



SWOT REPORT

Message from Margaret Pittuck

Greetings Praying Friends,

We often come face-to-face with people who are suffering huge personal issues. The question we have been asked is how do we respond when someone talks to us about their personal difficulties? Obviously we listen with compassion and avoid simplistic advice. We avoid platitudes and we seek guidance from the Holy Spirit. If we say we are there to help, we have to be true to our word and be willing to sacrifice time, energy, comfort and even resources to follow through. As we face our own life issues it can often be a real sacrifice. However, we can face this difficult, beautiful life together. We can chose to be Jesus' hands and feet.

God comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2 Corinthians 1:4)

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, 6 June, 2018

Brad Makin and Mavis Shadbolt, both from Eternal Life Ministries, joined us for our monthly meeting in Beverley. Geoff and I were amazed at the metamorphosis the countryside had undertaken since our previous visit to the country a fortnight ago. The rains had come. The land had emerged from its dry summer cloak of dusty brown. The Master Dresser had seemingly overnight adorned the wide open spaces in a cloth of vibrant green. The transformation was truly magnificent.



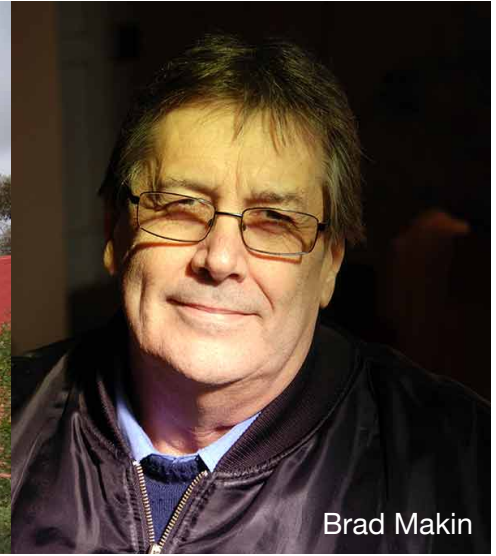
When we arrived at the Real Life Church in Bevelery there were no cars and no people waiting. Geoff pushed on the door of the church annexe and it opened. Inside was Elaine. She had forgotten to purchase milk so said a quick hello and dashed off to the shop. We waited alone. Claire Maraninis arrived and soon Elaine returned with the milk. It looked like we would have only a small group.

To begin, Brad informed Elaine and Claire that he had oesophagus cancer. Brad had only been advised by the oncologist the previous night that the cancer had spread to his

lymph glands. This was shocking news. Brad was scheduled to commence aggressive chemotherapy on Friday. We informed Brad that we would pray specifically for him later in the meeting.

As there was such a small group we abandoned our prepared message. Instead we read Psalms and discussed the gems we had discovered in them over the years. The conversation covered a number of topics, all of us burdened for the darkness in people's lives. We prayed for the nation of Australia, that it's people would be set free.

BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 6 June, 2018 - Continued



Brad Makin

At the end of the meeting, in unity of Spirit, and in the Name of Jesus, the cancer in Brad's body was commanded to leave. The meeting concluded in praise and thanks to God the Father for Brad's deliverance and healing.

Following morning tea and fellowship we returned to Perth via the York route, stopping in York for lunch. Reflecting on the morning, an unexpectantly different sort of meeting it certainly had been.

WILLIAMS, 28 June, 2018

Pastor Joe O'Donovan, Eternal Life Ministries, offered to drive as Geoff had undergone a medical procedure the previous day. It was an early start for us because Vern Stattler had a doctor's appointment in Narrogin so wanted us early in Williams. Fortunately, there was little traffic to hinder us and we arrived in Williams at 9.20am.

How pleased we were to meet up with Vern as it had been a long while since our last catch-up. We all had lots of news to convey.

So many of our acquaintances, family and friends had cancer. A new Bishop been appointed to the Diocese of Bunbury, to commence sometime within the next two months. Being aware of the

time we prayed. Pastor Joe read from 1 Corinthians 1.18-31 and once again encouraged us to *"keep it simple"* when speaking to non-believers about Jesus.

After a quick photo session we bade farewell to Vern and headed over to join Gary Johnson in Narrogin.



NARROGIN, 28 June, 2018

We enjoyed watching the green rolling countryside in the thirty kilometre drive over to Narrogin that was quickly replaced with the now familiar buildings in Gary's street. We couldn't but help notice that though it was a bright and sunny day, outside of the car, it was cold. How fortunate for us that Gary had his wood fire well stoked and scones prepared.

What a treat to have Gary's neighbour, Pastor Peter Aitchison from the Narrogin Baptist Church, join us for our time of prayer.

Once again, we were hearing how many folk had cancer and other serious illnesses. Gary's daughter, Margaret, was home and said hello to us. Margaret, now 17, was in her final year at high school and was on school holidays.

Peter informed us he was about to go on vacation with his wife to Scotland. We petitioned the Lord for safe travels and God opportunities whilst away.



We prayed for deliverance and healings for those suffering illnesses and cancer. As always, the cry of our hearts was for a great move of the Holy Spirit across the land.

It was about 12pm when Geoff took the wheel of Joe's car and drove the short distance to Popanyinning to meet up with our friends, Sam and Jenny Maughan.

POPANYINNING, 28 June, 2018

Sam was inside the shop talking to Pastor Paul from the Pingelly Baptist Church when we arrived. Jenny was outside enjoying the sun in a sheltered position out of the wind.

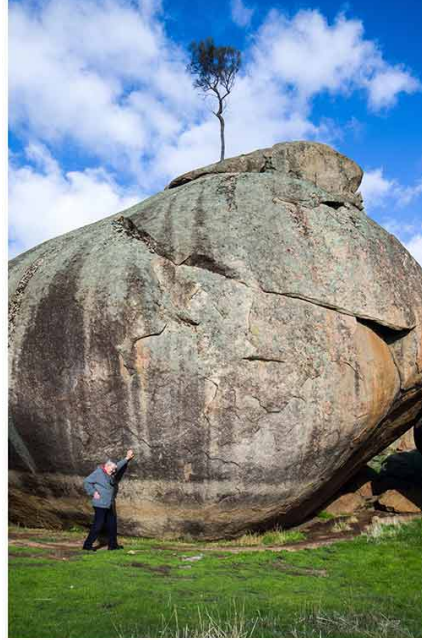


Worryingly, business had been very slow over the past few weeks. It was not known if it was because it was the end of the financial year or if there were other factors at play. We noted also that we had met little traffic on the road. All round it was very quiet.

Unlike previous visits, we were able to sit and converse, joining Jenny basking in the winter sun. No buyers had yet come forth to purchase the business, so once again our prayer petitions for Sam and Jenny were for a break-through in this area.

Prayer was made for Jenny's health, and in particular the dementia. Sam, now a carer for Jenny, was finding it increasingly burdensome managing the business on his own. Understandably, both Sam and Jenny are anxious to sell the business and retire.

After praying the blessing on Sam and Jenny, we said farewell, it being 2pm by this time. Reaching Pingelly, we turned off for the York/Williams Road and then the Brookton Highway for our return to Perth.



Please continue to pray for :

A great move of the Holy Spirit across the country.

Unity amongst the brethen.

The communities of Williams, Narrogin, Popanyinning and Wickepin, and all the south-west.

For Gary Johnson's ministry in Narrogin.

A buyer for Sam and Jenny Maughn's business in Popanyinning and for Jenny's health.

For the SWOT team to be filled with the Holy Spirit; for wisdom, favour, good health and safety in their travels.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY

