

# **Revival News**

## European Monthly Report

## April 2021



Undaunted by not being able to have a physical camp this year we had a very uplifting Spring video conference in Hungary instead. Of course, nothing can give the same as the real thing but we certainly had a very good and uplifting time, thanks to the team effort of all who participated.

Saints were gathered at the hall in Budapest for the morning sessions, from where the broadcast was sent, while all our local saints were in their homes for the evening sessions. Fellowships had gatherings at their respective halls to watch proceedings together, wherever possible.



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Server News, April 2021 All the recordings from the Hungarian spring 'camp' can be found at: https://youtube.com/c/ Fel%C3%A9led%C3% A9siK%C3%B6z%C3%B6ss% C3%A9g Have fun. Ps Pieter Visser



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#### Also in this report:

Exciting news from our brothers and sisters in Suriname, including recent baptisms and their camp held in April.

Top : Dave Parker (US), Spring conference Middle : Ps Colin Tan (Singapore), Spring conference Far left : Fellowship between the meetings in Hungary Left : Suriname camp

Looking ahead:

There are two summer camps planned. Planning to come? Send an email. Holland, July 31—Aug 07. Contact: tinekeplaisier@gmail.com England, Aug 14—21. Contact: steveamurphy61@gmail.com

Czech Kids Camp, 22-25 July Contact: tomas.treml@siemens.com

Please note: as always, you need approval from your local pastor/leader.

Connecting People

## Editorial: Advantage

2Co 2:11 Lest Satan should get an <u>advantage</u> of us: for we are not <u>ignorant</u> <u>of his devices</u>.



It's an accepted rule when we need to fight... and win battles, that we need to "know our enemy".

So, what are these "devices" we should not be ignorant of?

The previous verse tells us...

2Co 2:10 To whom ye <u>forgive</u> any thing, I forgive also: for if I <u>forgave</u> any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes <u>forgave</u> I it in the person of Christ;



This gives us a clue how we could lose the advantage we were given when we received the Holy Spirit. If we stop forgiving we lose this advantage and give it to Satan.

The apostle writes: "We are not ignorant of his **devices**"

In the Greek: **Devices** = Wiles and intentions.

So again, what are these devices? Simply put, setting people against each other, creating divisions, escalating inevitably to wars and destruction. With the ending as prophesied in Joel 2:20 and repeated by Peter in Acts 2:19.

It all started in Gen 3 where Satan succeeded in causing a division between God and Adam and Eve. In Gen 4 we read of the division between two brothers, Cain and Abel.

The whole of the Old Testament is full of wars which mostly have their roots in family divisions. Even today, these ancient divisions still cause wars and strife.

All throughout history we can recognise the "Divide and Conquer" tactics used by power hungry people. Never has this been more current than in these last couple of years. And... it seems to escalate almost daily.

rust you...

So, the ultimate weapon we have against all of this is **forgiveness**.

Now, lets look at the context Paul wrote these verses in.

In the first letter to the Corinthians the Apostle set down some fairly strong corrections.

We can see that this did upset some in the Corinthian Church. (2Cor 2:1-5)

But Paul continues:

2Co 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

A while ago we were presented with a camp banner from Bali.

On that there were some pictures of a Lion and an Eagle with a subtext, saying: *"If you become fearless, life becomes limitless"*.

Lets expand this further to: "When you forgive, life becomes limitless".

#### So, lets...

Heb 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet...

14 Follow peace with all men...



#### **Ps Piet Visser**

#### Heard from the platform:

- We know it all: just be believers
- Hospitality is a powerful weapon
- You don't know what shall prosper, don't analyse
- Attitude is most important
- Make your goal: the needs of someone else
- Being able to explain is power
- How do you stay merry? By being appreciative
- Don't correct in anger
- Jesus hasn't stopped forgiving us, neither has he stopped teaching us
- Giving is an investment in your future
- Get up, step up and do!
- Look fear in the eyes and stand it down
- Your past is not your future
- We need to safeguard unity
- Don't just think about natural food, consider our spiritual diet, to have a healthy *eternal* life
- We follow and prefer God as our #1, nothing else is more important
- <u>Believe</u> in Jesus, <u>act</u> in Jesus

## Revival across Europe and the UK

#### Baptisms in April: 1 in Czech Republic, 4 in Hungary, 4 in the Netherlands, 7 in the UK



Esleeter, Rotterdam

















Andrew, Wakefiel











## Indonesia cyclone

Eva, Hungary



A recent storm caused devastation in Kupang, Indonesia, where we have a fellowship. Pastor René shared a presentation of the damage and how the saints there are rebuilding.

#### Photos:

- (1) Damage to the house of brother Herry and his family (2) Brother Herry and other saints busy with repairs (3) Damage to local neighbourhood

(4) The meeting (one to two days after the cyclone). Brother Herry witnesses of how God protected him and his family in the cyclone. Even though his house was not fully rebuilt yet, he was there rejoicing with the saints. What a contrast to the chaos and sadness and no solution in the world.



## Spring Conference

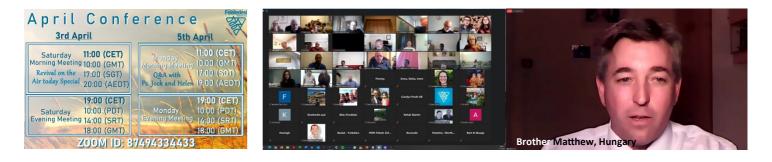
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On Saturday and Monday, we did something a bit different for us where we held an international session in the morning, followed by a second session in the evenings of these days.

The theme for Saturday 3rd was "the power of our testimony" with a special Revival on the air today feature, ran by Ben Campbell where we heard from brother Jed Pillon where we heard of his divine healing from a heart attack and a stroke.

For Monday 5th the theme was "the word going out" with a Q&A with Ps. Jock and Helen incorporated into the session. It was a privilege to hear so much experience of revival in just 30 minutes, and a great inspiration for all who took part, both from Carrickalinga Easter camp and to all who were logged into the event via Zoom. Both during the morning and evening sessions on Saturday, we ran workshops as part of the program, where several pastors/leaders were nominated to be facilitators for the workshops in this session. Saints were then put into smaller groups which allowed them to participate in the discussions. The theme for the Saturday session is the "power of our testimony" and therefore we asked each member of the group to recall the testimony which had the greatest effect on them and explain why. The evening session saw six different groups with different discussion topics led by a pastor. These brought out great discussions and the saints were all uplifted.

Over the weekend there were baptisms in various places which took part in the conference, making it a wonderful long weekend to glorify the Lord. Thank you to all who participated and praise the Lord. **Revival Fellowship Hungary** 



## Monthly report - Suriname



The month of April has started well for us. Due to the easing of the COVID-19 measures, it was possible for us to hold a camp in the 1st week of April. The theme of the camp was 'sowing abundantly and reaping abundantly'. We have had a very constructive time together in which we not only learned a lot from the talks and the workshops, but also learned a lot from each other due to personal one on one fellowship.

What also made our camp special is that after our camp the Covid-19 situation deteriorated and the government immediately took action. We believe that Our Father gave us the opportunity to have a camp. Praise the Lord. After our camp is so great to see that everyone who has attended was built up and is focused on Revival.

To share a short testimonial. Our sister Aspacia prayed that people would be

born again on her birthday. It resulted that 2 people had received the Holy Spirit and were baptized. In total, nine people were baptized in the month of April, eight received the Holy Spirit.

Even so we have to deal with a weekday curfew and a weekend lockdown. We are forced to organize online meetings. However we have taken advantage of the possibilities that are available. Long live the mobile baptismal pool :). Even though we are on a different continent, we really experience the benefit of your prayers. **Brother Guillaume, Suriname** 



#### Almere, NL



An elderly man, Jerry (pictured above), got born again this month. Brethren visited him in Amsterdam as he was physically not able to come to the meeting. Praise the Lord that he listened to be able to be right with God! It was lovely to take part in the Hungarian online camp at the beginning of this month. Hearing diverse talks and testimonies, was very uplifting. We had a Q&A evening with Kahoot, which was a lot of fun and very educative, we learned a lot about the word of God.

We shared items and testimonies with our brethren in Suriname at a special link evening.

Sister Achnetha had a wonderful healing. One evening she had a painful upper leg, it became very hard. First, she thought that it was thrombosis from which she had been healed before, so she asked Maarten, her husband to pray by laying hands upon her. She was healed and the next day it was like nothing happened. Sister Marscha moved from Amsterdam to Almere so that she can be closer to the fellowship. Unbelievably she got a completely fresh and brand new start financial way that got sorted out after that issue with the government which we shared in previous months. God always provides what we need so that would be able to do His work! The moving was a team-building event, young and old participated, one mind one spirit!



#### **Czech Republic Testimony from Pavla**

Dear brethren, I would like share Part 2 of our new neighbours' testimony. In Part 1, in the February report, they started coming to our house for Zoom meetings while we were still in lockdown. So, the story continues...

A few weeks ago, the lady, Blanka, said she definitely wants to get baptised, but when the lockdown is over and we can all meet at the hall as a fellowship. Of course, I told her she can be baptised before that, as nobody knew when the lockdown would end. She decided to get baptised the following Friday because she wanted to share that moment with her close family. But, 4 days later, a big tumour was found in her brain and she needed to see the doctors that Friday (the baptism day). A few minutes later, she asked if she could get baptised today, so we called brethren and her family, and 2 hours later she was sitting in the baptism tank! She didn't receive the Holy Spirit at that moment but she was extremely happy.

The same day, I put out a international prayer request and told her that people around whole world are praying for her. She was so surprised and amazed about the unity and love. Then a week later, I saw the most powerful and strong infilling of the Holy Spirit ever! She was crying and shaking and laughing at the same time. She said, "If they told me any bad news now about the tumour, I won't mind because I'm with God now!" The following week, before the operation, our Fellowship held a prayer and fast for her and believed in a miracle. The first miracle was that she was absolutely calm and without fear. as she's normally is very stressed and worried - it was obvious that God was taking care of it. Secondly, the doctors could unexpectedly take out the whole tumour (previously, they said it was too

big and dangerous to do so). And thirdly, she didn't need any painkillers after surgery, which is always a necessity. So, even though the tumour didn't disappear, God was always there.

Now, we can again have meetings in the hall and she can't wait to come and be a part of our family of God. Thank you all for your prayers for our new sister, Blanka. I can't wait for her to share this testimony with all of you soon.



**Kids Camp** 22.7.2021 - 25.7.2021 In Czech Republic, in Hotel pod Zvičinou.



#### Dordrecht

We really enjoyed the Spring convention together with saints from all around the world at the beginning of this month. We saw a detailed presentation on the Ark of Noah. One interesting aspect was that the ark only had one door, no steering wheel and only one window in the roof, not on the sides of the boat. So the people could only look up. The same counts for us. There's only one door to God: through Jesus Christ who is the door. We need to let God have control of the steering wheel. And we only need to look in one direction: up to God. Our sister Cecilia shared in her testimony that





she had started feeling homesick. She prayed about it and the Lord provided the way to visit her family in Guatemala this month. After she came back she shared a testimony about her dog of seventeen years old being very sick and vomiting. She laid hands on the dog and he stopped vomiting. A great testimony for her family. Our sister Petra (van de Kemp) was taken into hospital with severe kidney failure due to drug poisoning. She was in critical condition for 48 hours. The Lord saved her life and

protected her. While recovering in hospital, she spoke about the Lord with a lady in her room who was keen to know more about it. When brother Bert visited Petra in hospital he also spoke with this lady Chamila. She received the Spirit that evening and was overjoyed. Bert went on a follow up and spoke to her boyfriend Rudy. He was pricked in his heart and also received the Holy Spirit. He got baptized the next meeting. We keep them in our prayers. We are grateful to serve a miracle-working God who saves and gives life more abundantly.

#### France

We are continuing with our zoom bible studies 3 evenings per week. During one study a sister shared a testimony about how the Lord helped her at work: she had only just started a new job when the company was audited and she had to

provide a report that she didn't have the knowledge or experience to write. She prayed, and left it to the Lord. In the end it turned out she was the only person who did not have to write a report - it was a big relief and answer to prayer! A brother fractured his elbow and was sent home from the A&E with very little information about what to do next or what to expect, just an appointment in 10 days time. In the meantime the saints prayed. When he went to his appointment, the fracture had already stabilised and he could take the brace off. After a few sessions of physio, the doctor said our brother was a very 'rare' person : he did not have any pain or complications from the fracture, even though the elbow is a difficult joint to treat, and he didn't need to come to any more physio appointments. Glory to God.



#### Hungary

The month started with a baptism of a lady who was witnessed to by someone who used to come but now does not. The new sister was seeking the Lord and was pointed in our direction and after talking to brethren got spirit-filled and baptized. She is suffering from cancer but is content in the Lord and is happily walking every day. A lady who watched on Zoom and realized she was not saved was baptized in March and received in April. Then a young man came who was addicted to drugs and was a drug dealer. He was witnessed to and came to a meeting where he was born again of water and the spirit. He immediately changed and when his old clients came to him to buy more drugs from him he instead gave the word of God. Two people then came to the Lord and were filled with the holy spirit and baptized by full immersion.

Brethren prayed for a young man in hospital who the doctors considered brain dead and expected to soon pass away. They were to turn off the life support machine but after some prayer, he woke up from the coma and did not suffer physically or mentally. The doctor said it was a miracle.

After a prayer and fast on "teamwork" a few brethren got together to organize support for a sister's mother who was sick in hospital. Within one week she was out of the hospital. Where there is love there is a miracle also became the slogan of the group.

#### Liverpool

Hi from Liverpool,

This month Katie received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. Praise the Lord! Mini Finney came to his first fellowship





event—a working clean up day and Bible shop outside the hall.

We have held a few Bible stalls in different areas in Liverpool and spoken to many people about the Lord. A few people have been looking into the word of God which is great and we have had many visitors who are listening at the moment.

#### Poole

Well April has certainly been a busy month for us, meetings, outreach, fellowship with lots of visitors and three baptisms too! The month started with the Hungary Convention which was very enjoyable and at the Sunday meeting we had three visitors. One of them, called Lee, is a cousin of Mark Hardy from Perth who has been witnessing to him for four years. Lee finally came to a meeting and brought two friends - Ian and Lewis - with him. They were all baptised and received the Holy Spirit! Following an outreach in a local town, we also had three visitors to the meeting who had received a leaflet. Two of them have continued to attend meetings, and are praying to receive the Holy Spirit. Another lady from Poland has also attended a meeting. Looking to see more exciting times ahead! During the month, Pastor Jimmy gave a very interesting presentation on The Third World War which was well attended by saints from different fellowships across the UK. There was a day out at Chapman's Pool which is a picturesque bay on the Dorset coast. The day was incredibly windy but great fishing, fossiling and fellowship was enjoyed by all - there was even some exhausting hill climbing involved as well. All in all, a very busy and enjoyable month. Praise God!

#### Rotterdam

This month we had three baptisms,



all three were from the outreaches. Hungary held a conference at the start of the month and it was wonderful to be a part of it.

Our Saturday activities included a question & answer presentation; music & items and evening of testimonies, two of the testimonies were from brethren from Suriname. Marie has now an established fellowship after prayer and has also been healed from back pain, a toothache and protection when her car wheel flew off the car and she could bring the car safely to a stop. Aspacia heard the gospel in the Netherlands and has since moved to Suriname. Aspacia spoke to one of her clients who subsequently was born again of water & spirit and miraculously was healed of hearing voices.

#### Switzerland & Germany

Hello brothers and sisters At the beginning of the month we had the privilege to join in the spring conference which was a wonderful and uplifting time as we heard some amazing testimonies and learn lots of new things from the word of God. It's always great to hear new testimonies of brothers and sisters we have never met before.

Later in the month, we had a Q&A night with our sisters in Germany. The bible is



full of wonderful stories and prophecies and there are new things to discover all the time. It certainly never gets boring to read our bible, even when we have read the same thing many times before. At the end of the month, we heard a talk about «The joy of the Lord.» God has set us free from this world, he has given us a new life and if we don't understand that he has set us free indeed, we will always be in captivity. He wants us to have a strong, close relationship with him and save our souls. We do not have to work off things on our list to please God but do everything whole heartedly and willingly. God bless

#### West London

Greetings from West London! This month, Hannah, a work colleague of a brother came to a few meetings before being baptised and receiving the Holy Spirit. We also had visitors mostly from personal witnessing.

We had an evening of items and testimonies where we heard of what God has done for our brethren recently: . A young sister in high school witnessed to a boy who was rude and not nice to her: he is now quieter!

. A sister with MS had a relapse and praised the Lord that for the first time

she relapsed, she needed no help from the medical world: prayers gave the victory!

. A sister moving on to a new job was worried her current small team had found no one to replace her. She prayed about it at a Wednesday meeting and the next day at work, someone to replace her had been found and with the same name!

. A sister witnessed to and offered prayers to a lady who was very sad and burdened due to life's circumstances. When she saw her again a





few days later, she was smiling and testified that her burden had been lifted! . A sister asked for prayer for her mum who had swollen feet: she was healed! What a great God we have.

#### Yorkshire

#### Sister Dorothy Crane's testimony

I have always lived in Wakefield and started married life with a nice bungalow and had two daughters – life was good; but when the girls were 16 and 10 everything went wrong and I found myself divorced and a few years later



remarried with still more problems. When I was in my 50's my sister and I started visiting various churches – Church of England and Baptist – hoping to find some meaning to life. We eventually visited a Pentecostal church which was well supported and where just a few people were said to have been baptised and received the Holy Ghost and spoke in new language given them by God, and as a result were always happy. However, as much as we tried, we never found anything there.

After some time we were introduced to a



pastor from The Revival Centres who had come from Australia to preach the gospel in Yorkshire, we started going to meetings and had the gospel explained properly and so we were baptised and spoke in tongues as the sign of receiving the Holy Spirit, just as the Bible says. I then became happy and content, my life changed. I now fellowship in the Revival Fellowship and I have had 30 years of living in peace with the promise of everlasting life when I die.

### **Testimonies**



My wife Zsuzsa came to the Lord in March 2001 in Adelaide while visiting her sister there. She came back to Switzerland and preached the gospel to me.

Our marriage was very bad for seven years; we were always arguing and fighting. We saw no solution for our marriage, and we even lived separated for one year.

We came together after one year and shortly we were at the same spot again. Arguing and fighting. This was terrible for our two children too.

Now I saw my wife so happy, and I've asked myself what really happened to her. Zsuzsa told me every detail and she always opened the bible and showed me scriptures.

After a while, three brethren from the Dutch assembly visited us at a weekend. As well then, all questions were answered directly from the scriptures. God convinced me and I knew exactly that the time has come, to decide, to say yes or no to God. Praise the Lord I said yes, and I received the Holy Spirit, spoke out in tongues and I was baptized by immersion in my own bath. This was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June in 2001.

From then on, our marriage was instantly restored after seven terrible years. I was instantly healed of Alcohol addiction, of smoking and migraines. God also healed me after prayer from Depression, a herniated disk, and a broken toe.

I praise the Lord for being His child! Stephan, Switzerland



I heard the gospel from a friend of mine in 2010.

I was very afraid of dying as I didn't know what would happen to me afterwards. I had to go to religious education from time to time and always believed what they were telling me in the church was the truth, but when I asked them what would happen to me after I died, I didn't receive any answer.

My friend whom I have known all my life told me that I can receive the Holy Spirit and will speak in tongues

and also that I need to be baptised if I want to be saved. A few days later I received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. It was a very joyful moment as I knew straight away, that everything I was told about the bible was the truth. Two months later I was baptised by full immersion and my walk with the Lord started.

Praise the Lord, he has always been with me ever since and it is a privilege to pray in the Spirit, knowing that God always hears my prayers and answers them.

Soon after I was baptised, I suffered quite strong persecution from my mother who was against me being in the fellowship. The Lord always made a way for me to be at the meetings or at camps and he always gave me a joyful heart as I knew that I was doing the right thing by following the Lord. Yasmine, Switzerland