



SWOT REPORT

Message from Geoff Pittuck

Greetings Praying Friends,

As we reach out to Christ as this time of the year, may we see Jesus as the Magi, the shepherds and Simeon saw Him so long ago, not just as a baby but for who He truly is, the Saviour of the world. Let us not focus on Christ as a baby and overlook that ALL the gifts of the Spirit are ours to enable us to minister to the lost.

2018 is a year of *New Beginnings* and we encourage you to reach out to those you meet every day remembering that the mission field is outside your front door.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have travelled with us, encouraged us and supported us in prayer in 2017. May the Lord bless you and shine His face upon you.

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



BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 1st November, 2017

Once again, Terry and Glenda opened up their home to accommodate us all. We are so grateful for their hospitality. We continue to praise the Lord for His abundant goodness for these beautiful Christian believers whose fellowship never fails to bless us when we meet together in His name.

With Anne leading, we praised and worshipped our Lord and Saviour. Our time of thanksgiving was followed by a short message from Margaret who spoke on faith. She outlined the poignant point that faith is not passive but is active. Faith involves action; it receives, steps out, speaks that which is not yet in the physical here and now, as though it were. Everybody received an opportunity to read from some of the scriptures that highlighted this truth.

Terry pointed out from reading Luke 17:11-19, whereby all ten men were healed of leprosy, only the man who came back and threw himself at Jesus and

thanked him, received his healing both physical and spiritual.

In conclusion, faith unlocks the promises of God. With faith we can lay claim to the promises for manifestation. It is like a prophecy waiting to come to reality that requires appropriation. Some promises take longer than expected for fruition and it is by faith we endure till the fulfilment of those promises. A faithful life is walking daily with Jesus that allows people around us to catch a glimpse of our Lord who cannot be seen, that allows the Holy Spirit to move through us to accomplish the impossible to the glory of God.

WILLIAMS, NARROGIN & POPANYINNING, Thursday, 9 November, 2017

Our travelling companions were Michael Knox from the Eternal Life Ministeries and Brian Lownes from Mustard Seed Community Church. The countryside was beginning to look remarkably dry. Little green hues were still visible here and there, but predominantly the grain crops were looking close to being ready for harvest.

We had been advised that the wardens at Williams were busy so it was not unexpected that there was no one to greet us when we arrived. Firstly, we made a quick tour up to the church property to show Michael Knox where the church was located and then we went to the Rainbox Cafe for a coffee. Returning to the church following refreshment, as we walked through the door, we immediately sensed a calm and peace within the building. It was also cool from the heat outside. Although we know that God does not reside in a building, there is a presence. As it was in the days when Pastor Brian Whitehurst and Geoff Pittuck visited Williams before making contact with anyone in Williams, we read scriptures and prayed. Brian Lownes read Matthew 9. Seeing one of the songs that had been sung on the previous Sunday, we sang a hymn and as it was well known to us, it was sung with great gusto. Perhaps the sound of our singing attracted attention, for a lady appeared outside and wanted to know if she could help us, probably intrigued as to what we were doing. We explained our business and she continued on her way, for she lived behind the church.



Whilst we had been worshipping inside the church storm clouds had been brewing. On our drive over to Narrogin the sky clouded over. The heat was oppressive. Gary was waiting for us on his porch. After our greetings we got ushered inside the house to sit in front of fans. So there in Gary's kitchen we discussed the state of the country, the local community, those in need of prayer for healing, and all those things touching our lives. Prayfully, we beseeched the Lord for an outpouring of His Spirit in a great and mighty way across the Great Southern, the nation of Australia, for our families and for the lost.



With the afternoon quickly upon us, we drove over to Popanyinning to meet Sam and Jenny Maughan. How lovely to finally meet these dear friends once again. Our previous attempt to see them had been unsuccessful due to their attending a family funeral. Sam was happy to report that there had been interest in purchasing the business that very morning. This was excellent news. Of course this was also a prayer point when later we prayed. Business was brisk and as we had become accustomed, Sam and Jenny spoke to us between serving customers. Indeed, we prayed after our lunch with either Sam or Jenny disappearing to serve customers.



Our trip to Williams, Narrogin and Popanyinning never fails to bless us and as we headed home along what was now a familiar route, we thanked the Lord for yet another day of ministry and favour in His Name.



Trust the Lord
O LORD MY GOD, IN YOU I PUT MY TRUST.
PSALM 7:1

BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 6 December, 2017

It was our first trip into the country since 9 November. In the interceding weeks, both Geoff and I had been unwell. I had succumbed to viral pneumonia and Geoff to a virus. Praise God we were both now well! Mavis Shadbolt from Eternal Life Ministeries journeyed with us. We witnessed a lot of grain trucks on the road as we headed towards Beverley via the Brookton Highway. We noted that some of the paddocks had already been harvested. As Terry and Glenda had an appointment in Perth to attend to we met instead in the church annexe.

There were a few familiar faces missing but nevertheless we had a good turn out for our last meeting for the year.

Tim, Annie and Claire lead us in worship. At the conclusion of each song our little grandson (15 months old) who was with us would cry out: "More!" "More!". The music was melodious and he obviously enjoyed it.

Geoff read from Matthew 10.1 *Jesus called his twelve disciples to Him, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of diseases.*

Matthew 10.7 *As you go, preach, saying "The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*

The Word spoke into our spirit. As it was our last meeting for 2017 we went around the room with everybody giving an account of what they were expressly hearing from the Lord and what the Holy Spirit was saying for 2018. There was without doubt a unity amongst us all in what we were hearing that encouraged us greatly. God's people are being called to exercise more than ever their authority and power in Christ.

Just as Jesus commissioned his disciples with power and authority in Matthew 10, we too are being

called and anointed into greater assignments and responsibilities of renewed and powerful ministries for the Kingdom.

Mention was made of the Jewish New Year 5778 that fell on 20th September, 2017. The number five represents "grace". The number seven represents "perfection" and the number eight represents "life, new beginnings and an open door".

Once again we heard the word: FAITH. God's people more than ever need to have faith and trust in the Lord. Through intimacy with God and by faith there will be breakthroughs, and the fulfilment of long-awaited promises and answers to prayer.

1 Corinthians 2.9 *But just as it is written, "Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love him.*

Annie had recently returned from her trip to Israel and excitedly reported on some of those things she felt the Holy Spirit was prompting her to reveal. We were all edified and abundantly blessed.

Following a time of thanksgiving and prayer we enjoyed morning tea and fellowship. We departed about 12.45pm as our little grandson was getting tired. Having travelled only a few kilometres from Beverley, our grandson was soon soundly asleep.



WILLIAMS, NARROGIN, POPANYINNING

Friday, 15 December, 2017

Our travelling companions for our monthly trip to Williams, Narrogin and Popanyinning were Pastor Joe O'Donovan from Eternal Life Ministeries and Brian Lownes from the Mustard Seed Fellowship. It was apparent the ground was dry. The trees and shrubs were dropping leaves to help them survive the summer. Some were even starting to senesce - meaning to shut down and look half dead while they waited for winter rain. Harvesting was in full swing and particularly so as rain and storms had been forecast for the coming weekend. As Vern Sattler was busy, Jo Fowler had invited us to the farm for a time of prayer.

How delighted we were to once again meet up with Jo on the farm. Pastor Joe read from Psalm 25 and we went round the table praying for the respective needs of the community. Following a quick photo shoot we then headed over to Narrogin to meet up with Gary Johnson.

As it was school holidays, Margaret was home and we were able to have a short chat. Again, we went around praying. Gary had just received word that a young girl was in difficulty delivering her baby and was being given an emergency caesarian.

In Popanyinning, Jenny Maughan was serving in the shop alone when we arrived. Sam was out doing the mail run. Fortunately, Sam was able to join us by the

time Jenny had prepared us lunch. We prayed for Sam and Jenny, their business, their ministry and for their holiday in Sydney.

On this occasion we returned to Perth via the Wandering route. Geoff and I walked in our front door at about 5.40pm after dropping Brian Lownes and Pastor Joe O'Donovan to their respective front doors. A long day physically but we had prayed and been rewarded with good news from Gary before we reached Perth that the mother who had received the emergency caesarian in Narrogin had been delivered of a healthy baby. Both mother and baby were doing fine. God is good!





Merry CHRISTMAS

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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 pray for Jenny and Sam Maghan that their business is sold, for good health and the Lord's anointing and favour as they minister to their community in Popanyinning.

Please pray for the healing ministry in Northam who desperately need to find another venue to rent. Pray specifically for a venue that meets their needs and is affordable.

The SWOT team praise God for you and for your intercessory prayer and support in 2017. As you celebrate and worship the birth of Jesus this festive season, may you find in abundance the true blessings of Christmas, love, joy, peace and hope. May you be crowned with every blessing in 2018 as you are filled and led by the Holy Spirit.

