# Revival News





# European Monthly Report

# December 2023









#### **EUROPE & UK WINTER CAMPS**

Where better to see out 2023 and say « Hello 2024 », than together with our spiritual family?

Amazing testimonies were heard, and encouragement to « Reach out and Touch Lives » through God's power.

Read the full camp reports on page 4.



#### Server News, December 2023

Recordings from camps, conventions and meetings are available from our webserver.

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Connecting People

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#### Looking ahead:

Spring camp, Hungary March 28-Apr 1 Contact: nigel.taylor@dufon.hu **Rotterdam convention May 9-12** 

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#### Editorial: Let us...

#### Life, a journey full of choices

In the Bible we find the term "Let us" some 180 times. This all refers to putting a <u>plan</u> into <u>action</u>.

# AND, how do our choices affect others?

For example:

<u>Ge 1:26</u> And God said, <u>Let us</u> make man ...

Ge 11:3 And they said one to another, Go to, <u>let us</u> make brick...
Ge 11:4 And they said, Go to, <u>let us</u> build us a city and a tower, ...
Ge 11:7 Go to, <u>let us</u> go down, and there confound their language, ...

Now a jump in time, for you and me, do and don't:

Ro 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Ro 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Ga 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Some more:

<u>Ga 5:26</u> <u>Let us</u> not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

<u>Ga 6:9</u> And <u>let us</u> not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

<u>Ga 6:10</u> As we have therefore opportunity, <u>let us</u> do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

#### The journey:

Man has an appointment with God (judgement/second coming of Christ, Dying).

He consults the Bible on how best to get there. And he finds the following information:

<u>Joh 3:1-7</u> There was a man of the Pharisees, ...

About how it all starts, with being born again...

No choice there, the start of the Journey, a set protocol by God. Then we have a "let us" moment, we make a choice. "Do's or Don't" Its like embarking on a journey. The journey is from earth to the Kingdom of God.

So far so good, many more **choice moments** to follow.

So in summary: it is the predetermined journey from here to the Kingdom of God and there is only one way to get there. It is not chosen for us, but it is **the chosen way** of how to get there.

If God did not write it down from the beginning, how could we know the way?

We make choices based on the simple desire of whether we want to meet the Lord or not.

# AND, how do our choices affect others?

Ac 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

Another <u>Let us</u> moment, now for others.

Now to us personally.

Let us, what?

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

#### **LET US...**

A new year, new possibilities, new opportunities, new needs to fill.
What a privilege

What a privilege to be able to do this.

**Ps Piet Visser** 

#### **Heard from the platform:**

- Rise above your situation
- The Lord wants a good outcome for us
- All is according to God's plan
- Be mature in Christ and have a purpose
- When Jesus touches someone's life, he lifts them up, he doesn't push them down
- What kind of mindset is needed to truly fix a situation?
- What makes us special is God in us
- There will always be a way with the Lord: it may not be as quick or easy as we would like, but there will be a way!
- You can only change what is ahead of you, you can't change the past
- It all starts with having the guts to talk to someone about God
- Show God your willing heart, big results will follow
- When you feel stressed, take a small step towards God

# Revival across Europe and the UK

Baptisms in December: 2 in Hungary, 11 in the Netherlands, 2 in the UK



















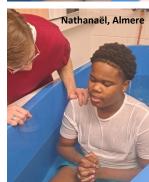












# Heard at Winter Camp: testimonies and one-liners



Protected from falling rocks ... Dented skull healed ...



Healed: hayfever, depression... Freed from cycle of old life...



Blessed with a family...







Found greater happiness...

#### From the platform at Winter camp:

- God is with those who don't diminish His Word for their own sake.
- Do we believe we are the light of the world? Look at each other with spiritual eyes.
- There are a lot of souls to save in this world—67 million people died in 2022. The labourers are few: let's take our job seriously.
- We are only sitting here because someone told us we could have this new life.
- If we let God carry our burdens, our lives will radiate something special and different.
- Don't be a silent testimony. Always talk about what God has done.
- We have been set free (Apostelo) for a purpose—we are sent out as apostles.
- When we feel weak, use the little strength we DO have, and God will multiply it

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# Winter Camps

#### **EUROPE**

Around 250 saints from different places in Europe and Australia (what a blessing to have saints over all the way from Darwin!) gathered together in a castle in Baarlo in the Netherlands for our annual winter conference.

The theme was 'Reach out, touch lives'. We were reminded that this is a way of life, it's our calling. '

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18).'

We were encouraged to pass on the blessings that we receive to the people around us and to let our life radiate all the good fruits. Don't let it stop with you, but let your testimony shine, so that others can come too. This week was a great opportunity to get in tune with the Lord, to get to know one another more and to sharpen and inspire one another to bring forth more fruits.















# Meeting hall



#### **UK CAMP & LIVERPOOL REPORT**

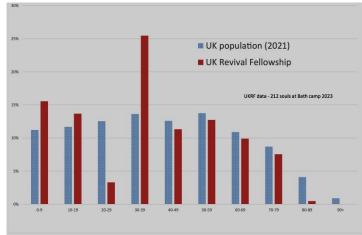
We had a great start to December when a young man visited our meeting and received the Holy Spirit after prayer.

The camp preparations were challenging due to some equipment failures and accommodation restrictions. However in true revival fashion the saints responded and prevailed. Thanks to all who came and contributed.

The theme brought our diverse and encouraging ministry and testimonies. These was a young people's Q&A afternoon paving the way for future weekend events in the UK this year. The camps are an investment in faith. So we expect to see much spiritual increase in times to come.

#### Revival Fellowship Liverpool, UK





**Above left:** Prayer line **Right:** A graph from Pastor Jeremy highlighting the 20 to 30 year old space in our UK fellowships, highlighting the need to concentrate more efforts into this category.

### The Revival Fellowship in:





#### **Almere**

Closing off the year with 6 people being born again this month was such an encouragement to keep on going with what we are called for, which is to reach out and touch lives. So many people are still looking for answers and we can offer them the solution of God, it's important to realize and we do!

Having our first combined prayer and fast meeting in Almere was a terrific start to the month. Brethren travelled up to Almere from Dordrecht and Rotterdam, spending time, energy, and effort building on unity, we appreciated and valued it a lot. Forming unity in leadership is also important, seeing the same goal, sharpening one another, and building on our faith. While enjoying dinner, leaders and their wives got together and shared experiences, victories, and testimonies of this year. We hope and pray that we can set forth the good work resulting in more people coming to the Lord and helping one



another in the Lord to grow more efficiently. As preparation for the winter camp, brethren worked together and practiced items on

one of Saturday evenings.

We are grateful for this year and got even more eager to learn more, knowing that the day of the Lord approaches. It is time to be more sharp and awake but be compassionate with people, moving them towards the Truth. That is what we are prepared to be and to do!

#### **Bristol**

December in Bristol began with some 'Bitesize Blessings' as we shared some nibbles and favourite scriptures which the Lord had put on our heart this year. We heard how the word of God can strengthen, prod, uplift, inspire and offer hope.

Next we had a slideshow reviewing

the year 2023 for our assembly. There were many more blessings than we could possibly have expected at the start of the year. Major healings, miraculous provisions and situations changed. It was good to be reminded of all that the saints have done in the work of God over the past 12

months, and the great bonds of fellowship which have been built with brothers & sisters across the Body of Christ.

We had several new people at two of our meetings this month, which was a real joy. We pray to see them again. The winter camp of course was a highlight of December and a terrific chance to catch up with our fellowsaints new and old. The Lord finished off the year in wonderful

fashion for us, with our Bristol meeting on the 31st Dec hearing some incredible messages in the spiritual gifts about the strength and endurance of

God's love for us.

We can't wait to see what
unexpected blessings 2024 will bring!

#### **Czech Republic**

"Beloved, first we pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." 3 John vs 1—2

December was an uplifting month for our fellowship. We had good fellowship, and regular outreaches. At the end of the month many of us went to the international winter camp in the Netherlands. We enjoyed the singing, meetings and fellowship thoroughly and thanks to all who made this possible. It is so good to be among brethren, who all take the Word of God so seriously and want to save souls. The

ones who stayed behind did not waste their time either, but came together and we even had a visitor. This man walked past, and saw the displayed boards about us. He decided to come in, when brother Jara walked to him to bring him into the fellowship. We hope and pray that the Lord blesses us with wisdom, courage, boldness and good health to move more people to come to Him and be added to our church in 2024.



## The Revival Fellowship in:





#### **Dordrecht**

This month one of our sisters shared in her testimony that because of the stroke she had a few years ago she has difficulties in dealing with new surroundings. She normally starts to get very dizzy whenever she enters an unfamiliar place. She shared that she was invited to have a look at someone's new house, and she decided to go in. And this time she experience no dizziness at all. Praise the Lord for giving our sister the victory! We saw a great presentation at the end of the month with a sum up of the year 2023 around the globe. We were inspired by the testimonies

and reports of revival from all around the world.

France
We had a
busy and

uplifting month of

December, all topped off with a very encouraging Winter Camp! We were blessed with a visit from Arno and Szilvia from the Almere assembly. What an uplifting time for us all, and it was lovely that they could meet new saints that have come to the Lord since their last visit.



presentation about the importance of commitment. To illustrate this he showed photos and talked about how the work started in the Netherlands with a small group of saints in the late 80s and has grown so much since, praise God. We also enjoyed our last Bible study for the year with the Swiss saints. The key scripture was about Noah building the ark. All of this inspires us to keep being "on board" with the plan of God! We also had a new lady come along to check out a midweek meeting, and another visitor to our baking workshop. Sister Jada went back to the UK for the holidays. Over her time in France she has been able to share so many blessings, from the Lord restoring her lost wallet, calming situations with neighbours or employers, resolving issues with uni group work or teachers, giving her peace and ultimately blessing her study mightily despite the language and cultural barriers; praise the Lord for His help in every situation!

Brother Arno shared an encouraging

#### Hungary

Two people got baptized and four received the Holy Spirit in December. An elderly lady was looking for a pentecostal church she had heard of, but couldn't find it. She was determined and prayed that God would guide her to the right place. She found us, came in, got baptized and Spirit filled. A man got born again in a similar manner the next meeting: coming straight from the airport, he walked past our hall, was invited in and got born again. These happened after we had been praying together for revival between the Sunday meetings. We also had one of our





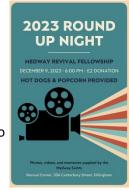
major outreaches where we were out on the street with the gospel message from morning till afternoon, taking turns.

Many brethren experienced diseases and weaknesses so that our fellowship group was quite busy with prayer requests in December. Feedback confirms that the Lord heard those prayers and healed those in need. End of December was all about camp and travelling to camp of course.

This winter two families and a sister all decided to visit Australia. One of them experienced an instant healing in camp prayer line, after suffering from an eye irritation for a long period of time. 29 brethren joined the Dutch Winter Camp from our fellowship, learning, growing, overcoming, catching up with saints from other countries in this very special last week of the year - thank you for having us!

#### Medway

We finished the year with a 2023 round up night - so much happens in one year, many photo memories and heart memories were shared.



A day out in London for a couple of us with the group saints from Darwin who were on a pre - European camp leg of their journey.

Some of us headed up the road for winter camp in

## The Revival Fellowship in:

Lancaster, a great venue.
Sketching out plans for 2024
- focus will be on the many children of all ages in the assembly.
Bye for now



#### **Poole**

Although it's cold this time of the year, most of us were brave enough to go out and hand a few leaflets out in the centre of Bournemouth. 1 Cor 15:58 Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always

abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

A few takers and a few stoppers, and one turned up to the meeting! PTL

We were delighted to have Ps Martin and Emma visiting us one Sunday. He gave a talk called 'Courage is Contagious'- lots of advice to take! Ps Yomi and Cecile also came on the following Sunday and it was great to see them too. Very encouraging talks and presentation. We are truly

o Charlie, Poole

blessed for their support and fellowship. A man named Fred, who's attended a couple of meetings, was baptised and received the Holy Spirit. He was very happy afterwards! Ps Jimmy shared some slides of a new

assembly starting in Fiji while he was there visiting family. 20 people were baptised and received the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues. Young and Old are obedient to the word and even though there was a few days of flooding in the area, it didn't stop people getting baptised! God is Good! Our end of year dinner night was celebrated together with couple of our members birthdays and it was a great evening of fellowship and a lovely meal. Bye for now.

#### **Rotterdam**

Hallo Saints, at our last meeting before our winter camp 2 sisters were baptised. Which means we ended the year with 40 baptisms.

We thank the Lord for this work that we are now commissioned with. We can look back at the year with thankfulness for the miracles God has performed and the people we have been able to witness too. We had a combined prayer & fast in Almere and it was great to able to support our brethren in Almere. We had a presentation about the year 2023.





Looking at things that happened world wide around the fellowship. Always a blessing to see what God is doing for the saints around the globe. We would like to at this time like to thank all the brethren that could visit us over the

year. We appreciate your support and encouragement to always be about the Father's business. The last week of the year we were together again at winter camp and it was excellent in every aspect and a big Thankyou to all who worked tirelessly to make it all possible. We are looking forward to 2024 with great enthusiasm!!!!!!

#### **West London**

This month we have had one baptism; a young man who came following an outreach and received the Holy-Spirit. On our last Sunday, we had a line up with some of those that were saved this year. Many young ones were part of that group, and they have since continued with great enthusiasm and zeal. We had a great evening of fellowship with North London for our yearly year end get together. We heard encouraging testimonies, inspiring thoughts on the scriptures of how God operates, and entertaining items. Many went to the winter camp in Lancaster and some to the Dutch one. All came back having had a fantastic time and especially our

young ones for whom it was their first camp.
A sister shared how her husband wanted to go overseas to give support to a brother in need. They could not afford it but he still went in faith. Later, they received a letter from the

tax office with a refund for the exact amount they had allocated for the flight and living expenses!
We look forward to great testimonies and revival in 2024!







#### **Testimonies**

A testimony shared by email (in 2018) from brother Paul from the Central Coast assembly in Australia to saints in Holland:

Thank you my faithful sister and my faithful brother. I have had a wonderful miracle happen.

As you know I had 3 tumor growths solid masses on my pancreas that the specialist doc-



tors were concerned about. So I just got out of hospital last Wednesday. They checked me out under anesthetic to see what they were going to do. They were concerned as no one survives pancreatic cancer.

I had this peace for 2 days leading up to the hospital visit. After I came out of recovery the specialist said that he will see me in 2 years.

I was shocked...... I wasn't expecting him to say that. 2 solid masses have disappeared - which he said was impossible!!!!! The 3rd growth has now turned into a stable pancreatic cyst which is no longer solid - which he said was impossible!!!

I wanted to thank you my sister for your prayers. It means so much to. It was a comfort, it gave me hope and a peace that passes all understanding.

Please share my testimony God bless always **Paul and Jenny Trad** 

(\*) 'come to the Lord'

Explanation: This is an expression meaning to get 'Born Again'. This comes from the Bible and was given as a directive to a religious leader, Nicodemus, as related in John 3: 1-7.

This means getting Baptised by immersion, like Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit, like the early Christians, with the biblical evidence of 'speaking in tongues. This, combined with other directives of Jesus can make a change in the life of ordinary people, in fact making them sons and daughters of God. This unlocks enormous power resulting in wonders and miracles.

As has happened with Russell, and many others. Homework: Get your Bible and look up: Mark 16:16-20 / John 4:23-24 / John 14:25-28 / Acts 1:8 / Acts 2:1-4, 37-38 and much more. Healing testimony of Russell Polhill, recounted in 2019 by his mum, Lisa.

#### Lisa wrote:

At six months old, I began to worry about Russ. He didn't sleep well at all, seemed very fretful and just didn't seem to make 'contact'. Then, at about 18 months old, he started to lose weight. He seemed to constantly have an upset stomach and he became hyperactive after eating certain foods.



After being advised by a doctor to keep a record of what he ate, it was found he had allergies to wheat, dairy products and food colourings, which we then excluded from his diet. This helped, but I still found myself always apologising to people for his wild tantrums or that he seemed to be in a world of his own.

On a visit to my mother in law, she suggested her pastor should pray for Russ. After a moment's hesitation, I agreed. The next day, I let him have some 'normal' food. There were no side effects. I began to believe that God must have healed him. This miracle led me to come to the Lord. (\*) see notes

A few months later, Russ was diagnosed as autistic. He had many of the classic symptoms - sleeplessness, excessive drinking, obsessive behaviour, lack of vocabulary, lack of communication, little or no eye contact, fears about harmless situations, no fears about dangerous situations, total lack of interest in people, back to front reactions to pain, walking on tiptoes, flapping arms and he could spin 'round and 'round and never get dizzy.

The first miracle happened the night after he was diagnosed, which was also the night we brought our new baby home from hospital. Russ slept through the night for the first time since he himself was a tiny baby! We felt sure the Lord was going to heal him. Within two weeks a therapist declared that the change in him was amazing. A few months later he saw a different senior consultant for the first time. As soon as she saw him, she declared 'he's not autistic'.

That was some 30 years ago and many things have happened in that time of course. The short version is that Russ went to mainstream schools, completed an apprenticeship, travelled, worked and got married. He holds down a job as a Legionella risk assessor and is very much committed to his own walk with the Lord, receiving the Holy Ghost and being baptised himself at age 8. Praise the Lord, for everything He has done for Russ and for us. Lisa, North London