

“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 2023** . I apologise for the lateness of my report , but the day I planned to begin typing it , I needed to visit my doctor re my leg ulcer , and then followed a **totally unnecessary delay** .

Just a quick explanation re the delay (in **blue**) then my report (in **black**) as it was ready to send .

On Tuesday 4th April I visited my General Practioner docter re the residue of an ulcer on my leg and he diagnosed infection and prescribed that I come to his surgery each day to receive two injections (about 15 minutes from home) .

This happened Tues - Wed - Thurs , then came “Easter Friday” , a public holiday when my doctor is not working , so he arranged for Community Nurses to come to my home on Frid - Sat - Sun - Mon and for them to give me the injections .

The nurses came early Friday , gave me the shots , but also took a blood test , then they “panicked” when they saw the readings and instructed Jackie to take me straight to hospital , where I was until released on Monday 10th April . Prior to my discharge the No 1 head doctor of the hospital apologised and said I should never had been sent to hospital .

He said the daily shots my local doctor prescribed was all that was needed to eliminate the infection . Thus I received

my two shots yesterday from my local doctor and this morning I am back in “normal” workday mode .

Now to my report as typed before this frustrating delay .

HELLO - I AM “BACK” !

Regarding my hip replacement operation on the 18th January , this month I met with my General Practitioner and Surgeon and received clearances to discard my walking frame and resume my daily walking program on my treadmill .

The Golden Staph with its subsequent ulcer I reported on last month has been healed , and it feels great to have no hip or leg pain . When my Oxycontin Pain Killer prescription was due to be renewed this month I still had 38 tablets not used ! For the previous ten years when my Script was due I have never before had any surplus tablets .

I still have my back injury , but because I had my right hip replaced last year and my left hip this year , my body has straightened up and much of my back pain has been eliminated .

Next week I plan to begin a physiotherapy course of exercises with the aim of reducing my back injury pain even more .

DAILY SCHEDULE .

This past week (for the first time this year) I resumed my normal practice of beginning work in my office at 5am each day and achieving sixteen hour work days .

Because of the hip pain over the past six months I got delayed re many of my daily duties , so now it is “catch up” time .

WORK IN AUSTRALIA - ANYONE ?

The Eastside church have asked me to enquire if you know of anyone in your congregation who would be prepared to work with me in Tasmania for three months .

The extent of assistance Eastside could offer is **return Air Fares** , **free accommodation** in our “brethren’s apartment” on the ground floor of our home , and the use of Jackie’s **Mazda 6** “brethren’s car” .

Any who take up our offer would need to be self - supported or receive support from U . S . churches .

There is so much potential for the gospel in Tasmania , with congregations all over the state operating by having men engaged in secular work , trying with great difficulty to compile sermons and Bible Classes . I cannot be everywhere and Eastside needs me to stay at “home” .

SPECIAL MEETINGS .

The Eastside members are getting excited as time draws near for New South Wales evangelist **Graham Wall** and his wife and three young children to arrive at my home on the 14th April .

Graham is scheduled to preach seven “in - house” (non – public) lessons on , “*Congregational Evangelism*” . The meetings will be held on every second night , with the intermediate days allocated to Graham interacting and studying with Eastside members .

QUIZ REQUESTS .

This month I received an email from the largest retirement home company in our state requesting Jackie and I conduct three (3) trivia quiz nights for them in June , August , and October this year .

Two of these will be conducted in our Capital city (Hobart) which is about three hours drive from my home , and the third will be in my home city (Launceston) .

For the past thirty years Jackie and I have become well known for conducting these quiz nights , free of charge , for benevolent , aged , or needy causes .

Being engaged in this activity has given us opportunity to publicly profess our faith as Christians and to speak to people about the gospel , people who otherwise we would never have met .

KENYA BOOKLETS .

Attached is an email from a preacher in Kenya who requested my Bound Lesson Booklets . I do not know this man , I do not

know how he learned of my Booklets, I know nothing about him. Do you know him and/or anything about him ?

Each month I mail booklets to **Kenya, India, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand,** and **every state in Australia.**

LETTERBOXING.

In Australia, every house has a “letterbox” located at the front of each home, and besides official Australia Post mail, the government allows the public to place advertising material in these mail boxes.

The only restriction is if a householder who does not want to receive this advertising, places a sticker on their mailbox saying, “OFFICIAL AUSTRALIA POST MAIL ONLY” or “NO JUNK MAIL”.

Given this freedom, and now I am recovering from my surgery, Kane Keleher has offered to assist me in an ongoing program whereby we place leaflets in every home in my city of one hundred and thirty thousand people.

Our plan is to select a section of 400 houses and give them five different leaflets over five weeks, then repeat the five week process.

Jackie and I distribute these leaflets on an occasional basis as time permits, but because of other time restraints we are never able to make “serious inroads” into covering our whole city. Kane’s offer to help me on a permanent basis opens up the exciting prospect of many thousands of people being contacted.

VISITOR TO SERVICES.

On the first Sunday of this month my nephew Brett Anderson’s young daughter brought her best friend to Jackie’s Sunday School, with this girl’s mother (**Rebecca**) coming into the building to collect her daughter after Classes had finished.

The next Sunday Rebecca stayed and sat in on my Bible Class, then took her daughter home. The third and fourth Sunday she stayed for Eastside’s worship, so it looks like we will have opportunity to teach her some more.

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.

- February 5 - *"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"*.
- 12 - *"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"*.
- 19 - *"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"*.
- 26 - *"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"*.

SUNDAY SERMONS.

- February 5 - *"Why I believe in God"* (Part 1).
- 12 - *"Joy in all circumstances"*.
- 19 - *"Renewing our commitment to God"* (Part 1).
- 26 - *"Renewing our commitment to God"* (Part 2).

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS.

February 5 - Viktor taught **Acts 17** .
12 - Viktor taught **Acts 18** .
19 - Viktor taught **Acts 19** .
26 - Viktor taught **Acts 20** .

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

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .

Set up school .

Jackie and I arrive about one hour early on Sunday morning along with two other members and we set up an “auditorium” in the gymnasium of the Ravenswood Heights Primary School .

"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 .

Kenya Letter:

Dear bro Barry

Grace and peace to you in Jesus name. I hope I find you and yours doing well.

I am writing to let you know that I have received the parcel you send me. These are lessons 1- 31. They were send over a period of time starting 18 March 2022 to 30 December 2022. I received all of them early this week. Our postal services are disappointing sometimes.However, I am thankful to have received such valuable materials from you. I have already gone through the 2 books in that last 3 days. The notes are simple and straight forward and easy to understand. You can mail some more.

UPDATE ON CHURCH WORK

We have been blessed by God this first quarter of the year. Our evangelistic efforts are yielding great rewards. Our church missionary efforts and community outreach have been rewarded with 114 souls who accepted Christ through baptism. More to follow in our quarterly newsletter. Please pray for the work we are doing here.

I appreciate the work you are doing. I also appreciate the partnership we have in Christ.

Please pass my regards with friends and family in Australia. May God bless you.

In Him,

Ishmael Mutichu

(Nashville Church of Christ)