

“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 2017** .

It is two days early because of a call I received to drive to Hobart for an appointment with a back surgeon on the 30th November (see item below re back operation) . I am not sure after I see the surgeon how much time I will have to type this report .

TOOK KELLY TO ULVERSTONE .

On the 5th of this month I took Kelly Johnson to Ulverstone for him to preach . This is one of two Tasmanian churches that I regularly preach for on my "every 6th week away" preaching trips .

Ulverstone is about an 80 minute drive from my home , with most of the members being elderly . Kelly and I left Launceston around 7 . 30 am , had breakfast together in Ulverstone before worship , and arrived back at my home mid afternoon .

KELLY PREACHED AT LINDISFARNE .

Normally when Kelly taught Lindisfarne's Wednesday night Bible class , he

would drive back to our home on Thursday mornings . On the second last week of his time in Tasmania , he stayed in Hobart from Wednesday until Sunday the 12th November so he could preach for that church . He drove the two hours plus to our home on Sunday afternoon .

KELLY JOHNSON RETURNS TO U.S .

Sadly for us all at Eastside , Kelly departed Tasmania on Monday 20th November to return to his home in Fort Worth , Texas , and his home church , North Beach church of Christ .

His three months spent working with me was an absolute blessing to us all , he is such a gentle , faithful man who is totally committed to serving Christ . It was a pleasure to have him live in our "brethren's apartment" and it was no burden at all for Jackie and I .

For the entire three months he was with us , he preached the sermon every Sunday at Eastside as well as teaching our Tuesday night Bible Class . His lessons were always well researched and presented , and already we are missing him badly .

During his time here I continued to teach our Sunday morning Bible class .

WHAT DID I ACHIEVE ?

Being relieved of preaching the sermon at Eastside each Sunday , I took the opportunity to catch up and get ahead with a number of projects that I normally don't have time for . Such as :

- 1 . I typed , printed , bound , and enveloped **lesson booklets** for the next seven months for my monthly mailing list .

2. I researched, typed, and printed enough **Bible class lessons** for Eastside's Sunday morning class to last me for the next six months.
3. I edited and retyped fifteen of my "old" **sermons** (have not preached them for several years) and created power point presentations for them.

I have only begun to learn power point in the last two years, thus only a very minute number of my sermons have power point charts.

3. I researched and typed enough **Tuesday night Bible class lessons** to last me until the end of February. The man who normally teaches our midweek class (Viktor Koskovic) still has nine weeks left of his sojourn to Croatia, so for those nine weeks I am teaching this class as well as our Sunday class and sermon.
4. I folded hundreds of **letterboxing leaflets** and rubber - banded them into packs of 200, ready for distribution by Eastside members.

And so, though for three months I have not preached a sermon at Eastside, I have not been laying on the beach each day (Ha).

STEVE SCHILLER PREACHED TWICE .

On November 5th when I took Kelly Johnson to Ulverstone, one of our members (Steve Schiller) led the Bible class and preached at Eastside.

The next Sunday when Kelly preached in Hobart, I offered the opportunity for Steve to preach again, given that when Kelly returned to the U.S. I would resume preaching every Sunday at Eastside. Also, it would give Steve the opportunity to preach when Jackie and I were present to hear him.

I thought it might be too much two weeks in a row, but Steve is so keen to preach/teach that he jumped at the chance, and he did a fine job with good material and well presented.

POSSIBLE BACK OPERATION.

Several weeks ago I had an MRI X - RAY which revealed bone growing around a nerve. My General Practitioner doctor ordered a cortisone injection into my back where the pain was, and he informed me that if this injection eased my pain, an operation would be successful, but if there was no relief, then an operation would not be considered.

The result of the needle was amazing, for about two weeks I had hardly any pain! I have endured chronic back pain for so long now that I had forgotten what it was like to be without it, it was an unreal feeling, I felt like I was floating on a cloud with not a care in the world.

About two weeks after the needle, the pain returned, so my doctor referred me to the leading orthopaedic surgeon in Tasmania, who is located in Hobart (two hours plus from my home). Tomorrow (Thursday 30th) I am scheduled to meet with him.

It is fortunate that Jackie and I have had Private Medical Insurance since we were 17 years of age. Though it costs us \$ 285.00 Australian each month (for both of us) it means we get to see Specialists almost immediately, and can get allocated an operation within a week or two.

Without Medical Insurance I would be subject to the Public Health System, whereby I would have to wait maybe two years before being granted an operation.

With even the simplest medical procedures costing thousands of dollars, and the fact I have had ten (10) serious operations in my lifetime, I am still well "in front" financially, despite having paid private health premiums all my working life.

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 5 - I took Kelly to Ulverstone.

12 - *"The nature of love"*.

19 - *"The nature of love"*.

26 - *"The nature of love"*.

SUNDAY SERMONS .

November 5 - I took Kelly to Ulverstone .

12 - Steve Schiller preached .

19 - Kelly Johnson preached .

26 - *"Have spiritual gifts ceased" ?*

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

November 7 - Kelly Johnson taught on 1st John .

14 - Kelly Johnson taught on 1st John .

21 - *"The challenge of abundant living"* .

28 - *"The challenge of abundant living"* .

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 . "A SEPARATE PEOPLE"

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