



SWOT REPORT

Message from Margaret Pittuck

Greetings Praying Friends,

We are so grateful for faithful intercessors who have covered us as we have travelled and ministered throughout the south-west, in the Name of Christ. May your reward be exceedingly great. We have experienced through the Holy Spirit the potent power of prayer. It has been a joyous month of ministry for the SWOT team and in particular our mid-month weekend in Wagin and Williams where lives were re-dedicated and salvations made. We have been encouraged that much needed rain has finally fallen on the south-west of Western Australia. Again and again, we witness the greatness of our God and His abundant goodness, and his faithfulness and provision.

Let all that has breath praise the Lord!

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



BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 5 July, 2017

Mavis Shadbolt from Eternal Life Ministries joined us for our monthly meeting in Beverley. We rejoiced for the rain as we drove, arriving at Beverley sufficiently early enough to take a quick tour up the main street and over the Avon River bridge to inspect how fast the water was flowing.

Following a time of prayer and worship Geoff read a reading from *Devotions for a Deeper Life* by Oswald Chambers for July 1.

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Matthew 9.35

What is a miracle? There is no such thing as a miracle to the soul who belongs to Jesus Christ. There is nothing unusual in the work that the Holy Spirit does,

even though it seems out of the ordinary course of nature to our finite sense and judgement.

Everybody who felt lead was invited to comment. A lively discussion ensued. It was concluded that miracles are not miracles for those saved by the blood of Christ. Miracles are a testimony of God's power to bring salvation to those who are dying in their sins.

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BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 5 July, 2017 (Continued)

It was pointed out that in the next verse of Matthew, the word "**send out**" in Greek is the verb "**ekballo**" which means cast out, drive out, expel, leave, thrust, send away, send forth.

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out ("ekballo") labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9.38

The following is an excerpt I found on the internet from a sermon by Derek Morris which expands on the word "ekballo":

Jesus is challenging his disciples to pray a radical prayer. It may not seem like a radical prayer but the Greek verb used here is deomai which means "to beseech", "to plead earnestly", "to beg". It is stronger than just to pray.

Baloo is used when the disciples cast their nets out of the ship (John 21.6). Ballo is used when the enemies of Jesus picked up rocks to throw at Him (John 8.59). Ballo is used when John The Baptist was thrown into prison (John 3.24). Ballo means to throw or cast.

The Greek verb used by Jesus in Matthew 9.38 for "send out" is ekballo. The prefix ek means "out". So ekballo means "to throw out", or "to cast out." On many occasions the Gospel record ekballo is used for casting out demons. The verb ekballo is also used when Jesus drove the moneychangers out of the temple (John 2.15). As you can

see, this is not a weak verb, and Jesus is not asking us to pray a weak prayer. Jesus is asking us to earnestly plead with the Lord of the harvest "to throw out" labourers, "to hurl out" labourers, "to cast out" labourers into His harvest. This is a radical prayer!

Remember that if you do pray this prayer to be prepared to be a part of the answer. Note that Jesus himself was willing to be thrown out! In Mark 1.12 ekballo is used. Jesus was willing to be thrown out into God's harvest field.

Abridged sermon by Derek Morris, Pastor Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL, USA.



MINISTRY WEEKEND

WAGIN AND WILLIAMS, 14-16 July, 2017

Pastor Robin and Rebecca John, Prevan John, Pastor Don Phillips, Pastors Geoff and Margaret Pittuck, and Brad Makin, set out in convoy for a weekend of ministry on Friday afternoon, 14 July, 2017. Pastor Robin John had been invited to speak at the Mighty Men's Breakfast at 7.30am in Wagin on Saturday, 15 July and to also speak at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Williams on Sunday, 16 July. Special thanks to our hosts in Williams; Vern Sattler and Jo and Jaimie Fowler.

Saturday, 15 July, 2017

Pastors Robin John and Geoff Pittuck, Brad Makin and Vern Sattler attended the Might Men's Breakfast in Wagin at 7:30am. Pastor Robin John, International Evangelist and currently at The Foursquare Church, Eternal Life Ministries, Canning Vale, brought a message about finances. For the full details on Wagin, please see Brad Makin's report.

Whilst the men attended the Mighty Men's Breakfast in Wagin the women back at the farm in Williams, recovering from the men rising early, enjoyed a late breakfast before accompanying Jo Fowler to the Anglican Op Shop (located adjacent to the Wool Shed on Albany Highway), Williams. It was Jo's turn to on the roster to serve at the op shop. Enroute we picked up a young girl from a neighbouring farm who was undertaking work experience at the shop. As we travelled the twenty minutes into Williams we observed the proliferation of lambs in the paddocks and enquired why sheep lamb at such a cold time of the year. Jo explained it was the time of the year when there was sufficient green feed to provide lambs the best possible start to life.

*Top right: Ps Don Phillips, Vern Sattler and Geoff Pittuck
Below right: View inside "The Wool Shed", Wagin*



WILLIAMS, Saturday, 15 July, 2017 (Cont'd)

It was a cold and wet day. Business at the op shop was slow. Nevertheless, we got to meet some friendly people and I even purchased a couple of treasures. Returning from the Mighty Men's Breakfast, Pastors Robin John and Geoff Pittuck, and Brad Makin called into the op shop. Rebecca and I returned with the men to the farm for a leisurely lunch whilst our host remained at the shop.

At 3.00pm we were driven some 20-30 minutes away to meet William and Kelly Newton-Wordsworth. Although it was only mid-afternoon, the sky was dark and it seemed later than it was. It was raining softly when we arrived at William and Kelly's farm. We were welcomed warmly and what a relief it was to be ushered into their warm parlour to sit by their fire. They commented how they had only the day before mentioned Brian Whitehurst and wondered how he was faring. Sadly, we had to inform them that Pastor Brian had gone home to glory eleven months' past.

Formalities over we were shepherded into an adjoining room with a piano for a time of praise and worship. What a relief to discover another fire blazing. Just as we began to raise our voices and sing to the Lord in gusto, the power cut out and we were thrust into darkness. It was as though the Lord wanted us to just concentrate on worshipping him alone and not to be concerned about anything else. How lovely to praise and worship in the darkness excepting for a little skylight in the roof that gave sufficient light that we could make out shape and form.

Back in the parlour with the power now back on, Robin encouraged both Kelly and William with scriptures. The very moment Robin spoke about showers of blessings, like affirmation from heaven, the sky opened up and down came a thunderous shower.



Above: Margaret, Jo, William, Kelly, Rebecca and Robin

How blessed we were in that parlour and how we longed for more time to linger with this dear couple but night was falling and we had to get back to the farm for another meeting. Night fell before reaching the farm. Five minutes short of reaching the farm we got word that neighbours from adjoining farms were waiting for us to arrive.

The fire in the lounge room crackled as we settled in for further fellowship and prayer. Again, Robin always the encourager, spoke about revival beginning in the home. Brad Makin was able to give individual words for the guests that blessed them greatly. We all sensed something new being birthed in that meeting. The fire of revival now lite to be fanned into flame. And so, it was, warm from the fullness of His presence, prayer and fellowship, we bid farewell to our guests as they returned to their homes and we moved into the family room for dinner.

During dinner, we sensed the Holy Spirit prompting us to ask our host if he wanted prayer. He agreed. However, not until ice-cream! Following ice-cream, we gathered around and laid our hands upon our host and anointed him with oil, and with Robin leading, we prayed believing for healing.

Sunday, 16 July, 2017

Our host entered the kitchen beaming, walking ten feet tall. Was this the same man we had prayed for only the night before, we asked ourselves. Salvation had come. Glory, glory. *Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.* Psalm 30.5

So, our host enthusiastically agreed he would join us at the Anglican Holy Trinity Church, Williams for the morning service where Pastor Robin John had been invited to speak. And so that morning Robin spoke about the Holy Spirit, being in God's perfect will and timing, to be in the right place at the right time.

Following the service, we fellowshiped over a lovingly prepared meal and as the meal concluded, so did our weekend. We farewelled our Christian family and headed out onto the Albany Highway for home but not before warm embraces and heartfelt thanks to our hosts, Vern Sattler and Josephine and Jaimie Fowler, whose hospitality had been so generous, thoughtful, loving and caring.

Though the ministry weekend in Wagin and Williams is now long over we continue to feast on the memory of blessings beyond expectation, rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord and his faithfulness to all those servants of the Lord who prayed. For those whose lives were changed that weekend, we seek saturating prayer that the seed planted would not just germinate but mature and bear much fruit for His glory.

Below: The congregation and guests outside the Holy Trinity Church, Williams



MIGHTY MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - WAGIN,

Saturday, 15 July, 2017

Written by Brad Makin

God is good all the time.

Through a previous connection between Ps Robin John and Vern Sattler (Warden - Holy Trinity Church Williams) facilitated by SWOT, Ps Robin was invited to speak at the Mighty Men's Breakfast. SWOT was also invited to attend and support Ps Robin who was driven down to Wagin by his son Preshan.

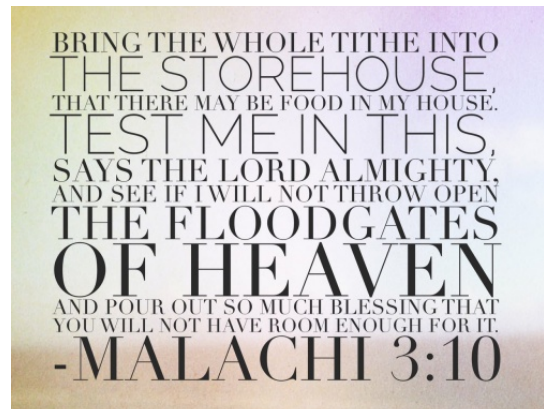
We were told that the meeting was going to be held at 7:30am in "The Wool Shed" outside Wagin. I envisaged some kind of function centre aptly named or maybe an old actual wool shed converted to a meeting place. Low and behold, it was actually a working wool shed, i.e. shearing shed, located on one of the areas leading Merino Stud properties. And when I mean working I mean they were in the middle of their shearing season and we found ourselves seated at shearers tables in amongst the fleeces recently shorn and sorted, waiting to be bailed.

Between 7.00am - 7:30am men from the local area began arriving and breakfast was soon cooking. We were treated to plenty of bacon and fried eggs, toast, fried tomatoes etc. and from about 8.00am - 9:30am a hearty meal was had and good conversation was held with all. In all some 35 men were in attendance including ourselves and Ps Don (Eternal Life Ministries) who had travelled down with me to be part of the event.

At approximately 10.00am Ps Robin was welcomed and invited to share a message that the Lord had laid upon his heart for the men that morning. He proceeded to share from the scriptures a 12 point message around finances and how a correct biblical understanding about money, and how it should be handled, leads us to have lives that are God blessed and God honouring.

The Lord spoke mightily through the message and touched the lives of all the men present. At the conclusion of the message Ps Robin made an "altar call" and three men raised their hands for prayer to re-dedicate their lives to God. All in all a great morning spent honouring God, around His Word, with good friends being made and great fellowship being had by all.

Amen. God is indeed good. All praise and glory be unto His Name for ever and ever.



WICKEPIN AND POPANYINNING, Thursday, 21 July, 2017

With Pastor Jo O'Donovan and his wife, Glennis, away in Ireland and Brad Makin working, it was only Geoff and Margaret Pittuck who headed out to meet with Garry Johnson at Wickepin. Afterwards Garry joined Geoff and Margaret in Popanyinning when later they met up with Sam and Jenny Maughan.

Although to date no contact has been able to be made with any Christians in Wickepin, the team nevertheless continue to pray for the town and the surrounding community. It was cold sitting outside on the pavement so when the team had finished their coffees they retired to the warmth of Geoff's vehicle to pray.

In Popanyinning, Sam and Jenny Maughan, as proprietors of the local shop, were busy. In between serving customers the team were able to have a beautiful time of prayer for Sam and Jenny's respective needs, for their church, Extreme Life Ministries of which Sam leads, and the community of Popanyinning.



PRAYER POINTS

Please continue to pray for :

A great move of the Holy Spirit across the country.

Unity amongst the brethren.

The wardens of the Anglican Church, Williams.

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

Please continue to pray for rain. Even though some areas have received much needed rain, some parts are still below average.

Please pray for Jenny Maughan who has been diagnosed with dementia and for Sam Maghan who is not only caring for Jenny but endeavouring to run their shop in Popanyinning and the Extreme Life Mnisteries Church. The shop is on the market for sale, or lease, but to date there has been no interest. Please also pray for their trip to visit family in Sydney at the end of the year.

Glenda and Terry Ferris/Robinson have their house in Beverley on the market as Terry is back in Perth in hospital undertaking radiation therapy. Please pray for Terry and the sale of their home.

Your prayers for the SWOT team are much coveted. May you be blessed abundantly as you remember the SWOT ministry unto the Lord.