

Revival News



European Monthly Report

December 2022

THE REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP
EUROPEAN WINTER CAMP 2022

1Cor 1:10-13 | Eph 4:11-14 | Act 20:30

UNITED WE STAND



UK & EUROPE WINTER CAMPS EDITION

Fantastic Winter Camps took place in Holland and Lancaster at the end of December. The common theme was « Unity » Here's an extract from the report on the European camp (pictured above).

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**Server News,
December 2022**
Recordings from camps, conventions and meetings are available from our webserver.

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Editorial: REVIVAL

Some of us grew up in small villages. Even if we haven't, we will recognize the environment and the way people live there from movies and books. In these places everyone knows everyone and everyone knows everything about everyone.



This often leads to a closed community situation in which strangers are viewed with suspicion and changes encounter fierce resistance.

The general idea is that this kind of mentality creates safety for the family, the neighbors, and the entire community.

A by-product of such an environment is often that people get too close to each other and start to irritate each other. Many books and/or movies record this behavior.

To counter these irritations, the leaders of these communities often have to make more and more "rules" and constantly have to correct people and situations, which makes things worse and worse.

Now Jesus said to his disciples in Mark 16:15... "Go into all the world, preach the Gospel to all the creatures." So, did they? No, they stayed in Jerusalem until they were forced to leave by the persecution and eventually the destruction of Jerusalem.

Like most people, they went to "protect" what they had, build a "wall" around it, and try to keep out "disturbing" influences.

In Acts 10 we find a beautiful description of this "village"-like behavior in which first Peter did exactly what Jesus commanded and how they tried to discourage this kind of resistance among their brothers.

In Acts 15 we find the story of how the converted Pharisees wanted to add some extra requirements to the newly converted brethren.

Acts 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

*9 And put **no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.***

We all say we want revival, but we all know that revival brings new people, with new ideas, new kids who are likely to upset our kids, sit in our favorite chairs, and generally bring a lot of problems that need to be solved.

So we can conclude that "revival" is actually against human nature.

So, where does revival come from, how do we get it going (again)?

The only thing that will overrule human nature is genuine compassion for people who have not yet been born again.

In order to have this compassion, we must believe the Bible and its message.

This message is, in fact in a nutshell, a big problem for those who do not have a personal relationship with God and who are not born again (yet) Another important aspect is that people should be happy with what they ARE (not necessarily with what they HAVE, Phil 4:11) and proud of their assembly, leaders, brothers and sisters.

If we can achieve this, there is no "brake" on bringing friends, colleagues and acquaintances to a meeting or other Revival activities. This cannot be achieved through heavy, corrective, "protectionism-like" preaching and acting.

Flp 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.



Ps Piet Visser

From the platform:

- It is said that "1 joy drives away 1,000 worries"
- The Lord does not fight with the weapons a doubter would use
- We are the temple of God—cast out what is unacceptable to Him, as Jesus did in the physical temple
- You are who you are, not who you SAY you are: no double life in the Lord
- Opportunity is like a door, it is not always open. Don't miss it!
- We have a double blessing: abundant life on earth and in heaven
- Repentance is a necessary state, don't be ashamed to be ashamed!
- Overcoming is part of who we are
- The world brings us pressure, Jesus brings us peace
- Override doubt with faith
- No matter what, Jesus is ALWAYS the same, the answer to every problem is ALWAYS Jesus
- When all else fails, God is still our friend and helper

Revival across Europe and the UK

Baptisms in December: 4 in Hungary, 4 in the Netherlands, 3 in the UK (1 pictured)



Jozsi, Hungary



Atila, Hungary



Zsofi, Hungary



Dev, Hungary



Holland camp



Kudzia, Yorkshire (UK camp)



Shenayra, Almere



Deborah, Rotterdam



Deborah & Kathleen with mum: sister Ingrid



Kathleen, Rotterdam

More from camps and around the work



Quiz & game night, Almere



Hungary



Brethren from Launceston, Vancouver & Geelong, AUS



Friends reunited, Carrickalinga AUS



Item, Camp in Holland

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O ja, ik hou van die Man



The next Next Gen! Holland

UK Winter Camp—Lancaster

Much of December was spent preparing for Winter Camp in Lancaster, with all the saints working hard as a team.

Everyone contributed in a different way and it all worked out to be a fantastic week. Kudzia was baptised during camp and she's from Yorkshire.

The theme was Unity and the talks, testimonies and items are available to watch on YouTube.

Revival Fellowship Liverpool



Sisters, UK & Holland



2023 Camp photo



UK Youngies



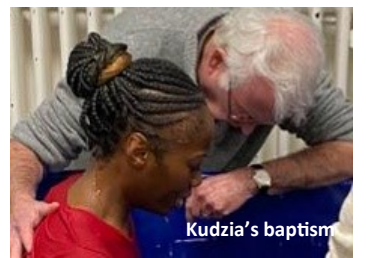
Tuck shop crew



UK & Czech Youngies



Games afternoon



Kudzia's baptism



Ps Paul, Dordrecht



Sisters, UK, Hungary, Czech

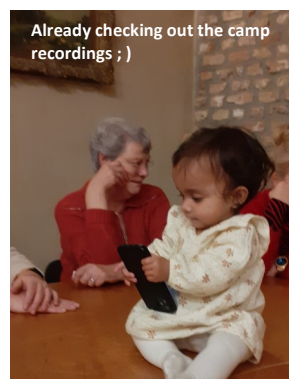


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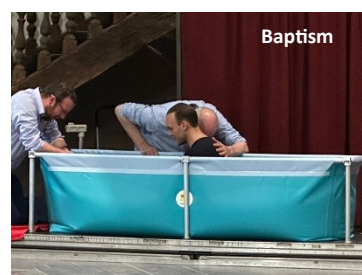
Euro Winter Camp—Holland

In the last week of December around 200 brothers and sisters from different parts of Europe came together for our annual winter camp in the Netherlands.

We were fed with lots of spiritual inspiration from the Word around the camp theme 'Unity'. Unity starts within us. By being united with God, seeking to understand and do His will, we can be in unity with one another. We were encouraged to serve one another by love, to be helpers of one another's joy and to *'..be perfectly joined together in the same mind..'* (1 Cor. 1:10). Of course we want more people to experience how wonderful it is to be united with God. And so we went out and preached the word. During camp one person was baptized and received the Spirit. *'Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity'* (Psalms 133:1)
Revival Fellowship Dordrecht



Camp recordings online now!
Video recordings of this camp can be viewed/downloaded:
CAMP.TRFN.NL



The Revival Fellowship in:



With sister Aspacia (2nd from right) Almere

Almere

Through one of the Tuesday afternoon outreaches, there was a young woman that came to the meeting and she got born again right before camp.

Knowing that God always answers prayers either way, whether when we go out with His Word or that people call out to Him, He never fails to show His faithfulness towards us, proving Himself in our lives, showing us what is right to do.

During a quiz and game night with snacks we enjoyed sharing testimonies with one another. Also the visit of Ps. Guillaume and Aspacia from Surinam, hearing their testimonies and all the things that are happening over there. This month, closing the whole year just flew by and we were able to see how many changes there were in this world, in our fellowships around the world and in ourselves.

Getting ready for our European winter camp after three years, we really did appreciate it being together, building on unity which was also the camp theme.

We don't doubt that the coming year will bring us new opportunities which we can use to press in before Jesus' return and find more souls to get them saved.

Dordrecht

This month we were blessed with the

visit from Pastor Guillaume and his family from Suriname. One of the testimonies they shared was that they prayed for a man who had a limp. He was healed after prayer!

In December our sister Cecilia visited her family in Guatemala for a few weeks. She came to the Lord in Perth in 2017 through brother Otto. While she was in Perth she stayed with him and his wife Marian for a

few months. And they have been in contact ever since. During her trip in Guatemala brother Otto visited her and her family. Together they went out on outreaches and many people were receptive to the Word. We're looking forward to see how the story continues...



Sunday meeting in Te Puke, NZ (see France report)

France

Our month started off with an uplifting combined meeting with the Swiss and German saints. Then some healing miracles were gratefully received as Edouard, Meg, Léo and Calista prepared to leave for a trip to New Zealand and Canada. Particularly Edouard was too sick to get out of bed the day before the trip, but after fervent prayer he was able to travel and not be sick at for the whole 6 weeks. It was a fantastic, blessed time of fellowship, visiting 5 assemblies in NZ and the

Vancouver assembly in Canada.

Everywhere the saints showed awesome hospitality and uplifting fellowship. In Te Puke, brother Jan Pieter was rushed to hospital after experiencing stroke symptoms. After prayer, just a few hours later he was totally fine, getting bored while waiting in hospital for test results and saints were able to go have fellowship with him and sister Karen. In Wellington, prayer was offered for Meg's unsaved brother in law who started chemotherapy during December. It was a heavy dose and the doctors predicted up to several months for recovery. After prayer, just 5 days were needed before he was at the beach and spending time with everyone, feeling "1,000% better". His wife, no longer in the Lord, recognised that it "must have been the prayer". Glory to God for these testimonies, and we hope they bring people to salvation.

Hungary

Four people were born again In December. The first baptism happened in Lajosmizse, where we started having Wednesday meetings where our new brother was struggling with wordly addictions and passed the hall as a meeting was taking place. Came in and was born again, and he came to camp. Three more people got baptised in the Budapest hall, also receiving the holy spirit. One young couple came, and both got born again. The man had heard the word from his father many years before and his wife was convinced by the scriptures to follow the example of Christ.

In Mid-December, sister Judit from the Hungarian and Arend from Czech fellowship got married. We held a prayer and fast with talks about unity, tuning in



Hello Nolan!

Congratulations to the Huisman family, Almere



Travelling to camp from Hungary

The Revival Fellowship in:



Congratulations Judit and Arend!

for Winter camp which was a wonderful camp and we greatly appreciate all the hard work that went into it. A sister experienced the protection of the Lord from accidents two times. Another sister had lot's of stress at work and knew she couldn't meet deadlines and expectations in her own strength so she prayed, had peace, and was able to complete all work thanks to the Lord. A sister was determined to go to camp but her boss wasn't happy about it. She was ready to resign if she couldn't go so her boss let her go at the end. A little sister was asked to play in a school item on Saturday but then the date was changed to a prayer and fast Saturday. She wasn't comfortable with this and prayed to God to help. Two days later she was told their item was taken out to shorten the program so she and the whole family could attend prayer and fast meetings.

Liverpool

Hi from Liverpool. We've had a great month starting off with 2 baptisms in December. We had a working bee at our hall, an outreach and an items night to practice items for camp. We had many visitors to our assembly, especially before and after camp. (see our camp report on page 4) Our sister Kath passed away recently.



The brothers and sisters worked really hard to arrange the funeral. Some long lost relatives attended and could see how well loved our sister Kath was. We are holding a memorial service for Kath at the hall on the 21st of January.

On the 1—3 September this year we will be celebrating our 50 year Jubilee. For details check out the invitation in this report and... save the date!



Poole

The month of December has been a time of reflecting back through the year and following an outreach at the start of the month, Ps Jimmy gave a presentation on the year 2022. It was good to remember all the things we have enjoyed and learnt. Seeing baptisms, having new people, growing in the Lord and looking forward to what 2023 has in store. Our end of year dinner night was a great evening of fellowship and items/testimonies from our brothers and a chance to celebrate the birthdays of three brothers – Soko, Junior and Luke. Some of our brothers and sisters enjoyed the winter camp with a great theme of united we stand. Lots and lots of testimonies, talks and fellowship with brethren across the UK and even abroad. A winter walk across some very muddy heathland followed by coffee and cake at sister Carolyn's. All in all, another great year in the Poole Assembly Happy New Year to one and all.

Rotterdam

The last month of the year we made the most of our time together with different activities - relationship presentation, quiz & games, presentation looking back at



Camp testimony, Mariska (Rotterdam)

the past year. The last week of the month was of course our winter camp which was absolutely wonderful. It was treasured by all who attended. One last thing to share with you all. In the week before camp we had a prayer meeting on the Monday night. One of our sisters brought her two daughters with her. They came because one of the daughters had received a healing a couple months before. They prayed for the Holy Spirit and both of them received fairly quickly and prayed with us for an hour and then were both baptised. Our two new sisters could come the camp for a couple of days and are attending meetings.



Reunited at Carrickalinga! Switzerland report

Switzerland / Germany / Austria

Last month, we held a midweek bible study meeting together with the German saints. The topic was "the word of God". Many interesting thoughts came together. We were reminded again, how important it is to be busy with God's Word by reading and study it. God's Word teaches us, it gives us wisdom, it encourages us and it exhorts us. On the other hand it is important to be busy with God's word by preaching it. If we don't preach the truth, people will hear lots of



End of year dinner, Poole

The Revival Fellowship in:



we put the priorities right. There are so many things around us, that want to distract us and put our focus and our mind away from the Lord's job. But never allow the world to change your priorities

Thanks everyone for the warm welcome and the great Fellowship in Singapore and Adelaide.

Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

lies.

At the beginning of this month, we held a midweek meeting with the French Fellowship. Brother Stephan spoke about "Priorities".

2Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

We do what we just have to do, the Lord gave us a job to fulfil. We endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist,

At the middle of the month, Stephan and Zsuzsa left for visiting the Carrickalinga Camp and the saints in Adelaide. They made a short stop in Singapore and met Pastor Colin, Kim and other saints there.

In Adelaide they visited the Vogue, Elizabeth and Woodcroft meetings and stayed for 12 days at the Carrickalinga Camp. Encouraging and uplifting as usual, to meet so much saints and share the good things of the Lord. At New Year's Eve, there were around 1000+ saints in the hall who sang choruses and hymns. Many goosebump moments.



Testimonies



My name is Melchior and I came to the Lord in December 2021 after hearing the gospel from Pastor Guillaume. After hearing the gospel I decided to attend a meeting, which was on the 5th of December 2021, the same day I received the Holy Spirit and decided to get baptised. That is when my walk with the Lord officially started. I was someone who suffered from anxiety and depression from a very young age. Sometimes I

experienced them in their worst forms. It brought me to a point in my life where I had to isolate myself from people and where happiness was something that I had long forgotten. When I found myself around people, my depression and anxiety would become so bad, a strong amount of fear would just overcome me. It was so bad I could not even be around family or friends. I just couldn't function in society anymore. I eventually decided to move away and go live on my own. That was one of the loneliest times in my life.

After being born again one of the most beautiful things happened. Within the first two weeks, I was completely healed from my depression and anxiety. I started to realize that, when I found myself around my brothers and sisters a lot more: fellowshiping, outreaching and even going to camp that same month. I'm not just healed of my depression and anxiety, but God also gave me my happiness back in the form of His love which courses through me every single day. I don't have to be scared or worried anymore, because I have Him in my life now and he's made me part of such an extraordinary family.

Melchior, Suriname

I came to the Lord in 2018.

Before that I always believed there's a God above but I also loved science, because science has facts and back then I didn't know how believing in God worked. I was living my life like everyone else, thinking that I was doing it the right way. When I was younger I also served in a catholic church, where I also did holy communion and confirmation, things I can't find in the bible.

While growing up I wanted to know the truth but I didn't know how to search for it until the day I heard the gospel. After reading John 3:1-5 I was shocked because I knew I'd read some scriptures of the bible but I'd never read or heard anything like being born again and speaking in tongues as proof that you've received the Holy Spirit.

After I came to the Lord I immediately prayed for my left knee, many times actually because there was an accident back then and I had patella luxation. After the accident I could not train or do almost any sport activity out of fear, so I asked for healing and strength in my knees. After a year, I decided to do CrossFit and after some sessions it was strange. I did a lot of complex movements without any knee problems, that's when I realized that I was healed.

Guiliano, Suriname

