

Revival News



European Monthly Report

February 2023



In February 30 years ago, a very young man from Australia, just two years in the Lord and his newly wedded wife started having meetings in their living room with a newly born again university friend in Budapest, Hungary.

They were inexperienced and had none of the equipment we see in a Revival Fellowship hall today. They were on fire for the Lord, sharing the good news, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following. People came to the Lord and eventually they moved meetings into a hired hall.

Milestones in the story of the Hungarian Fellowship were connected to moving halls. Every time the place filled up they needed to move to a bigger one. New opportunities in the new hall made them even more enthusiastic to bring in new people. Brethren still refer to past times as the Barcsai street era etc.

Our 30 year Jubilee celebration this February was fun and had a clear message. Instead of decorating the place we did a program that reminded us of past revival and gave us appetite for future revival. Brethren spoke about the early years of the Fellowship, and others were invited to talk about their experiences as the years passed and revival grew.

Some of the most enthusiastic evangelists were asked to share personal experiences and how they overcame hindrances in their natural self to be able to witness more efficiently. Items, songs and of course a cake at the end all made the occasion merrier. As with many nights during the previous 30 years we had three guests and fellowship continued long after the official program was over.

We praise the Lord.

Revival Fellowship Hungary



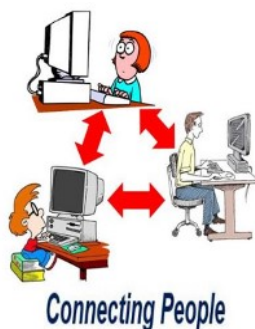
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Recordings from camps, conventions and meetings are available from our webserver.

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Spring camp, Hungary Apr 6-10

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Rotterdam convention May 18-20

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Editorial: The lesser of two evils

The 'lesser of two evils' is a saying that expresses a comparison of two bad, both, undesirable choices. Neither option is good, but the 'lesser of two evils' seems to be the better choice because it is the least detrimental of the two. All through life we make countless choices.

So, how do we make them? Right about now, there is a yearly event taking place called 'the week of books'. One book which is widely discussed here is about an uprising in Amsterdam in 1941 which happened during the occupation in the 2nd world war. At that time there was an extensive

army moved in to make this happen. The end result of this is well documented.

The lesson today: What this is really all about is simply a matter of making a compromise on some vital principle.

The apostle Paul wrote: *1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

makes absolutely no distinction between lesser and greater evils. If you willingly choose a 'lesser evil', you will be paying a 'price' somewhere 'down the road'. (Ga 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap).

Ps Pieter Visser



Jewish population in that city and they were increasingly persecuted by Dutch Nazi and Fascist movements.

Quote: *'After several months of escalating tension between the Dutch population and the German occupation authorities and Dutch collaborators (in the winter of 1940-1941), clashes erupted in Amsterdam between the militia of the Dutch National-Socialist Movement (NSB), and Jews.*

In the aftermath of these clashes (February 8-11, 1941), an order was issued to establish a Joodsche Raad (Jewish Council) in Amsterdam'.

The "Jewish council" issued a directive to cooperate with the authorities in all matters to prevent worse (!)

To enforce this directive, the German

Can we say that 'making a compromise' in many cases is simply another one of the many temptations we face in life?

Can we then believe that God will show us a way out of these situations?

So, solving the dilemma and making the right choice is simply a matter of seeking the Lord, praying some more, reading some more in the Bible, having some more real fellowship, just going to another meeting and doing some more listening.

And then, coming to the right conclusion and the choice is then proven to be, not anymore between two evils but simply between right and wrong in the first place.

Repeat:

"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it"

Concluding: It's never acceptable to God for us to choose even the 'lesser' evil, even if it seems to be the better choice than the alternative. The Bible



February in short:

Feb 2; We had a combined Rotterdam / Dordrecht Coffee morning at the Dordrecht hall.

Feb 11; A Saturday Q&A evening in Dordrecht

Feb 16; A Dutch pastors get together in the afternoon.

Feb 19; I personally happened to be at the right time, at the right place, (Almere) and personally baptised 3 ladies all receiving the Holy Spirit. (It was a long time ago I had done any baptisms myself and it reminded me how beautiful this is) Very uplifting.

Pastor Piet



Dordrecht Centrum house meeting

Heard from the platform:

- What we do to each other, we do to Jesus Christ
- Never let your natural mind win and take over
- Do not waiver, stick with it
- Plan ahead: use today as the best preparation for tomorrow
- Jesus offers us something we DON'T already have—the comforter; the peace the world can't give
- When we receive the Spirit, we receive a part of God's kingdom
- We've chosen to have God as our friend, not the world as our friend
- Let's testify of when we overcome worries and fears, so that it can encourage others

Revival across Europe and the UK

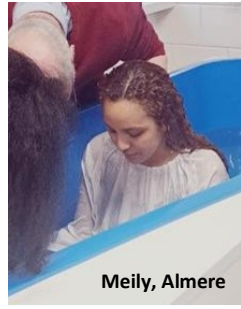
Baptisms in February: 1 in Czech Republic, 6 in Hungary, 8 in the Netherlands, 1 in the UK



Cindy, Almere



Arvieri, Almere



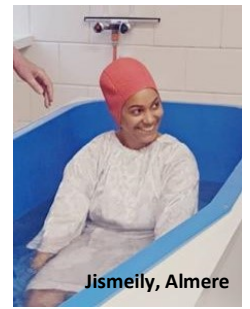
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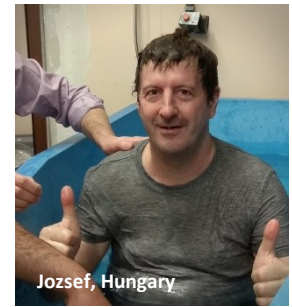
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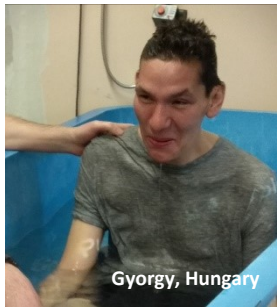
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Gregory, Medway



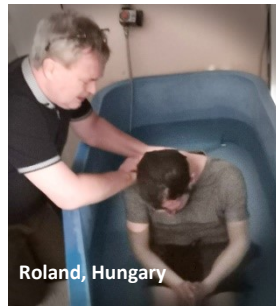
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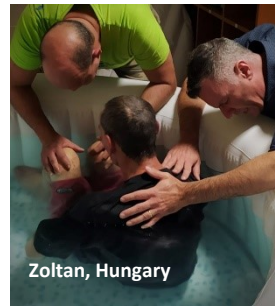
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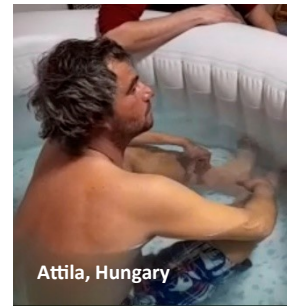
Vilu, Hungary



Roland, Hungary



Zoltan, Hungary



Attila, Hungary

More from February



Behind the scenes at the kids play, Hungary



Winter walk, Medway



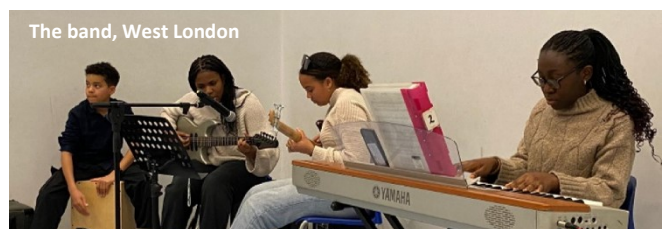
Fancy dress dinner, Yorkshire



Jubilee celebrations, Hungary



Kids cooking afternoon, Czech



The band, West London

The Revival Fellowship in:



Almere

Praise the Lord there were 6 people born again this month.

A sister's hairdresser (with two other hairdresser ladies) decided to be born again.

Another lady came from a sister's old church where she used to go. She realized that she needed to get baptized because where she was she did not hear the Truth the right way. The fifth lady, who just walked in the meeting, wanted to check us out and decided to be born again.

The sixth person who got born again was from an outreach.

A sister spoke to a colleague who got bad news: she was supposed to get an operation for kidney stones but she did not dare to make an appointment. The sister asked this colleague if she could pray to the 'god' of her belief for a healing. She admitted no. The sister told her then about the healing God of the Bible and showed her Mark 16. She offered to pray for her right there in the office while others were looking too (quite exciting) and she accepted.

After a short prayer in tongues, she said to her: "God is going to heal you!". The colleague said while looking at her with a smile, "We'll see!".

After a few weeks, she had her on the phone and was anxious to ask her if it happened.

She confirmed that she did not need an operation anymore because the kidney stones were gone! She answered: "The God of the Bible has really healed me!"

Czech Republic

Hi to all the saints from Czech. This last month has been a mixed time. We had some great activities, including a kids cooking afternoon, where the O'Brien family from Liverpool attended and there were many visitors to talk to. We had a baptism of a young man called Ondrej, who you can meet at the upcoming Spring camp in Hungary. We also did some



outreaching and watched a very encouraging film about the revival in PNG.

On the other hand, this month we said our goodbyes to our sister Jaruska (babi, Eva's mum). She fell asleep in the Lord after being very ill for about a year and a half. We had a moving funeral led by pastor Olda saying that she has run her course to the end. Sister Jaruska came to the Lord at the age of 60. After falling over she suffered a stroke.

Although the doctors did not expect her to survive, she awoke from a coma after prayer and was let home very quickly. Despite being not able to talk hardly at all towards the end of her sickness she was able to pray in the Spirit and enjoyed praising the Lord. She gave a great example to everyone of generosity, service and how to live in the love of God. Jaruska was almost 89 when she passed.



Dordrecht

February was an exciting month! On two Saturdays of this month we had an outreach followed by a meeting in Vught (around 70 km south east from Dordrecht). This is the town where our brother Laurens and sister Manuela live. Three new people visited the meetings. Timothy, who was born again last winter camp

in Holland, also joined the outreach and meeting. For now we'll be having meetings in Vught every other Saturday. Very exciting to see what will happen next. To be continued...

France

This month we kicked off a new year of Bible studies with the Swiss and German saints. The theme is, don't give up, hold on to what you have. It was a great evening of sharing and fellowship, with saints from Rotterdam who were visiting the Swiss assembly also joining in. There were lots of testimonies shared of how being determined to stand firm for the Lord brings great blessings. There is no need to move or change what we have received, due to the world's circumstances. This is part of our testimony! The main scripture for this month was 1 Corinthians 15 vs 58 *"Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"*.

Hungary

February was an exciting month in the Hungarian Fellowship with six baptisms and five people receiving the Holy Spirit. A brother who used to be a policeman in his old life, met a man he had arrested several times in the past. Now he stopped him only to tell him the gospel. He didn't take him seriously at first but then realised that a new life was just what he needed. He was in a bad shape mentally, very close to committing suicide when our brother found him. He got born again receiving a new chance from God. Wednesday meetings continue in Lajosmizse with two baptisms this month. A brother wanted to witness to a man years ago but lost contact - now he just came in one of the Lajosmizse meetings, not knowing why, heard the gospel and got born again. Wednesday meetings started in the town of Aszód, where one of our oversight lives. A girl was born again there. We did a kids' play using the many musical talents of brother Benji who visited from Australia with his Hungarian wife Kata and their baby. Many guests heard the word of God as fellowship continued. We celebrated the 30th birthday of the Hungarian Fellowship. A sister praises the Lord for



protecting her and her children in an accident, always taking care of them. A new sister prayed and got the kind of job she wanted. A young couple can see the Lord's hand in the way they could buy a car they'll use to help the fellowship.

The Revival Fellowship in:



Extended oversight meeting, Hungary

Ireland

February is usually pretty cold here but we still got out and about. We did a leaflet drop in a nearby location.

We continue with our Friday Night Knowledge Talks, during the month we heard from: Martin Gladdish on "Signs Following", Pr David "Knowledge" and Pr Steve in Ancient Tyre "the city that God destroyed". They are available on YouTube. We also had a prayer and breakfast morning which we intend to use as another avenue of inviting people to hear the gospel. Until next time.

Liverpool

This month we waved off our Lee, Yarni and Samuel who are on their way to Adelaide. We will all miss them so much but are happy for them. Definitely a sweet and sour moment!



All the best to Lee, Yarni & Samuel, Liverpool

Stacy was healed this month!

"Since I caught the measles in 2012 my eyesight just went completely downhill

and I ended up having an operation on my right eye about 5 years ago, and in the last year and a half it had started to fail so double vision was back, blurred vision where I was unable to read or even type out words! Constant pain in the back of the eye like a pulling sensation, it's the only way I can describe it. And the last 2 weeks it had been constant and had really put a spanner in my Bible study time which really upset me. So today I went up to Pastor Denis in the pray line and just asked for healing or anything to make my eye just anything more than it has been and after Pastor Denis prayed in tongues over me and we prayed together I quickly went to the bathroom and rubbed my eye and can honestly say IT HAS BEEN HEALED. Double vision gone, blurred vision gone and pain gone and just felt electrified, if I could have skipped back to my seat I would have! The Lord has truly worked his wonder and I have phone everyone since



Liverpool

to tell them what has happened! ...And I have been reading away all night for the first time in weeks.

Medway

We were blessed to enjoy good weather for a winter walk in nearby Shorne country park, the place had the essential element of a cafe for a coffee and a bacon baguette. All back to our house for fellowship and hot dogs (with Gordon Ramsey's secret ingredient fried onions) - a great day.

A Saturday morning was given over to part one of 'Bringing up children in the Lord'. We have a lot of parents and children - think we appreciate all the help we can get for such a good job.

We carried on that Saturday with a birthday lunch for Dan Cashford, who turned 50, or so he tells us.

A few visitors to our Sunday meetings including

Gregory who lives opposite our hall and had noticed more than once how happy people were as they left each meeting. Gregory was baptised and received the Holy Spirit in the water on 12th February, he has since been a

lively and very welcome presence in our meetings.

Other activities include morning and once a week evening prayer meetings and a coffee morning that is beginning to establish itself as part of our scene.

Poole

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters. The month of February seems to have flown by but has been another month of great fellowship and seeing a stream of visitors to our Sunday meetings. We enjoyed a 'mini-night' during which many of our young people shared



Proverbs & pancakes, Medway

testimonies, items and gave talks. Br Junior spoke about Light and Darkness, Br Charles reminded us that We all have a job to do and Br Luke similarly reminded us that We all have a purpose. It was an uplifting evening and great to hear so many good thoughts from our young and not so young saints. Although we didn't have appropriate weather, we all enjoyed an Australian evening which was a dinner night with games. There was a local Saturday outreach with many people being

spoken to about the current state of the world and the soon return of Jesus Christ. This was followed by a Psalms night where everyone shared and discussed their favourite. Very enlightening to hear some thoughts from various people. Bye until next time!

Switzerland / Germany / Austria



Nürnberg

At the beginning of the month, brother Stephan spent a longer weekend in Nurnberg,

Germany. He visited our sisters Luise and Katharina. They had great Fellowship on Saturday and a uplifting meeting on Sunday. Pastor Chris Kaye from Sydney was in Nurnberg on business and joined us this weekend too. We discussed many things and shared testimonies, sitting around the kitchen table in Katharina's house. We were happy and grateful that we could all meet in person. The last weekend of the month we had brother Beau and the sisters Susanne, Debora and Mireille from the Rotterdam assembly visiting us for a longer weekend. We felt very blessed and spend a fantastic weekend together. Many testimonies were shared and as always when brethren come together, we all learned from one another and encouraged one another. Thank you all for visiting. They also joined in at our monthly Saturday bible study with France. The theme this year is



Visiting saints in Switzerland

The Revival Fellowship in:



Capon, from Adelaide, and he shared a great testimony with us. When his wife was pregnant with their second son, she contracted a disease called Guillain-Barre syndrome where the immune system attacks your nerves and you become paralysed, ending up in an awake coma. After prayers, the paralysis stopped to her waist, but she still could not eat. She cried out to the Lord and the paralysis totally reversed. It should have been

either spare the life of the mother or the child, but God spared both. Their son is now 16 and healthy after expecting a still birth. What an amazing God we serve!

Yorkshire

We've moved into a new meeting place - the previous one was in a community centre, out of the way and hard to find for any visitors. Nevertheless, we had a young man receive the Holy Ghost there and he is of age in a few weeks to be baptised so we are looking forward to that. Our new place is a vacant shop which we were quite miraculously able to get at a very reduced rate. We had a baptism at Winter Camp – a sister who grew up and received the Spirit in

a Pentecostal group. She came to notice that the Holy Spirit was not working in that group as it had been earlier and is now enjoying being in a place where we are all filled with the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit are operating and there is a clear message of salvation. We have had a number of visitors but no baptisms yet.

We did try leafleting a small village and holding a meeting at the local town hall – expensive, a lot of effort, many spoken to, one visitor to the BBQ, but no results as yet. Our street outreaching is well attended, even by some of our more senior saints who get out with their walking frame/mobility scooter and hand out leaflets along with the rest of us. We have learned to get the phone numbers of those while they are keen to listen - have had people to meetings as a result of that.

“Don't give up, hold fast what you have received”.

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. We find rest for our souls when we just remember the basics and walk the path that the Lord put in front of us. It is this path that leads to life.

West London

This month, a young boy whose mum came previously, received the Holy-Spirit. He came to a Saturday activity with many questions and before being taken home, asked for prayers. We look forward to great things ahead.

At a Sunday meeting, we had a visit from Scott



Testimonies



I'm Gizella from Hungary, I was born again of water on September 16th. 2018. I had received the Holy Spirit already before, speaking in tongues. Before coming to the Lord I had been very ill for 8 years, had constant pain in my abdomen from morning to evening, causing sleep problems, I could only sleep with pills, it's called endometriosis. I couldn't work full time for 12 years, couldn't even speak about it for nothing helped and it was so difficult - it was a nightmare. That's why I started searching the Lord. As I got to know God more he started healing me and revealing the truth. I

was a sad child, my parents divorced which confused me, I felt they divorced me. Without realizing my life was about trying to set this right, which of course did not work so I got more and more disappointed. When I started understanding the meaning of my new life with God, things started to get better, working, making sense. I experienced God's unconditional love towards me. Now I don't feel I have to keep the family together or do other things of my own strength, things only God can do. The family of the Lord is kept together by the Holy Spirit and I'm thankful I can be member of this new family. God delivered me from the trap of my old life. I've been working full time for 10 months now, don't need pills to sleep and am much better spiritually as well as physically. I know God's with me, know who I am, I no longer strive for things above my strength which are in the hands of God. This is a joyful life in the Lord, praise God!

Gizella, Hungary



I was brought up in a small village in a simple, loving family. We didn't speak about God nor was I interested. When I was 11 my parents divorced and I became an introvert, mostly spending time with my brothers only. In 2017 we moved to the city of Budapest. One day we received an invitation to the Revival Fellowship in the subway. The following day my brother came home with a bible in his hand and news that he got born again. Around that time I did lots of sports and felt strong and successful. Although I didn't think about it, there was a

great emptiness in my heart. A few months later my oldest brother got born again too and was comforted by God from sadness after breaking up a long time relationship. For me this was more than strange and I noticed as weeks went by that reading the Bible, going to meetings changed them, gave them peace, confidence, foundation and joy in their lives. I decided to change and give God a chance. I got baptised by full immersion and God filled me with His Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues on June 3rd. 2018. I felt happiness that day. It took some time for me to start using what I have received. What strengthened me even more is that my father and his wife, grandmother and uncle also got born again. God filled up that emptiness in my heart, now I just pray and am busy with His things and He keeps me on that simple and clean path where there's no religions or immorality, only simple truth and reality. He gives me peace and I know I'm safe with Him.

Martin, Hungary