



# SWOT REPORT

## *What is SWOT?*

The South West Outreach Team (SWOT) are a team of Christians who travel by car to our south-west agricultural towns once or twice a week to encourage and pray with local believers. SWOT began some six years ago when Pastor Brian Whitehurst retired from pastoring churches and was “nudged” by God to ministry in the Great Southern. SWOT’s vision is to light a small fire in each of the south west towns and then to call upon the Holy Spirit to fan these flames into one large flame, engulfing the south west in the fire of revival. The vision is reflected in the Team’s logo.

Ps Brian Whitehurst  
SWOT Founder

## **Message from Geoff Pittuck**

Greetings Praying Friends,

I am constantly amazed by the answers to your prayers. This month the Lord has sent people to remind us that we are not fighting against flesh and blood but evil powers and principalities in heavenly places. (Ephesians 6.12-13). We are in spiritual warfare and are to be girded with the full armour of God, alert and prepared for battle at all times. This month as we seek the Lord for the lost and the sick, be prepared!

Grace be with you all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Through You we will push back our adversaries,  
through Your name we will trample down those who  
rise up against us. Psalm 44:5*

## **BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 2 August, 2017**

On one of the coldest mornings of the year we headed to Beverley for our monthly meeting, Mavis Shadbolt once again accompanying us. How we delighted to see that the recent rain had transformed the rural countryside into a magnificent grassy green. We arrived at Terry and Glenda’s house on time and were glad that they were well prepared for our visit with the air-conditioner blasting out warm air.

We felt so honoured that Glenda and Terry would open up their home to us. It was apparent that Terry was unwell. He reported that the cancer had now spread into his bones. The cancer was causing the bones in his chest to expand resulting in considerable pain. He had taken very strong pain killers before our arrival but was resolute that he would be OK for the meeting.

Geoff prayed and then accompanied by the electric harp played by Anne we sang beloved hymns, the words of which reflected the richness of the gospel and the beauty of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Margaret shared a message on **Words of Agreement** - *Speak and agree with God’s Word over your life.* Our conversations should match what our declaration is. If we are believers then God’s Word should be in our hearts, and should also come out of our mouths.

We looked at Ezekiel 37. God said to Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones. Prophecy in Strong’s is *naba* - to speak (or sing) by inspiration. God was commanding Ezekiel to speak to the dry bones.



## Words of Agreement - (continued)

### Ezekiel 37.10

*So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them'. They came to life and stood up on their feet - a vast army.*

That situation that you thought was impossible, God said speak my word, speak my promises, speak in faith and not in what you see, and God will bring to life that which was dead.

Jesus spoke only what the Father told him.

### John 12.49

*For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken.*

In order to live a victorious life and overcome the enemy in every circumstance, believers need to speak the right words.

We looked at how we pray believing in God's Word but later negate those words through our double talk.

### James 1.6-8

*But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all that they do.*

Spiritual warfare includes words. There is life and death in the tongue and the words that we use. Demonic forces are conspiring and inspiring us at all times to speak words against us and against God.

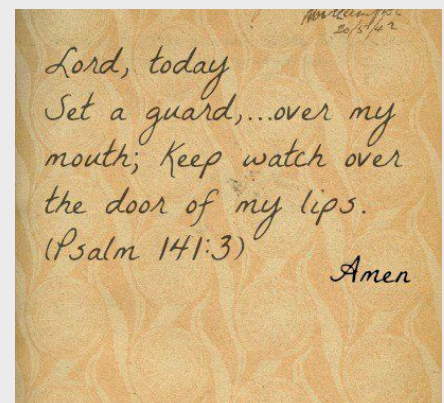
### Ephesians 6.2.

*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

*Take up* is an active word. It requires an action. How do we build faith? Faith comes by hearing and by hearing the Word of God. How do we extinguish the fiery darts? Speak God's Word. The shield of faith isn't just faith alone but is also speaking faith to negate the fiery darts.

We looked at a lot of other scriptures as well and concluded that speaking positive words in agreement with God's Word we will always be victorious over the enemy. We will be able to speak to the mountains in our lives and witness miracles by the power of God.

Morning tea and fellowship followed but as Terry was noticeably spent by this time, we departed Beverley just after midday.





## WILLIAMS, Thursday, 17 August, 2017

Pastor Joe O'Donovan from Eternal Life Ministeries and Brian Lowndes from Mustard Seed Community Church joined us for our monthly visit to Williams, Narrogin and Popanyinning. The crops looked lush and green and had grown significantly since our last trip south. However, the paddocks in many parts looked water logged. Later we were learnt from Vern Sattler that the farmers were resorting to fertilising their crops using aerial means.



It was a joyous time of fellowship and prayer. We individually shared what the Lord had been revealing to us. During our time of sharing Pastor Joe was asked how he came to the Lord. Pastor Joe briefly gave us his testimony, edifying us all. We were so encouraged.

Vern Sattler advised us about a ministry tool to engage with Muslims. Later he provided the link: <http://engagingwithislam.org>

Following an earnest time of prayer for the many needs of the nation, district and church we bade our farewells and headed over to Narrogin to visit Gary Johnson. Enroute we commented how we hoped Gary might have some of his infamous scones on offer.

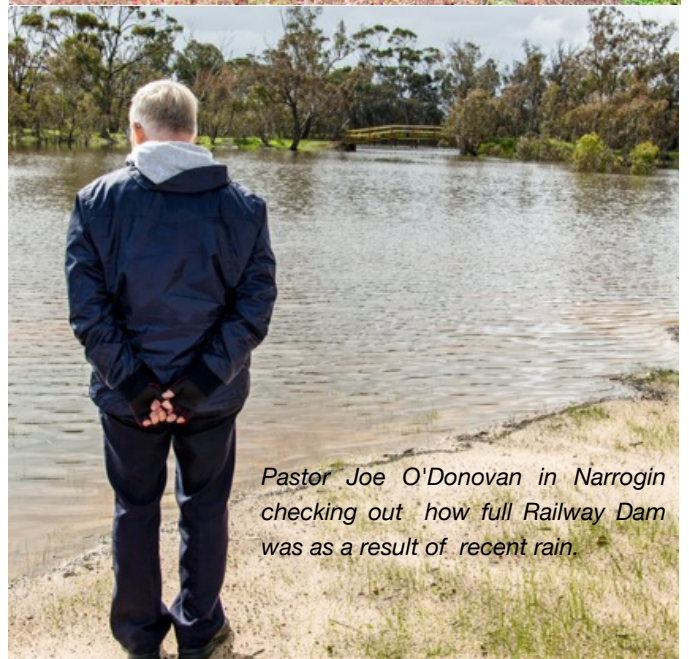
## NARROGIN, Thursday, 17 August, 2017

Gary had been expecting us and came out to welcome us as we turned into his driveway. The wood fire was roaring and cheese scones were in the oven baking. Once again, Gary did not disappoint us.

Over piping hot scones and coffee we had a long time of fellowship. Gary's daughter, Margaret, was soon to be heading off to America on the trip of a life time with the local high school. Gary's lodger, Phil, had secured a job in Three Springs so was no longer living with them. Gary's mother who had been in hospital was improving. So much so, that Gary was renovating the back of the house so that she could come and live with them. We spoke about Vision Radio and the impact it was having on remote communities.

Interestingly, one scripture that came up in our discussions was 2 Chronicles 7.14. This scripture was raised in Williams also. ***"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will heal their land."*** Emphasise being made on ***my people, called by my name***. In the face of our nation's ongoing cultural demise, if we are to turn our communities and nation around, the body of Christ, a unified church, must throw themselves before the face of God and repent and seek God's heart and His hand on behalf of our land.

Following a prayer time we thanked Gary for his hospitality and drove over to Popanyinning to visit Sam and Jenny Maughan.



*Pastor Joe O'Donovan in Narrogin checking out how full Railway Dam was as a result of recent rain.*



## POPANYINNING, Thursday, 17 August, 2017

The wattles were in full bloom and what a spectacular sight they were as we drove into Popanyinning. There were even blossoms on the fruit trees. Spring had truly sprung.



*The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.*

Song of Solomon 2:12

As always, we found our dear friends Sam and Jenny Maughan busy. Sam was serving customers whilst Jenny was out the back cleaning. Our first point of call was to tour the fish tanks in the hot house and check out the growth of the fish. Sam had planted tomatoes and lettuces and herbs in water and rocks. Everything was thriving. Next point of call was the hen house. Sadly, six hens were missing having died the previous week from causes unknown. However, a fox was suspected as the culprit.

Sam prepared us lunch. In between Sam and Jenny serving customers in the shop, we discussed what was on their hearts and points of prayer. Sam's heart was heavy and weary. The Holy Spirit inspired Pastor Joe to give Sam and Jenny a scripture.

*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:29-30*

What a blessing to be able to speak a word of encouragement. We gathered around Sam and Jenny, laid hands upon them and prayed for their needs.

As it was nearing 3.00pm by this time and it would

take two hours to return Brian and Joe to their homes in Perth, so we quickly took some photos and bid Sam and Jenny farewell. On this occasion, Geoff's satnav choose the Brookton route home. It was 5.45pm when we finally walked through our front door having left at 7.30am. A long day but a fulfilling one.



### IN REMEMBRANCE

**Pastor Brian Whitehurst**

9/10/34 - 18/8/16

Those we love  
don't go away,  
they walk beside us  
every day...  
unseen, unheard,  
but always near,  
still loved,  
still missed  
and very dear.





## BEVERLEY, Saturday, 19 August, 2017

On Friday, 18 August, Glenda broke the news that a petscan had revealed the cancer in Terry's body was rampant with the whole spine collapsing, tumours outside his lungs and liver, bones and other areas affected also. The doctors told Terry that they could do no more for him but care for the pain. They gave him from two weeks to however many weeks the Lord will grant him. As a result, Terry requested anointing. And so it was on Saturday, 19 August close family and friends gathered around Terry in their home in Beverley for an anointing service. Terry

lead the communion, blessing us all with his profound knowledge of the scriptures, his steadfast faith and utmost peace in the Lord's perfect will for his life. Pastors Clem and Geoff anointed Terry with oil and together we all joined in prayers of unity.

A fellowship meal followed.

*For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8 38-39*

## YORK, Thursday, 31 August, 2017

### Holy Spirit Fire

We travelled to York to hear Pastor John G, Anglican Minister and International Evangelist from Malaysia, speak at a home meeting. Pastor John spoke about his world-wide ministry and his reason for his visit to Perth, Western Australia, being a vision the Lord gave him of a great Holy Spirit fire spreading across Australia.

All who were gathered at the meeting were greatly blessed as Pastor John prayed over us individually and as a group. There was an supernatural impartation of Holy Spirit power for the Lord's work in our lives as well as a deeper thirst, a deeper hunger and a deeper longing for more of His Holy presence. None of us departed the same and none of us wanted to leave His presence.



A special word of thanks to Bob and Beatrice Cavanagh, Eternal Life Ministries, Canning Vale, who hosted Pastor John G whilst in Perth and who so kindly invited us to the meeting.



# *Prayer Points*

**Please continue to pray for :**

A great move of Holy Spirit fire across the country.

Prayer against the principalities and powers and the forces of evil in the heavenly realms that aim to destroy the fabric and communion of the Christian Church.

Unity amongst the brethen.

The wardens of the Anglican Church, Williams.


The Lord's favour for a connection with the Christians in Wickepin.

Please give thanks for recent rain and pray for latter rain at the appropriate time.

Please continue to remember Sam and Jenny Maghan in your prayers. Jenny has dementia. Sam is caring for Jenny and finding it increasingly difficult to run their shop in Popanyinning. Sam has specifically asked for clarity for decisions that will need to be made about their future.

Please remember Terry Robinson and his wife Glenda, as together they deal with the final stages of Terry's cancer and for favour for the sale of their house in Beverley.

Please pray for the SWOT team for power and strength in the Holy Spirit, for good health and travelling mercies and favour, that the Word of God would be accompanied with signs and wonders, that the Lord's grace be upon each member to fulfil the work of Christ's commission.



*He performs  
wonders  
that cannot be  
fathomed,  
miracles  
that cannot be  
counted.  
Job 5:9*