked me to study baptism with him, and the next day he asked me to baptise him.

In my home city of Launceston we have a huge public indoor aquatic centre which has two Olympic size pools, two "therapy" pools for the elderly, two toddlers pools, and another large pool with a long water slide.

I have an arrangement with the management that when everyone except reception staff have departed and the aquatic centre closes its doors at 8pm each evening, for a cost of \$69.00 all the members are allowed to have access to the entire centre for one hour to conduct baptisms.

With nobody else but reception staff in the entire centre, every member at Eastside, witnessed Fabien confess his faith in Christ, and be baptised into Christ. His mother and father were visibly moved by the love toward Fabien that was displayed by the Eastside members.

FABIEN PLACES MEMBERSHIP.

During the weekly studies I have been having with Fabien, I taught some about the local church and membership in the local church. The Sunday after his baptism, Fabien approached me just before we began our worship service and asked me what he had to do to place membership at Eastside.

As I had already studied with Fabien (in our weekly sessions) about responsibilities one has as a member of a local church, I took him aside and asked him if he wanted me to make an announcement that he wanted to be identified as a member of the Eastside church, and he said, "*Please do so*".

I made the announcement and every member "hugged him to death" and it was unanimous that we accept Fabien as a member of Eastside.

FABIEN'S MOTHER CONSIDERS HER BAPTISM .

After worship on the Sunday Fabien placed membership , his mother approached me and said she was baptised when she was eighteen , but since she has studied with me she has doubts that her baptism was scriptural . She thinks that she may have been baptised to enter the Jehovah's Witness organisation , more so than for the forgiveness of her sins .

I discussed being baptised again , and stressed that Fabien and the Eastside members need to be assured that she truly is a sister in Christ . Because the family have been on a pre - arranged trip to Bali I have not spoken to Irene since , but she assured me she would think seriously about her baptism while she is away and talk to me when she gets home .

MY LESSON BOOKLETS AND KENYAN BAPTISMS .

About three months ago one of the four preachers in Kenya who receives my bound lesson booklets each month , requesting I send twenty (20) copies of my booklet on "Water Baptism" . He taught classes on this subject , with every family having a booklet so they could all go through it together in this class .

This month I received an email (with photographs attached) with the news that over twenty adults were baptised into Christ as a result of my booklets ! Isn't God amazing , how He can use someone as insignificant as me to sow the seed of His word in human hearts far away in Kenya .

I have attached the photo of some of those who were baptised and you will notice they are holding my booklets in their hands .

AUSTRALIAN REQUESTS FOR EXTRA BOOKLETS .

This month I received emails and phone calls from places as far away as Rockhampton in northern Queensland from men requesting additional booklets from those they receive one of each month . These additional copies are required for conducting Bible classes and to hand out to family , friends , and promising contacts .

EASTSIDE'S WEB - PAGE .

Our webpage continues to develop, and though I am a computer novice re the internet, I have learnt how to put my sermons and Bible classes onto this site. This is my sole contribution to our website, with another member at Eastside putting the other items onto our site.

Progressively I am adding more of my lessons to our web - page, and it can be accessed via <http://www.eastsidechurchofchristtas.com> if you would like to check it out. Feel free to preach/teach any of my lessons (it is God's word, not mine) in part or in full.

I regularly receive requests from Sri Lanka and all around Australia for subjects that I have never prepared a lesson on, and the list growing each month. I am preparing new lessons as fast as I can and are compiling them into bound booklets, but at the rate I am going I will need to live to be a hundred and twenty to complete the list (then I suspect it would still be just as long with new subjects added).

IF YOU REQUIRE BOOKLETS

If you would ever like to have a copy or multiple copies of any of my sermons or Bible Class lessons in bound booklet form, feel free to ask me and I will send them to you free of charge.

The feedback I receive is they are much more attractive than just having my printed text. On all the left hand pages of the booklets I have included charts, illustrations, and humour etc, that makes the lesson more readable and interesting to Christians and non - Christians.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN JUNE .

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 .

June 4 - *"Moral excellence"* (add to our faith).

11 - *"Moral excellence"* (add to our faith).

18 - *"Knowledge"* (add to our faith).

25 - *"Knowledge"* (add to our faith).

SUNDAY SERMONS .

June 4 - *"What is wrong with it"* (part one).

11 - *"What is wrong with it"* (part two).

18 - *"Is our work worth the effort ?"* (part one).

25 - *"Is our work worth the effort ?"* (part two).

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

June 6 - Viktor taught *"1st Kings 1 - 2"*.

13 - Viktor taught *"1st Kings 3 - 4"*

20 - Viktor taught *"1st Kings 5 - 6"*

27 - Viktor taught *"1st Kings 7 - 8"*

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 . "WATER BAPTISM"

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