



SWOT REPORT

What is SWOT?

The South West Outreach Team (SWOT) is 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

Dear Praying Partners,

I am continually being reminded that time is short and a time of testing is coming upon us all. But in that we can never forget that The Lord GOD, Creator of the universe, is not only with us but Loves Us. We are "Loved Ones" so in a very uncomfortable future we are Loved and can continue the fight with the presence of the Lord.

As we travel around the South-West of Western Australia we are seeing churches close and some only holding one or two services a month, but in homes all around, the faithful remnant continue to pray. Please uphold the faithful Loved Ones in your prayers for a special anointing of the Holy Spirit to continue the spiritual fight for their towns, farms and families. Ephesians 6:12

WILLIAMS, Thursday, 12 October, 2017

As we headed down to Williams with Brian Lownes, we encountered trucks laden with hay heading northward and a steady stream of other trucks heading southward. It was a slow drive. The forest was a blaze with wildflowers and when we hit the farming country we noted that already the paddocks had a brown hue to them. The lush green of previous months was no longer. Although there was still plenty of moisture about the drying of the crops and grasses was evident. How quickly the season turns.

It was only Vern Sattler who met us at the Williams Anglican church hall. Despite the heavy traffic on Albany Highway we had made good time, arriving at 9.50pm.

Today we read the entire book of 2 Peter. In this book the writer, Peter, exerts readers to apply themselves to acquiring the true knowledge of God and living out a life of faith with diligence, so that they may be found in peace, spotless and blameless (2 Peter 1:5; 3: 4). Failure to follow this advice would result in them giving their Christian community over to false teaching by heretics, people who look to exploit with false words (2 Peter 2:3).

The difficulties in which we as Christians find ourselves in these last days with dissension, persecution and strife, the second book of Peter emphasises the importance of growing in maturity and clinging to the Word of God. Our knowledge of God through His Word is our first line of defense against the conflicts that threaten to tear us apart in our

families, our churches and in our nation.

Peter wrote: *"Be on guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."* 2 Peter 3:17-18

We prayed for Vern's daughter who is facing a difficult situation in her work place, for salvations in the Williams community and surrounds, for the faithful to be diligent in pursuing God's Word and knowledge in these testing times.

After our meeting we drove to the local service station and Vern blessed us with a tank of petrol. Praise God! We are so grateful for those who bless us in practical ways.

Leaving Williams we headed over to Narrogin to see Gary Johnson. We praised the Lord for the beauty of his creation and for blessing us with such a beautiful day.

NARROGIN, Thursday, 12 October, 2017

Gary Johnson was waiting for us in his front garden when we pulled up. We couldn't but help notice the flowering bushes and trees in his yard. What a picture and a what a joy to once again greet our dearly beloved brother.

The previous month Gary's orchard was in full bloom but now the trees were overlaid with green buds, shoots, leaves and even some fruit. The sun was hot and we welcomed the shade as we devoured delicious hot scones laced with home-made apricot jam.

Gary's daughter, Margaret, had returned safely from her trip of a lifetime to USA with the Narrogin High School class. The verdict: Margaret had enjoyed the experience but was appreciative to be home.

After a tour of the orchard we settled into prayer. We prayed for Narrogin, Wickepin, the south-west, unsaved family members, the church, the nation and everything else that the Holy Spirit put on our hearts.

It was 2pm when we headed out of Narrogin for the drive to Popanyinning to meet up with Sam and Jenny Maughan. Arriving in Popanyinning we learnt that Sam and Jenny were out of town attending a funeral. This was sad news.

We thought we would return to Perth early as a result of missing out on meeting up with Sam and Jenny. However, traffic on the Albany Highway was halted in the forest due to a burn-off. The flames had crossed the road. This made visibility impossible due to impregnable thick, black smoke. The highway was a long line of parked cars. People got out of their vehicles and walked around waiting until the smoke dissipated. It was 5pm before we eventually reached home.



Report from Annie and Tim Schuoler (BEVERLEY) on their recent road trip

This was a trip God purposed for us to do. It takes you out of your comfort zone and then you have to trust Yahweh completely. It was a holiday for Tim, a fishing trip, not only for fish but for fishes of men as well, by the leading of the Holy Spirit. We stopped at the DeGrey River for three days which was great. Towards the evening we would take out our guitars and play our songs. A lady came over and asked if we could play together with her the following evening. We agreed. The next evening we came together. She was very talented. At first I felt intimidated but Abba said go, and so we did. People came to the outskirts of the camp and listened. The next day God asked me to talk to Linda. He showed me where her life was at. As we were discussing the same-sex marriage ballot another lady came and spoke the truth of what the Bible says about marriage. It was such a blessing. Linda knew where we stood.

Again we came together that evening with our music. This time a group of young people came and asked to sit with us. We said most welcome. I felt to introduce my husband and myself and shared with them that we had been married for 47 years and had known each other for over 50 years. We have songs of our life which Tim played. Linda played her songs and then I played worship songs. Tim finished with his songs and it so touched those young people who were from Europe. This other lady came and asked if she could play a song. It was about salvation, the power of the blood of Jesus/Yahusha. You could have dropped a pin. The presence of the Holy Spirit was in that place. I sensed in my heart God/Elohim was giving them Hope. They came to us for hugs. We were so touched by the Holy Spirit. We are so grateful and thankful to Yahweh for all that He has done. Amen.

DARKIN, Thursday, 26 October, 2017

As Geoff lay awake the night preceding our intended visit to Wickepin, he felt directed by the Holy Spirit to forego Wickepin and go instead to Darkin. Many years ago, Geoff had driven Brian Whitehurst to Darkin to pray and to meet up with a contact he had made in the town. As a result of this liaison, the Mustard Seed Fellowship church supported Brian in holding a concert in the park. However, since that concert, Darkin had fallen off the radar, so to speak. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Geoff felt it was time to revisit Darkin and again pray for that community.

It was an unseasonably cold, wet, and very blustery day. We collected Brian Lownes from his home enroute to Albany Highway, heading firstly to Williams and then across to Darkin. (Darkin is 42 kilometres south-west from Williams.) The wind was strong and Geoff had to concentrate to drive. Branches were over the road in places but nevertheless, despite the rain and wind, the countryside was still a picture to behold. Pockets of wildflowers, mainly blue leschenaultia, lined the road edges on the Williams to Darkin road.

Our first call on reaching Darkin was to find a cafe for a morning coffee. We found the one and only cafe open at the local service station. The lady behind the counter was very friendly. The coffee tasted good. Brian purchased himself a home-made cake and he said it was very delicious. We sat in the window overlooking the park and watched the traffic, glad to be inside out of the wind and rain.

On the cafe counter was the latest Darkin newsletter and therein we found a listing for the Darkin Anglican Church. Geoff recalling that Rev Cusie had spoken of his coming down to Darkin to take services, we set out to find the Anglican Church in the hope of being able to enter inside and pray. We drove up every street in Darkin. We found the Catholic Church and the United Church but no Anglican Church. I went into the Council and enquired. The girl behind the counter didn't know so

went away to find out. She came back a little while later and informed me the Anglican church was in the next street. This was strange, we had driven up the street and not sighted an Anglican Church. However, the only church we could locate in the street was the Uniting Church, and it was firmly locked.

Time was ticking, so we decided to instead just sit in the park in the car and pray. We prayed for the Darkin community, for the remnant of believers praying Psalm 1 and for a mighty fall of the Holy Spirit. a

It was midday when we departed Darkin for Quindanning. In the morning the dark sky had parted for short periods allowing patches of blue and sunlight to shine through but now the sky was beset with dark foreboding clouds. The rain had set in. The countryside looked bleak and the wind was forcibly buffeting the car .

**Put on the full armor
of GOD...**

**For our struggle is
not against flesh and
blood, but against
the rulers,
against the
authorities,
against the
powers of this
dark world and
against the spiritual
forces of evil in the
heavenly realms.**

Ephesians 6:11-12



QUINDANNING, Thursday, 26 October, 2017

Quindanning consists of a hotel, one residence and a church. We found a table beside an open fire and ordered our lunch. After sustenance, with the rain still falling, we drove a few metres across to the Anglican Church of Saint Boniface. Within the confines of the vehicle I took a few photos. Then I decided to see if the church was open and it was. What a sanctuary from the weather. Inside it was quiet out of the wind and therein it felt so peaceful.



MARRADONG, Thursday, 26 October, 2017

Heading homeward, at Marradong when the Anglican Church came into view, I requested we drop in for a look.

The rain was only falling lightly at that time so I was able to take a few photos, even walking up the hill into the cemetery that overlooks the church. Again, inside the old building that had so much history, it felt peaceful. Brain remained in the car whilst Geoff and I prayed.

All too soon we were on the South-West Highway reflecting on our day. Brain Whitehurst would always ask: "What had we achieved?" Truly, only the Lord knows the answer to that question but we had been blessed in the going out and praying.



PRAYER POINTS

Please continue to pray for :

A great move of the Holy Spirit across the country.

The wardens of the Anglican Church, Williams. Please pray for favour and anointing as they reach out to their community.

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

Please continue to praise God for Terry Robinson and his health that he may continue to live on and be a great witness to God's unfailing love.

Please continue to pray for Gary Johnson, for his ministry to his family, and the community in Narrogin and Wickepin.

Please remember the Maughan's in Popanyinning as they seek guidance and direction for their future.

The harvest, not only in the natural but in the spiritual, for rain at the most beneficial time.

For the faithful remnant who in often times of isolation continue to fear the Lord and praise his Name.

Psalm 1:1-3

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

The Lord calls us to travel and pray to many towns in the south-west. Please remember to continue to pray for our safe travels and for the SWOT team; an openness to God and a transformation of our own characters. In everything, God must go first, then we follow.

