

# Revival News



## European Monthly Report

December 2020



**From 25 till 31 December 2020 we held our annual European winter convention at the three different locations in Holland and online accessible via Zoom and YouTube. The theme was Hope.**

Though we were 'strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world' (Eph.2:12), we now have an everlasting hope because God 'hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (1 Peter 1:3).

We are thankful for the uplifting time we've had with talks, testimonies and items from our brethren from assemblies around the world. Three people were born again during this time. We hope to see many more souls come to experience this same hope that we have found. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 15:13)

**Revival Fellowship Holland**

*Above left—Camp banner*

*Below and left—from the Rotterdam hall*



Baptism



Pastor John speaking from Adelaide



Song item

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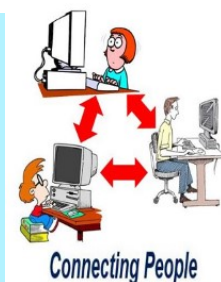
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Have fun.

Ps Pieter Visser



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### Looking ahead:

There is still a spring camp planned in Hungary, dates: Apr 20— Apr 06. We will see when the date gets closer how the current travel restrictions will be then.

There are two summer camps planned, one in Holland, July 31—Aug 07 and one in England, Aug 14—21.

An Autumn camp is planned in Czech Republic, Oct 29—Nov 02.



# Editorial: A Dangerous Book

All throughout history, there have been numerous attempts to stop the publication of the Bible.



And/or, failing that, the second main religion of the world has more or less made it unnecessary to read the Bible. Why is that?

Basically, the Bible preaches freedom from slavery and that's bad for the "slave masters".

In the early years of the development of America, having slave labour, African and native American, (Indians) was normal. These people brought with them their own religion and superstitions. Mostly nature worship and all sorts of idols. (Rom 1:25)



But as time went by, these people started to learn to read and they discovered the Bible. It is probably fair to say that the abolition of slave labour and slave trade started with people discovering the Bible. **After all, the Bible preaches equality in the sight of God.**

*Col 4:1 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and **equal**; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.*

As such, the Bible became a dangerous book to slave traders and owners. There are many accounts in history recorded of slave owners actively denying slaves an education. Abraham Lincoln was the great exception to this. Now, the Bible is still today a book which preaches freedom. The opponents of the Bible will try to convince the world in general of the opposite!

*2Pe 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.*

*18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.*

*19 While they promise them liberty, they **themselves are the servants of corruption**: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.*

So, freedom from what?  
In short, from slavery.

Very much actual these day, many are a slave to fear.

The world, in general, and their leaders derive power from instilling more and more fear in others. But everybody can "escape" from slavery to freedom through becoming a son or daughter of God. We can opt-out from one master and become freely subject to another master who is not a "power hungry" dictator.

And there again, the opponents to the Bible are always trying to convince people of the opposite.

God is often presented as a dictator. The question, of course, is why should he? He owns the whole universe, and lacks for absolutely nothing.

Him being my boss makes no difference to Him. He simply wants to make everything better for his creation. And we are part of that creation, like it or not. Right now, many people in the world are simply terrified of dying. How do we get out of this?

Simply, by being 'born again' we can escape fear. (1 John 4:18)  
And then...

*Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

*15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

So, for us who are born again...

*Ga 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*



Ps Piet Visser

## Heard from the platform:

- Grasp hold of the power within you and put it to work
- Listen, apply, live
- There is no substitute for being together in body
- We are the sky, not the weather
- Be of a giving mentality like Jesus; have a giving heart
- Our testimony has an effect on people, use it to give glory to God
- Pray that you do not stand in the way of the Lord—if he wants you to speak, speak! Let living waters flow through you
- Be like children—honest, humble, ready to learn, always joyful

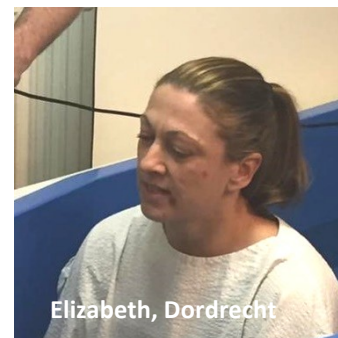
## Heard at the Winter Conference:

- Fellowship is about being involved
- Never give up on loving and serving your brothers and sisters
- Anyone can have what we have—they are envious of the *product* of the lifestyle, but don't want the lifestyle itself
- We need to be aware that showing empathy is not always good: empathy and compassion are two different things
- Focus on what we can positively affect within our circle, rather than things outside our control
- Let's work as a team and have unity looking after each other
- What can trouble us is sometimes not our walk with God, but the things of the world which cause conflict within us



# Revival Across Europe (in Holland we baptized 95 people in 2020)

Baptisms in December: 7 in the Netherlands, 5 in the UK



## More photos from December





# Winter Conference—Testimony and photos

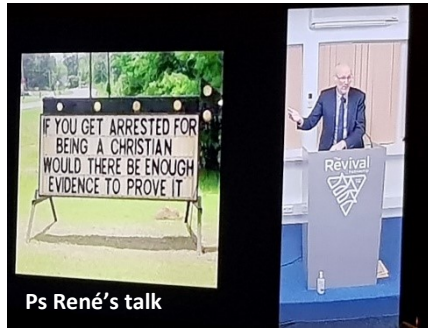


I had a difficult life and had been through a lot. By the time I was 18 years old, I was addicted to cigarettes and soft drugs. I'd also been depressed for many years. Most of my time I would spend on worldly things like going to parties, taking drugs, listening to worldly music and watching movies etc. I felt a hole in my heart and nothing seemed to fill it. Last summer I was very depressed and got tired of living the way I was and had suicidal thoughts. I cried out for God in my room, if He heard me that He could show me the way out of this way of life.

I wanted to stop everything I was doing but I couldn't do it by myself. I was desperate to receive answers from God. Through the internet I found The Revival Fellowship. I called Ps. René and he asked me: "Do you want to be born again?" and I said yes.

Since then my wounds started to heal, I quit smoking, quit all my bad habits. I am so happy and I feel the joy that God is working in my life and that I can have a relationship with the Most High.

**Zaya, Almere NL—Testimony shared during the conference**



Ps René's talk



Rotterdam



Song, Rotterdam



Born again in Rotterdam last year



Suriname



Song, Dordrecht

## UK end-of-year Zoom meetings



UK Zoom 31/12

We had a UK zoom hosted by North London and our UK zoom here in Liverpool for New Years Eve. The North London zoom on the 26th had great short talks, testimonies, a quiz and lots of fellowship in the breakout rooms .

On New Years Eve we had visitors from all over the world. Pastor John zoomed in for us from Adelaide and spoke about wisdom. Pastor Chris from Adelaide shared his testimony too and it's recorded on our YouTube page. We were really thankful for our visitors. We had choruses and fellowship and we prayed in the new year.

**Revival Fellowship Liverpool**



UK Zoom 26/12



Ps Chris and Ps John , Adelaide



# The Revival Fellowship in:



Almere

## Almere, NL

After a moving year closing off with a person being born again was wonderful to see. Ad, who is the owner of a place where music lessons are given came after being witnessed to for many years. He also received the Holy Spirit. The day he came many other visitors came as well to see him getting baptised. That day all together we had 12 visitors in our meeting. It was very encouraging to see how it could be in the new year expecting many more to come and obeying the word of our Lord.

We are told by our government to stay inside but we are told by our God to go out and preach the

Gospel and that is also what we did and still carry on doing so.

Sister Zaya experienced the power of God by prayer to overcome her past addictions. She managed to say goodbye to her old habits and having desire of taking drugs and smoking. She is grateful to be an overcomer by simply praying to God.

Little Noisha had a sore throat and after prayer within the same hour she was healed. Sister Meina was quite ill and after prayer she got healed so quickly that had never happened before. From one moment to the other.

Coming together in our hall for a few days of camp, was what we needed to carry on with serving one another, inviting friends and family to come and experience what we have.

We are happy to start a new year with new possibilities, new challenges. As long as we stay strong in the Lord and don't lean on our own understanding nothing can stop us, praise the Lord for that!

## Czech Republic

In December, as we returned into lockdown, we were thrilled to be able to join online international camps and conventions, such as

the Asian Convention, the European winter camp and summer camp in Adelaide.

We also had a discussion evening on the topic of prayer, inspired by a talk from Pr Steve from Medway. Praying in the Spirit and praying in the understanding are BOTH very necessary and beneficial for our spiritual walks.

On the topic of prayer, this month the West London Fellowship, Czech Fellowship, Ukraine saints and others have joined together daily in prayer via Zoom for the serious health needs of brother Nikolaj from Ukraine and sister Jaruska from Czech.

*'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.'* James 5:16



Zoom Sunday school, Czech

## Dordrecht

We saw a few new people in our meetings this month and four people got baptized. Two testimonies we heard this month:

- A brother prayed for opportunities to speak God's word. That same day he could share the word with a client at work. One of his clients was born again this month.

- A sister shared that her new neighbour was causing noise disturbance by playing music very loudly. She prayed for wisdom to deal with the situation instead of going to her neighbour straight away. Not long after

this prayer a package she had ordered was delivered at her neighbour's address. So she went to collect it. Then her neighbour asked her if the music was bothering her. The problem got solved and she also witnessed to her neighbour who turned out to be born again.

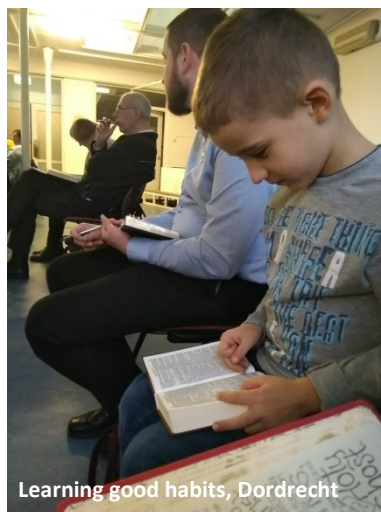
*"...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear..."* (1 Peter 3:15)

## France

Although we were not able to go to camp as usual this year, the Winter holidays gave some of us the opportunity to drive down to visit our sister Nelly and her husband Jean in the South of France. A snowstorm hit exactly the region through which we had to travel, and we weren't equipped with snow tyres or anything else for the conditions. After prayer and checking the news we decided to just trust the Lord and see how it went on the road. Despite the news saying the road was "a motorist's nightmare" the Lord blessed us with a safe and clear trip, with beautiful Winter scenery to see on the way. It was an encouraging time, sharing testimonies, praying together—particularly for Jean who is currently seeking for the Spirit.

Our new sister Mari gives God the glory for resolving a family issue—her brother's wife had moved out of the family home with their 4 kids. Everyone was worried about how to solve the problem. The assembly here prayed and her sister-in-law moved back home.

The saints in Poole joined us for a Thursday night meeting and it was very uplifting indeed. Also we had a combined meeting with the saints in Athens, USA for the first time. In the breakout room we had fellowship with a new brother just 2 weeks in the Lord. He was rejoicing and telling us how before being baptised he was running the streets, now God has given him a totally new and different life. Since his baptism his sister passed away, but he now has the comfort of the Lord and can be a testimony to his family.



Learning good habits, Dordrecht



# The Revival Fellowship in:

## Hungary

A sister broke one of her toes but could not find time to see a doctor. After prayer the pain disappeared and she got healed very quickly.

A brother cut through an electric wire that was in circuit while working on the electricity at home. There was a great deal of spark and bang but he wasn't hurt at all, praise the Lord. A sister lives in an old house where the chimney got blocked and an electricity socket was used in a dangerous way. She was unaware of both issues but the Lord protected her so that all could be noticed and fixed before disaster.

A sister saw the Lord's hand in her grandmother's recovery: she was operated on at the age of 85 and then got infected with the Covid19 virus in hospital. Her chances weren't good, but she recovered.

A brother's natural sister had an unexpected health problem and was operated on. He could turn to the Lord, find peace and talk about the Lord to his sister who not only recovered but showed increasing interest in God. He also asked for holiday from work so he could help with work in the fellowship hall and has received a much longer one than he expected for which he praises the Lord. When he returned to work his boss welcomed him with a pay raise. Finally he got protected from Covid19, he did not catch it although his immediate boss caught it in an office of 1500 staff.

## Ireland

Greetings from Ireland.

Throughout the month of December each Friday, our brother took us through the book of Revelation, it was extremely informative but also made us realise just how close we might be to the second coming!

As part of our year end, on the last Wednesday we had a "Thanksgiving" evening and each of us went through the things we had individually been grateful for. Such things as "A Sister was Healed from Gall Stones; Protection for our brother & sister from a

potential accident; Provision for our brethren who moved to Kerry this year; Instant Healing for our sister after prayer & deliverance from a tough job situation; specific answer to prayer for our sister's mother who was admitted to a specialist nursing home, against all odds; another brother mentioned how he realised just how important it is to have a close personal relationship with God, especially during these times when living alone and in isolation and finally our brother said he was grateful that a new brother come along and has begun to grow in the things of the Lord". Praise the Lord.

As the chorus says "We have a great big wonderful God!"  
We look forward to a new year!



Fellowship, Dordrecht



Medway market stall

In December we enjoyed our European camp, Adelaide camp and Medway's Thought for the Day. We also had a UK zoom hosted by North London and our UK zoom here in Liverpool for New Years Eve. (read more on page 4)  
Looking forward to another exciting year in the Lord.

## Medway

We are still very much in the Covid pinball machine.

Early December we had a bit of freedom, we set up a market stall selling bibles, children's bibles, books that had psalms alone, books that had proverbs alone, Christian cards made by a sister in the N London assembly. It's the only way we could think of to have a public outreach.

High streets have Covid marshalls that would stop our usual approach. Many good conversations were had and good fellowship between us.

The last week, the holiday week, we came under stricter rules, had to shelve the market stall and other good plans for the sake of public health, including our own.

Still able to have our limited hall meetings which is a great blessing. The authorities in England have deemed them 'vital'.

Had good national and international Zoom meetings during the holiday week, culminating in Liverpool on New Year's Eve 11pm till past midnight. Totally enjoyable and uplifting. As it says in Exodus 23, Israel has

## Liverpool

Praise the Lord for another great month.

We have a new brother Karl, he received the Holy Spirit in December and was baptised a few weeks before that.

James got baptised and is still praying to receive the Holy Spirit.

We have been able to go on lots of socially distanced follow up walks together and we have still been able to hold meetings!



Filming an item for convention, Hungary



Fellowship walk, Poole



# The Revival Fellowship in:

light in its dwellings even in dark and difficult times for this world.

## North London

Two young ladies were baptised last month. Their mum has been enjoying the fellowship with us for a couple of years. Her daughters had been to a few meetings early in 2019. One received the Spirit at that time and more recently her younger sister received the Spirit as they prayed for a healing for their father. She said she unexpectedly burst out in tongues, to her delight. Dad was also discharged promptly from hospital.

We have shared fellowship activities and events with other assemblies, hearing and seeing saints from all over the world. It is encouraging to have visitors checking in to see what our message is about during times when many are looking for answers.

## Poole

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters from the saints in Poole. The month of December started with a wet and rainy yet no less enjoyable outreach with many people being spoken to about the Lord with fellowship coffee afterwards. We also had an opportunity to 'ask the pastor', it was open to anybody who had questions to ask via Zoom. It was an enjoyable evening for all. We were blessed with clear blue skies and sunshine for a fellowship walk on local heathland and it was great for a few of us to spend time together in person - it gave us all a lift and plenty of exercise. We were also able to enjoy a socially distant dinner night at a local restaurant and celebrated several birthdays in the fellowship. We have had several visitors from personal witnessing who came to our meetings this month and one, called Simon, was baptised and received the Holy Spirit and we look forward to continued fellowship with him in the new year. Thank you to all the fellowships who have put on Zoom events as we approached the end of 2020. It is great that we can all still be together even when circumstances keep us apart.



## Rotterdam

In Holland churches are by law permitted to have meetings during these corona-times. In their homes people are only allowed 2 guests and the governmental advice is not to travel. Still we were able to have a winter camp, though not physically at the usual camp venue. All three assemblies had most saints joining in their respective halls, others attended online. Many saints from abroad joined too, which was a wonderful blessing. We are happy that the gospel can never be stopped. Not by man, not by a virus. People were witnessed to and came along to the meeting to get born again. When someone hungers and thirsts for righteousness, God always answers. At the end of the year we had our very special annual moment: 'the harvest'. In 2020 we had 32 baptisms, of which 14 are still regularly attending meetings. Praise the Lord. We eventually closed off the year with a mutual Zoom prayer meeting and we prayed into the new year together. One hour after the Dutch meeting it was New Year in England, so many switched to their Zoom meeting and enjoyed that blessing as well. *"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."* Luke 10:2.

## Switzerland & Germany

At the beginning of the month we held a presentation about Christmas and its origins. As we know, Jesus Christ wasn't born on the 25th of December as many people and churches believe. 400 years AD, some priests declared to make Jesus birthday a public holiday, except nobody knows when Jesus was born. It isn't for us to know anyway but like it says in 1 Corinthians 11:14-25 we should remember the Lord's sacrifice, rather than his birthday. It is interesting to look behind those things, as a lot of people do not understand the true word of God but just follow worldly traditions. Praise the Lord he has revealed his word to us



and everything that comes with it.

We also joined in a meeting in Georgia with some of the American saints and had some really good fellowship afterwards. It's great to be able to connect with other brothers and sisters in the world and share meetings together.

At the end of the month we also joined in the Dutch Winter Conference which was uplifting and we enjoyed the talks, testimonies and items very much. Our sisters from Germany were able to participate as well and enjoy the meetings and fellowship afterwards. In the mornings we watched the evening sessions from the Summer camp in Carrickalinga near Adelaide. So we had a full spiritual program which was very encouraging and uplifting. Now we are looking ahead to a new year and new opportunities to share Gods word as there are surely many more souls to be saved before our Lord returns.



## West London

This month, Victoria was baptised and received the Holy Spirit as she was coming out of the waters. Victoria was witnessed to by a brother doing some work in her house. She is very pleased with having found us as she desires to be part of a family that preaches the truth and follows God's ways. A sister testified that when she came to the Lord, she had a sickness with her leg and the doctors wanted to amputate. After she was baptised and Spirit filled, she was healed. A brother went to work with a frozen shoulder. The pain was so bad that he couldn't pick a pencil. He decided that he either had to go home or be healed. He went to the bathroom, prayed, and was instantly healed. We also had the opportunity to feast on the word of God and great fellowship. We had our



# The Revival Fellowship in:

end of year link up with North London where we shared testimonies, items and games. We won't say who won! We were also able to join the European Conference, the Asia convention and the South African Camp amongst many others. We are so privileged to be a part of such a great fellowship.

## Yorkshire

December was a busy month for us, settling into our new "shop" meeting place. We put up the signs outside and a few testimonies in

the window and visitors have been coming to the meetings. The testimonies brought an immediate result with a man called Ian ringing the phone number and saying "I have been reading the stories in the window and I want to have what they have". Ian has been coming for a few weeks now and can see his need to be baptised.

Most of us here in the Fellowship caught the virus during December – and all have been healed. A great testimony if no one catches it, but also a great testimony when those that do

are completely healed!!

Our brother Dan had a pretty severe case and was down for giving a talk that evening. He was in the bathroom and found that he could not breath, so he made his way to the bedroom and started to pray in the Spirit. He was healed and gave his talk as if nothing had happened. Afterward the symptoms started to come back and he was unable to breathe. Once again he prayed in the Spirit and was then healed and has been fine ever since.



## Testimonies



As a soldier I always attended various church services of whichever denomination our changing padres were from.

In 2010 during my military posting from Germany to Dorset, I made a profound decision

to seek out of barracks to try and find a church with some life.

Whilst walking up Poole High Street I came across a man preaching the gospel to couple of people. I decided to listen and ended up attending a revival meeting myself. I was baptised by full immersion and came out of the water speaking in tongues. I felt different inside out! This was totally different to other churches I've attended. Later that year I left the army but continued to support them in a different role.

After leaving the army I was heavily in debt through no fault of my own. I was informed the army had overpaid me for years and I had to return thousands of pounds back to the government. I chose not to take the advice from citizens advice but turned to the Lord. Not long after, thousands of pounds were refunded to my account from company's I had taken loans and insurance from in the past. The Lord freed me from all my debts and saved me from losing my home. The Lord continues to be true to His word, praise the Lord.

**Ola, Poole UK**



I was brought up believing that going to church every Sunday, culture, refinement, and outward correction in life, will save me. I grew up in a community, where drugs and crime were common and admired by many young people. I was swayed away so easily and disobedience, disrespect, and rebellion were normal in my life.

A day without drugs would make me feel stressed and strained because of the addiction. As time went on when I hit rock bottom. I ended up in a psychiatric hospital for drug abuse. Three months later I was discharged from the hospital, hopelessness, pain, shame, and anxiety started to slither into my mind.

Isolating myself from everyone, sometimes I would think of ending my life. But I had hope that there was a God. I challenged Him, saying in my heart "if you are real show me that you are".

Praying and searching in different churches - it was all the same, no answers!

I did not expect to find God, in such an unexpected way. I was witnessed to by a brother on the bus where I was told about the truth, the beginning of Salvation from the word of God. I knew it was something I had to experience myself, straight from the scriptures.

October 2003 is when I received the Holy Spirit with the bible evidence of speaking in tongues and fulfilling the word of God in my life by water baptism.

I was healed from drug addiction, an anxiety disorder, worry, social withdrawal, and I found Peace, Joy, Freedom and most of all believing that God is real. If you seek Him, you'll find Him.

**Soko Vere, Poole UK**