

“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 2021** .

NEW ZEALAND BAPTISM - MY BOOKLETS .

This month I received an encouraging email from a sister in Christ in New Zealand informing me of the part my lesson booklets played in the baptism of a man . **I have attached her email for you to see why I am so excited .**

About five years ago , I preached for a congregation in New Zealand in the city of Wellington . I did not know anybody in that congregation and after my sermon I handed out bound Lesson Booklets of the sermon , and a lady (Yvonne) asked me how she could receive more of them .

I added her to my monthly mailing list , and she has been receiving them ever since . Then this month I received the attached email from her .

REQUEST FROM LONDON .

This month I received an email from a lady in London requesting a Correspondence course . She found my home congregation's web page (Eastside church of Christ) and saw our Correspondence Course offer .

I plan to invite her to receive my free monthly Bound Lesson Books as well .

BRAZIL - BOOKLET REQUESTS .

This month the sister in Christ from Brazil who is living in our "brethren's apartment" downstairs sent samples of my Bound Lesson Booklets to her uncle and the preacher of her home congregation in Brazil .

These two men replied , *"Can we get more of these" ?* I have added them to my monthly mailing list .

Every month my Bound Booklets now go to Kenya , India , Sri Lanka , New Zealand , United Kingdom (England) , Brazil , and every state in Australia .

When I began handing out my sermon notes to the members of my home congregation all those years ago , I never envisioned that this procedure would develop into a world wide distribution of Bound Lesson Booklets . God is great !

MY HIP REPLACEMENT .

Last week a Specialist doctor showed Jackie and I the X - Ray scans taken of my right hip . He showed us where bone is rubbing on bone in two places , and explained that my hip was full of arthritis .

He said that he could do a **total hip replacement** within days, but because he is about to begin holidays, he advised that I wait until he returns to work on the 20th July so that he can visit me in hospital each morning to monitor my recuperation.

I am scheduled to have the operation on **Wednesday 21st July**.

Men in two Hobart congregations (two hours plus from my city) have already compiled a roster whereby each Sunday I am unable to resume preaching, someone from Hobart will preach the sermon at Eastside. One of our members (Viktor Koskovic) has offered to teach my Sunday Bible class until I am able to resume.

I am not sure how soon after the operation I will be able to type my report for JULY - I may be late sending it to you next month.

REVELATION CLASS.

Viktor Koskovic has offered and the Eastside church has agreed to his suggestion that he begins a series of lessons on the book of Revelation. Viktor plans to use **Robert Harkrider's** booklet and Commentary as the basis for these lessons.

These Revelation classes will begin in about two weeks when he completes his present lessons on the book of Mark.

TASMANIAN CORONA - VIRUS UPDATE.

We have been so fortunate that we are an island state, thus when our state government closed our "borders" (in reality, oceans all around us), it meant nobody from the mainland could arrive in Tasmania by aircraft or ship.

The few cases of people that tested positive in Tasmania were isolated and treated in isolated hospital wards . All restaurants , coffee shops , sporting events , cinemas , schools , churches , and hotel bars were closed , and social distancing was enforced in supermarkets , banks , and drug stores .

While things are good in Tasmania , the state of **New South Wales** and its capital city (**Sydney**) are experiencing many positive Corona cases . Their state premier has closed down their borders and several suburbs of Sydney have been isolated .

Premiers in other Australian states have banned Airlines from flying to New South Wales , and have banned Sydney people from entering their states .

RESIGNED - MARRIAGE CELEBRANT .

This month I finally "*bit the bullet*" and resigned my licence to conduct wedding ceremonies , due to the Governmental "red tape" one must adhere to in order to retain my licence .

In previous reports I have made specific mention of the ridiculous "hoops" one must jump through to remain a Marriage Celebrant . I still plan to preach wedding "sermons" when brethren get married , but they will have to employ an official Government Celebrant to perform the short five minute "Legal" portion of the ceremony .

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 6 - *"Crucifixion from a medical point of view"* .
- 13 - *"On what days did Christ die and rise" ?*
- 20 - *"On what days did Christ die and rise" ?*
- 27 - *"The significance of Christ's resurrection"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- June 6 - *"Our individual Christian responsibilities"* .
- 13 - *"Our individual Christian responsibilities"* .
- 20 - *"What shall I do with Jesus" ?*
- 27 - *"What is wrong with it" ? (Part one)* .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- June 1 - Viktor taught **Mark chapter 9 - 10** .
- 8 - Viktor taught **Mark chapter 11** .
- 15 - Viktor taught **Mark chapter 12** .
- 22 - Viktor taught **Mark chapter 13** .
- 29 - Viktor taught **Mark chapter 14** .

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 ,

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