

“HUME’S HAPPENINGS”

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Greetings brethren ,

Thank you for your support , it is very much appreciated . Following is my report for **April 2024** .

HILBURNS DEPART FROM TASMANIA .

Sadly , the time for Randy and Judy Hilburn to return to the U . S . arrived on the 8th April . All the Eastside brethren are missing them badly , as their presence gave us a spiritual boost that we never wanted to end . Please encourage members of your congregation to visit and spend time with us .

Randy has agreed for any of my U . S . supporting churches to contact him and enquire about his first hand assessment of my labours here in Tasmania . His email address is rndhlbrn@gmail.com

BOOKLETS TO ZIMBABWE .

This month I received an encouraging email from a preacher in Zimbabwe who has been receiving my Bound Lesson Booklets each month for about two years .

I have attached his email for your perusal .

EASTSIDE MEMBER’S INITIATIVE .

Brett Anderson is an Eastside member who operates his own flooring business (carpet laying , floor tiles , wooden flooring etc) and about a year ago a flooring company in North East Tasmania called on Brett to assist this company’s carpet layers to complete a larger than usual job .

Brett became friends with one of this company’s employees , which led to religious discussions , resulting in this man phoning Brett regularly in the past year to ask Bible questions .

This month in my Sunday morning Bible Class I began teaching a new 13 lesson series entitled , “***A handy guide to the Bible***” . I stressed to the members that before they question why I am teaching such an elementary series at Eastside , my motive for doing so is so that the Eastside members would know that I have a series of Bound Lesson Booklets available for them to hand out to relatives , friends , and contacts who have little or no knowledge of the Bible .

After me teaching Lesson one , Brett decided this series would be perfect for his new “friend” in North East Tasmania . Brett asked me for the thirteen bound lessons , and he drove for about an hour to deliver them to this man .

Last Sunday at Eastside’s worship Brett told me this man phoned him this past week to tell Brett how wonderful he thinks these lessons are . He wanted to discuss aspects of lesson two with Brett and Brett had to tell him that I had only just completed teaching lesson one .

Because I only hand out the Bound Lesson Booklets to Eastside members after I have taught each lesson , Brett and this man have an arrangement that when I finish teaching each lesson in this series , Brett

will phone this man and tell him he also has his own bound copy and is ready to deal with this man's questions re the lesson I have just finished teaching .

HOBART VISITORS .

Last Sunday a man , his wife , and their teenage son , who are originally from Brazil but are now living in Tasmania's Capital city (Hobart) attended Eastside's Bible Class and worship service . They have been members of the Mornington Hill church of Christ in Hobart for about a year , but had never visited any other church in Tasmania in the time they have been in Hobart .

They drove the three hours to Launceston to visit our Eastside member from Brazil (**Renee Alves**) , thus Renee brought them to Eastside .

After our worship had finished this husband and wife said they really want to return to Launceston and spend more time with us . Of course we offered them free accommodation in our "brethren's apartment" .

At our Bible Class last night Renee told us that before this family returned to Hobart they told her they were "blown away" by the warm welcome they received from all the Eastside members , and were already planning when they could visit us again .

HILLWOOD ACTIVITY BEGINS .

This month the Australian Rules Football season began , meaning that every second Saturday Jackie and I leave home at 7 am and drive twenty minutes to a country area of Tasmania called Hillwood , with its football club .

From 7 . 30 am until 9 am Jackie makes 80 salad rolls and I fill 50 plus bags of mixed sweets . At 9 am Jackie works until 2 pm in the club's food outlet , and I alternate between working in this Canteen and fulfilling duties as the club's "Chaplain" (without the title) .

Our involvement with this football club has afforded us many opportunities to talk to people about the gospel . I have conducted four wedding ceremonies of members of this club , which gave me opportunity to teach the Bible to groups of people that I would have otherwise never met - **1 Cor 9 : 19 - 22** .

Every Saturday someone will engage me in religious discussion .

LESSONS TAUGHT BY ME AT EASTSIDE IN APRIL .

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 .

April 7 - **Randy Hilburn** taught his last Bible Class at Eastside .

14 - *"Noah - a type of Christ"* .

21 - *"How the Bible is organised"* .

28 - *"The law of Moses"* .

SUNDAY SERMONS .

- April 7 - **Randy Hilburn** taught his last sermon at Eastside .
14 - *“His delight is in the law of the Lord”* .
21 - *“Getting to the moon”* .
28 - *“Love not the world”* (Part one) .

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS .

- April 2 - **Randy Hilburn** taught his last Sunday class at Eastside .
9 - Viktor taught **2 Cor 10** .
16 - Viktor taught **2 Cor 11** .
23 - Viktor taught **2 Cor 12** .
30 - Viktor taught **2 Cor 13** .

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 .

Barry Hume .

Dear brother Barry

Grace, peace to you and yours in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me start by saying congratulations to the Australian Cricket for being the 2023 ODI World Cup champions for a remarkable 6th time.

I would also like to acknowledge the receipt of the 2 envelopes you send me. These contain lessons 38-49. I have just picked up the parcel from the Post Office and now on my way home.

Thank you so much for the partnership. As always I will share these booklets with others at church and prospects. I have taught great lessons and delivered wonderful sermons from your writings. I remain grateful and really appreciate your efforts in spreading the gospel of Christ. May God be with you and bless you!

A fortnight ago, 2 young men were baptized. We rejoice with the angels in heaven. These two also benefited from the teachings of the materials you sent me. I kindly ask your prayers so that they continue to grow in the knowledge of Christ and remain faithful throughout their lives.

In His loving arms,

Ishmael Mutichu

(Nashville church of Christ)