



# SWOT REPORT



## Message from Geoff Pittuck

Greetings loved ones. Isn't it wonderful to know that the Lord our God loves us all regardless. 2017 has started with a rush. We have been pressing in to reach new believers and towns to those we regularly visit. I have been saddened to see that churches are closing their doors and leaving country towns. I ask that you pray for us to reach the REMNANT in these towns so that we can support them in their worship of the Lord. The closer we draw near to the end of time, the more important it is for all of us to gather the lost and lead them towards an eternity with the Lord.

*"It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65.24*

## BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 1st March, 2017

To spend time Beverley in fellowship and prayer with our dear Christian family blessed us immensely. Margaret brought a short message from Genesis 29 on Jacob's first wife, Leah, entitled "God saw the pain." Leah's husband, Jacob, did not love her but God heard her prayers and saw her plight.

Firstly, Claire lead us in praise and worship. We each shared what was happening in our lives, what the Lord was revealing individually and corporately amongst the brethren. Again we heard of the vision of fire; the fire of the Holy Spirit that would be ignited in small pockets across country towns and then burst into a fireball that would unite believers and engulf the country in a wave of revival. Oh that we would see the fulfilment of this vision.

What an extraordinary privilege united prayer is! Together we prayed for individual needs, healings and breakthroughs. Special mention was made for Judi Davis (Northam Outreach Event, February 11th) who believes the Lord is directing her into prison ministry.

All too soon we were heading homeward but not before a quick drive over The Avon river to view the damage from the recent floods. The water was flowing swiftly but had receded a great deal. Cumulonimbus clouds were forming on the distant horizon. Another storm was brewing and would later that evening bring a summer storm, lightening and more rain.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10.24-25*

## 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





#### Romans 5:1-5

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

## Answered prayer

What gladness filled our hearts when Terry Robinson arrived at the meeting minus oxygen bottle, minus zimmer frame, strolling in looking amazingly well, strong and fit. Was this an apparition? Surely not. Terry testified that having suffered in the deepest of valley he had believed himself to be close to death. After long months of hospital confinement with the medics giving little hope, things did not look good. Only weeks previously, Brad, Geoff and I had visited Terry and Glenda in their home. We departed that afternoon with heavy hearts having witnessed Terry in pain and knowing a miracle was needed. What joy, what praise, to report that our Lord and Saviour heard the prayers of the righteous. Terry is now

testimony to the healing power of the Almighty. Terry does not know the number of his days, nor indeed do any of us, but in his own words Terry told us that he never believed he would again enjoy the quality of life he now enjoys. Terry even boasted of being able to walk reasonable distances and was up a ladder that very morning fixing something.

#### PRAISE THE LORD!

*Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's*

**Psalms 103:1-5**



## CUNDERDIN, Sunday, 12 March, 2017

An invitation from Pastor Kristina Mico for the SWOT team to attend the Cunderdin Christian Fellowship dedication/opening on Sunday, 12 March was received much with excitement. When so many churches in the country are closing, what a privilege indeed to witness first hand the birth of a new work.

Geoff and Margaret Pittuck, and Brad Makin accepted the invitation to attend the church opening making the 156 km trip east of Perth to Cunderdin. Vases of flowers placed on the side piano had to be removed for fear they would topple due to the exuberant praise of over 100 people singing, clapping and swaying in such a constrained space. I don't think that old CWA building had ever witnessed such glorious exultation.

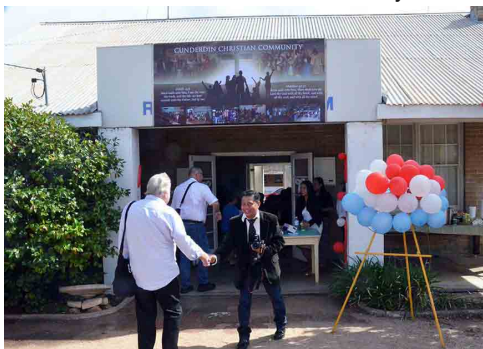
Brad explained to the congregation how providentially an innocent place-name misunderstanding had gotten SWOT connected with Cunderdin, in particular with Pastor Kristina.

From humble beginnings, the difficulties and trials that lead to the birthing of the church, was outlined by Pastor Kristina. In 2013, following one of the most intense tropical cyclones to hit the Philippines, killing more than 6,000 Filipinos, a couple of people went from house to house to collect money to raise funds to send to a foundation in the Philippines to help the typhoon victims. Through a series of events this resulted in a bible study being formed. From week to week the numbers swelled. Over time the group began to move from from house to house in order to reach more people. In February 2016, some of the believers found a church in Northam. Those that remained were burdened to have their own church service in Cunderdin. After much prayer, a building became available. And so it was the SWOT team found themselves at the

Cunderdin Christian Fellowship church dedication service, united as one people with dear servants of God, sharing in a joyful noise unto the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Pastor John Pop, Church of Christ, Noranda, spoke from Matthew 16:13-18. Jesus brought his disciples to Caesarea Philippi, a dark place. Here Jesus said...*"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it"*. The mention of gates refers back to the OT references of gates of the city as being the place where the council of the city would meet, i.e. the seat of power and such were debated and approved. With this in mind we then can read Matthew 16:13-18 as "I will build My church and the plans and council of sation and his followers shall not prevail against it."

A magnificent fellowship meal followed. We departed Cunderdin with grateful hearts for the new thing the Lord is doing in the hearts and lives of this community.



## Special mention

### Eternal Life Ministries

<http://www.eternallifeministries.com.au>

SWOT is very grateful to the church in Canning Vale, Eternal Life Ministries, for their support of the South West Outreach Team. In the course of a month it is not unusual to cover up to 1,000kms transversing the south-west ministering in the name of Jesus. Petrol is costly and as SWOT has not received sponsorship since Pastor Brain Whitehurst's passing, the SWOT team would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the support of the church to cover petrol costs.

Prayer is a privilege. When you pray for this ministry you partner in this work. Should the Lord lead you to also partner financially, please contact Pastor Geoff Pittuck.

*"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you..."*

**Philippians 1.3**







## NARROGIN & POPANYINNING, Thursday, 16 March, 2016

For our trip to Narrogin and Popanyinning Pastor Joe O'Donovan and his lovely wife Glennis joined us. Being such a beautiful autumn day Garry Johnson fired up the old wood stove outside and Glennis got to sample some of Gary's infamous scones seated under the shade of fruit trees. The verdict from Glennis, the best scones ever tasted!

Not much news to report from Narrogin. In his sphere of influence Gary continues to plant spiritual seeds. We were able to pray and encourage Gary seeking the Lord for those seeds to germinate, grow and bear fruit. We were also honoured to be able to pray for Gary's daughter, Margaret, who was about to attend her first ball as a Year 11 student.

Savouring the ambience of spending time in pray and fellowship and enjoying the beauty of Gary's orchard delayed us in reaching Popanyinning. Both Jenny and Sam Maughan were busy with lunch time customers. Nevertheless, we were able in between Sam and Jenny serving to lay hands on Jenny, anoint her with oil and pray healing, as well as pray blessings and prosperity for the business. On Monday morning at about 4.00am Sam had been woken by a man breaking into the shop. Sam chased the intruder and only later discovered by security camera footage that the intruder was carrying a tommy hawk. The cost of the damage was significant but the Lord was praised for keeping Sam safe.

## PRAYER

Your prayers for the south-west are much coveted. The vision of SWOT is to see the flames of the Holy Spirit engulf the country in revival. To this end we pray that all the systems, devices and wiles of the enemy to steal, destroy and kill will not only be thwarted but perish by fire.

*Clouds and darkness surround Him;  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne,  
A fire goes before Him,  
And burns up His enemies round about. Psalm 97.2-3*

Continue to pray for :

The Lord's anointed to be appointed to the Dioceses in Williams.

The Cunderdin Christian Fellowship

Continued healing for Terry Robinson and Jenny Maughan

Judy Davis and Claire Marinis (Northam) for guidance and direction, favour and anointing

Gary Johnson and his ministry in Northam, praying Psalm 128.2

Sam and Jenny Maughan in Popanyinning, praying 3 John 2

An open door to connecting with the Christians in Wickopin.

The SWOT team for good health, favour, safety in all their travels, the ears of their hearts open to the Lord's guidance and direction and leading, to be conduits of blessing in God's love.