

"HUME'S HAPPENINGS"

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your continuing support , following is my report for the month of **July 2007** . I began to type my usual in depth , detailed report and was reminded of the advice of many brethren who tell me that I always give too much information , so following is my attempt to be brief .

WEDDING - CHINESE COUPLE .

In my report for **May** , I mentioned a Chinese couple had approached me to conduct their wedding ceremony . After several meetings with them I conducted the ceremony this month , which gave me opportunity to teach what God's will is re marriage and commitment to Him .

INTERNAL DEALINGS WITH EASTSIDE BRETHREN .

This month Jackie and I have had a "roller coaster ride" re brethren , with one husband and wife informing us they will only be attending Eastside's worship service every second week due to "personal issues" they have to deal with . They refused to even begin to discuss the situation with us , but assured us that it had nothing to do with any member or aspect of the Eastside church .

On the other hand , another husband and wife who had left the Eastside church a long time ago , attended our worship service last Sunday and then came back to our home to have lunch with Jackie and I . They informed us that they have discovered they had been totally mistaken and in error re the circumstances that motivated them to cease attending , and they apologized to Jackie and I for the unChristlike behaviour they displayed at that time .

HOBART BRETHREN VISIT .

This month three young members of the Hobart church stayed overnight in our home and attended Eastside's Bible class and worship service . It was great to spend time with these fine young Christians .

CONGREGATIONAL "STRATEGY" MEETING

This month I spent considerable time compiling material outlining projects , goals , strategies , programs etc for members to consider re implementation by the Eastside church and then I presented this considerable material at a "strategy" meeting that I organized and conducted in my home .

This material comprises of suggestions re all aspects of our existence as a local church and as individual Christians . I deal with a vast number of concepts such as church evangelism , personal work , spiritual growth of every member , interaction with non – Christians , ways to "improve" our worship services and Bible classes , greater involvement of brethren with each other outside church meetings , how we can better serve Christ and our brethren , etc , etc .

From now on we plan to gather every two months to discuss and implement these programs .

NEIL AND STEPHEN GRACE CLASS

The two (physical) brothers that were baptized in May continue to attend every meeting at Eastside . I mentioned last month the huge "baggage" they brought with them into Christ due to the horrific worldly lifestyle they have lived and that will be evident for a long time . Jackie and I are working with them to assist them to put aside their past , but it will be a long process .

"CHRISTIAN SCHOOL" LETTERBOXING .

I have spent a lot of time this month compiling new maps to assist parents and staff in the distribution of advertising leaflets re the new campus of the Christian

school whose Headmaster (“Principle”) is a brother in Christ from the North West congregation (see my report for June re details of this school). Jackie and I are assisting in the actual letterboxing of the leaflets to houses throughout our city, all up, 6,000 leaflets have been printed so far.

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

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES .

Set up school on four 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 Sunday in the month.

Midweek Bible Class : Continues to be at my mother’s 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 : We have temporarily suspended this program until we have placed new phone number stickers on 10 ,000 leaflets (see September's report) .