



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 seven 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

Greetings Praying Friends,

1 Timothy 6:6-12 *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

It is appropriate for us to thank the Lord for all that He has given us, but it is also very good for us to pause and count our blessings. When I reflect upon the blessings I am reminded of the all the blessings God has showered upon our nation—particularly being thankful for the freedom to worship and study the Word of God without fear of persecution. I think of all the spiritual blessings too. In these days of Covid-19 uncertainty, these spiritual gifts go beyond our understanding and yet they are gifts we receive when we make Jesus our Lord and Saviour.



PINGELLY, Wednesday, 9 September, 2020

We were pleased and excited to have Loris DeMarco, author and Hebrew teacher, accompany us to Pingelly. Sunshine bathed the countryside. Everywhere there was evidence of spring and new life. Paddocks tinged with dandelion yellow held baby lambs. Canola fields dotted the rolling paddocks as far as the eye could see. It was as if yellow shaped patchwork squares had been sewn upon a blanket of verdant green had been laid out in the warm sunshine to dry. Again the Williams Road to Pingelly did not disappoint. Each bend and rise in the road revealing another stunning vista. The Creator had weaved spectral tones of diverse shapes, hues and textures that transformed the ordinary landscape into vibrant, kaleidoscopic patterns of colour. All too soon the countryside gave way to the outskirts of Pingelly and within seconds we were driving into the car park of the Pingelly Foursquare Family Church.

PINGELLY, Wednesday, 9 September, 2020 (Cont'd)

Fresh faces and the sweet-sound of a familiar hymn being played proficiently on the keyboard greeted us as we entered into the building. Although we had not met we soon made our introductions. In a very short time we discovered that, once again, God had interlaced people we mutually knew into our lives. In no time at all we felt connected. We were fellowshiping with family.

Loris shared on the name of Yahweh. By rearranging Hebrew letters of YHWH it is possible to make "*He will be; He is and He was*" which shows Him to be the Eternal God.

She also explained that each Hebrew letter has a meaning, so YHWH means "*hand - reveal - nail - reveal*" and this points to Jesus with His nail pierced hands. Loris went on to share on the name of El Shaddai explaining that "*shad*" means breasts and "*dai*" means enough. This is a picture of a Mother and her baby. Everything a baby needs is supplied by the Mother: food, nourishment, nutrition, warmth, love, etc. Our wonderful El Shaddai supplies our every need. We need go no further. He is more than enough.



Loris also shared Isaiah 40:11,12. The key word there is "*lambs*" which is "*telaim*", but is only used once in the bible and the root mean is "*patching*". You only patch someone who is broken or wounded. This gives us the beautiful message that the Lord

knows which lambs are broken and hurting and He carries them in His arms close to His bosom.

And finally, Loris shared on the Aleph and Tav which appears twice in Genesis 1:1. This has not been translated into English. It is equivalent to the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last.

Prayer followed our blessed lesson in Hebrew. Afterwards we made our way to the front of the church for the obligatory photoshoot. We bade our newly made friends goodbye and headed over to Popanyinning to meet with Sam and Jenny Maughan.

POPANYINNING, Wednesday, 9 September, 2020

Both Sam and Jenny were in the shop when we arrived. After introducing our guest, Loris, we made our way over to the fast food van, whereby Sam made us lunch. In contrast to our previous visit, there were few customers.

POPANYINNING, Wednesday, 9 September, 2020 (Cont'd)

Since our last visit, Bushy the dog, now 15 weeks old, had grown considerably. Typical of a puppy, Bushy was boisterous. He energetically greeted us with much slobber and enthusiasm. Thankfully, Sam had him under control and diverted him from jumping over us in eager excitement.

We learnt that Jenny had recently visited her specialist and been given the green light for a hip replacement on her right hip. Jenny's mobility was visibly deteriorating. Though Jenny was not looking forward to the operation, she nevertheless was pleased an operation date would be forthcoming within the month. Sam was optimistic he would find someone to cover in the shop whilst he was in Perth for Jenny's operation and afterwards in the recuperation period.

On arriving we observed a new and a very good-looking patio over their caravan. Sam and Jenny, remained hopefully that they would be able to travel at the end of the year and, God willing, be able to take little trips, a few weeks at a time, as and when convenient.

Sam updated us on the Vision Radio installation. Previously, we had reported that the installation would be on their property. This was now no longer the case. The installation would be positioned elsewhere to be broadcasting to the Popanyinning district within a short time.

Our prayer-time was for the most part uninterrupted by customers and centred largely around praying for Jenny's operation and healing, the business, and God's will in Sam and Jenny's lives.



The Wandering route home was chosen. Before we could travel far down the road, however, a photostop was called for when an open gate to a flowering canola paddock made a photo opportunity one not to be missed.

Back in the car we discussed what a blessed day we had enjoyed. Loris had particularly blessed the ladies in Pingelly who were eager for her to return and teach more from her insights from Biblical Hebrew. The day had passed quickly in prayer and fellowship. We remembered dear friends, Brian Whitehurst and Brad Makin, who travelled with us in our hearts, whose lives had impacted us and SWOT irrevocably. No words can describe our gratitude to our Heavenly Father upon which comes His divine protection, provision,

promptings, guidance and leading and certainly not least of all, for His salvation without which our wanderings would be vain works. To God be the glory.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT a devotional

"Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

Revelation 19:9 (NIV)

On our first cruise in 2019 the tickets we received explicitly stated the dress code for the banquet night i.e. *formal jacket for men and evening attire for women*. On our way to the banquet we met a family who had been with us on a tour previous to the cruise. Being a pleasant family, we invited them to join us at our table. However, to our dismay when we reached the concierge desk we were advised the father of the family, although dressed in very fine clothes being a wealthy man, he would not be permitted entry. He did not meet the dress code. He had failed to wear a jacket.

Our friend explained that he had not packed a jacket. No amount of persuasion or argument changed the concierge's decision. In the end, a purser of a higher ranking was sent to speak to our friend. The purser explained, guests for whatever reason, from time to time, failed to pack a formal jacket. However, surprisingly provision had been made for such incidences. If our friend would care to borrow a jacket he would be allowed entry. How pleased we were when our friend opted to borrow the jacket from the purser. Finally, entry into the banquet was permitted.

Now the banquet at the end of time spoken of in Revelation 19:9 has one important requirement – invitees **must be clothed in robes of righteousness**. It is a dress code of an uncompromisingly high standard. In fact, it is of such a high standard flesh and blood cannot attain to it. For it is written:

1 Corinthians 15:50 (NIV)

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

God cannot bend His standard to accommodate sinful man. He has, however, made a way to cover us for our sin without compromising the incomparable dress code.

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Philippians 3:9 (NIV)

and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Revelation 19:8 (NIV)

Fine linen, bright and clean was given her to wear.

Jesus takes away our unrighteousness and filthy garments (our iniquity, transgressions and sin) and cloths us with His rich robes of righteousness - fine, linen, clean and bright. Having been clothed in Christ's righteousness we can stand in His presence fully justified and forgiven. Through faith in Jesus we are the righteousness of God.

Prayer Points

Please continue to pray for :

A great move of the Holy Spirit across the country.

Pray that the churches would be wise and discerning how best to help and serve during the crisis, to be salt and light to the world in darkness.

Please pray that the pandemic would cause people to recognise their own mortality and their need for hope, that they would reflect, repent and turn to Christ.

Please pray for Jenny and Sam Maghan, their business, for protection both spiritually and physically, for good health and the Lord's blessings on their plans to travel in their caravan.

Pray the broadcasting of Vision Radio in the South-West will reap a profound harvest of souls.