



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

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3.16-17.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour this Christmas and prepare to ring in the New Year, we know from what we have experienced in 2020 that many challenges lie ahead. The year 2021 is going to be different, like no other we have seen before. I sense looking ahead that prayer and God's Word is going to be our key weapon.

Biblestudytools.com commentary says:

Psalm 119:104 The Word is a lamp unto my feet. We are walkers through this world and we are often called to go out into its darkness, let us never venture there without the light giving Word, lest we slip with our feet. Each of us should use the Word of God personally, practically, and habitually, that he may see his way and see what lies in it. When darkness settles down around, the Word of the Lord, like a flaming torch will reveal the way. In Eastern towns, in days of old, each passenger carried a lantern with him that he might see ahead and not fall into an open sewer, or stumble over

the heaps of excrement which defiled the road. How true a picture of our path through this dark world.

I am also reminded that when Christ was tired and exhausted and in need of spiritual refreshment, as indeed we might find ourselves in this busy season, what did He do? God was incarnate. However, He didn't draw on His superpowers as the Son of God when facing life's challenges. Exhausted, tired, burdened and in desperate need of spiritual refreshment, Jesus draw aside on his own into the presence of God the Father and prayed. (Luke 5.16) There in the power of God's presence, Jesus found strength, guidance, resolve and direction to fulfil His purpose on earth.

Whilst looking forward to the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we must be faithful servants about the Lord's business until he takes us home, or returns.

The SWOT team pray you and your family have a blessed and spirit-filled Christmas and New Year. May you know more and more the fullness of God's presence, abundance and goodness in 2021.



Williams, Wednesday, 16 December, 2020

It was a treat being invited to join the Wednesday prayer meeting at the Anglican Church, Williams. There we met with Vern Sattler, whom we had not seen for a considerable time, Angela and Ruth. Together we spent a time in worship and prayer for the urgent needs of the congregation, a new Shepherd to lead the Williams Church, for those suffering persecution for Christ's sake in other parts of the world, and other needs as individuals felt lead.

During prayer time we received a beautiful text message from Jo Fowler who was in Perth undergoing treatment, messaging that she was sorry she could not meet with us. Angela departed first, then Ruth. That left only Vern for the photoshoot.



NARROGIN, Wednesday, 16 December, 2020

It was good to see Gary Johnstone. We had not been able to catch-up with Gary for a considerable time due to his work commitments at the local nursing home. On this day, however, Gary was home and we praised God for our special time of prayer and fellowship.

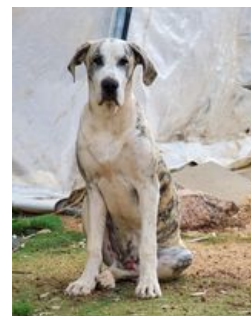
Gary advised us he was seeking clarification from the Lord whether he should retire in early February. This was indeed one of our prayer points. Margaret was doing well, as was Gary's mother who was well into her 90's and living at the local nursing home. A considerable sum of money had been raised for Vision Radio. Gary was pleased to advise that Vision Radio was now broadcasting to the Popanyinning community. Some churches in Narrogin, after many months closed, were still not meeting face-to-face. However, the Baptist Church to which Gary was an elder, was meeting face-to-face and new families had joined. This was good news.

Popanyinning, Wednesday, 9 September, 2020

Entering the shop we found Sam endeavouring to update his computer and Jenny resting from her recent hip operation.

We learnt that Jenny only a day or two previously returned to Popanyinning. What should have been a short stay in hospital after her hip replacement turned into a month long stint due to complications post-surgery. Sam introduced us to Robyn who was now taking care of the shop. Our visit was timely as Sam and Jenny were planning the following day to take off in their caravan. We were glad to have caught the Maughan's at home. Had we arrived a day later we would have missed them. Their first stop in the caravan would be to Bunbury to spend time catching up with family until after Christmas. Sam and Jenny, God willing, planned to be away from Popanyinning for at least a month. We were happy that Robyn was proving to be an asset and ably capable of taking care of the business.

Following a time of prayer with Sam and Jenny we departed Popanyinning, it being about 3.45pm. The highway was busy in comparison to our previous visits. Long shadows greeted us when we finally pulled up into our driveway back in Perth. Our hearts were full of gratitude for friends, our time of fellowship and prayer, the Lord's protection and provision. The year 2020 had been an "unprecedented" year but our final SWOT visit for 2020 had ended favourably and we felt blessed.



Prayer Points

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

Please continue to pray for :

A great move of the Holy Spirit across the country.

Pray for our politicians, decision-makers and law enforcers responsible for making decisions about the coronavirus, that they may be guided in their choices and actions.

Please pray Christians would be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us. That believers would grow in having gospel conversations with unbelievers and that churches would see fruit in evangelism, discipleship and missions.

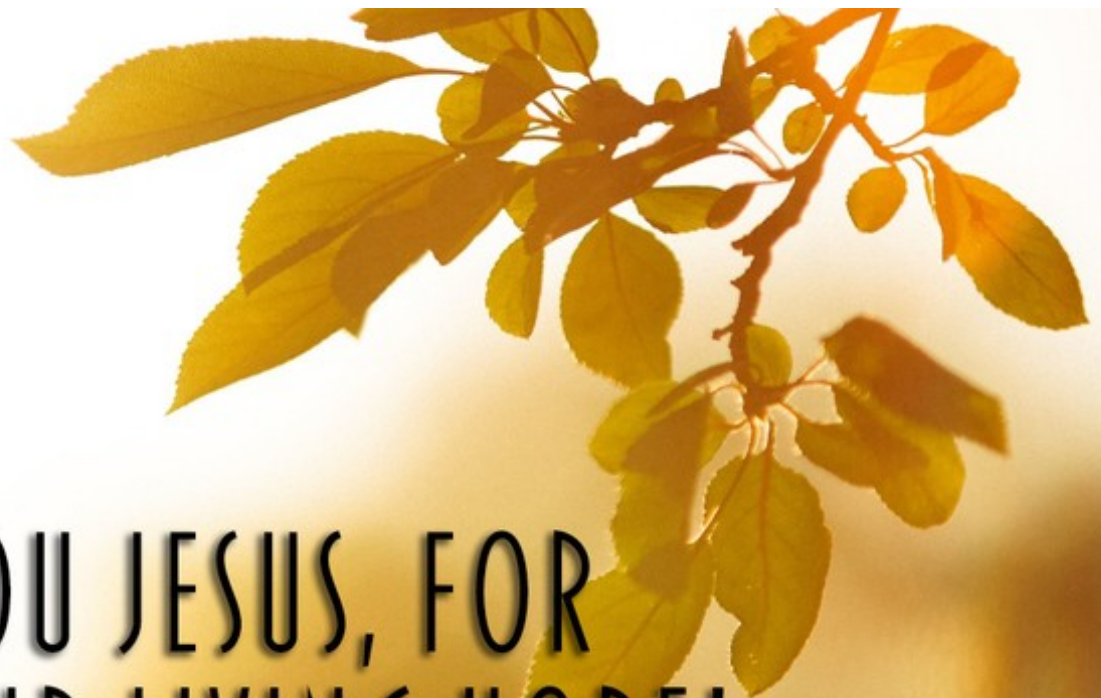
Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress that they would be reminded that the Lord is the one who brings comfort, peace and provision in time of need.

Please pray for the health of our friends in Williams, Jo and Jamie Fowler, who are facing significant health issues.

Please pray for Gary Johnstone, for health, strength, vision and guidance for the future.

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.



THANK YOU JESUS, FOR
BEING OUR LIVING HOPE!