

Revival News



European Monthly Report

March 2020



March marks the last time in perhaps a while when we can show you so many beautiful pictures of saints gathering in Europe and around the world.

But as you read the reports from the different assemblies, you'll see that the unity of the fellowship is stronger than ever, as we adapt and find ways to keep supporting each other & being a light for those around.

In the March edition : a report on Leaders Camp in Adelaide, and good news from our brethren in Liberia.

*Above: Leadership Camp, Australia
Right: Ps Yomi serving the brethren in style, West London
Far right: Baptisms in Liberia*



Server News, March 2020

All the talks, songs and other items from the recent Leadership camp in Adelaide are now available from this link:

<http://re-acts.com/recordings/library/?dir=Australia-SA/Adelaide-Carrickalinga/202003-Leadership%20Camp>

Lots of other stuff is also available from our own server here in Holland. For login details or other info, e-mail me at: piet.visser@revivalfellowship.nl.

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Coming up, looking ahead:

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, we cannot plan ahead too much.

The earliest we can possibly expect the current restrictions to be (partly?) lifted seems to be around the summer camps period. (last week Juli, first week Aug) It would be nice to celebrate, at this time, our unity and have a combined camp, perhaps with slightly reduced numbers. If not, lets plan for a return to unrestricted fellowship at our winter camps, Dec 25—Jan 01, 2021.

Editorial: What did God ask of us?

We all know of situations where we were asked to do something, we listen (often only half) we interpret what we thought we were told and turn that into some sort of action, right?

Often, the feedback we then get from the one who asked us, is: 'I didn't ask you to do THAT!'

And here we have the whole story of God's relationship with mankind explained in these few very simple lines.

A recent chat with a fellow pastor triggered a train of thought, as follows:

Specifically, in the book of acts, we find a number of times how the Holy Ghost gave inspiration to do something but the interpretation of this inspiration resulted in organising something which fell short of the original intention.

So, chances are, that we have a conflict between the inspiration of the Holy Ghost and our organisation of the actions required.

And so, we, the RF, have shaped our organisation to what we have today. Question: Is (was?) it doing the job God gave us to do?

The current world wide health crisis is giving us pause, the way we are (were) organised cannot, at present, continue due to health scares and governmental regulations. So, it's all back to basics. Which is:

Me, my Bible, The Holy Ghost and the job.

As a result, we are already seeing an upsurge in baptisms.

But, when this health scare is over, what are we going to do then?

The commission is simple:

Mark 16:15 And He (Jesus) said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

All we need to do that is a mouth and some ears to speak into! What we are seeing today definitely fits the signs of "The Last Days" as referred to in Math 24, Luke 21 and other scriptures. So we have plenty of opportunity.

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and 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:

We tell people about this Holy Ghost we have received and how they can have this too. We quote Peter, the apostle:

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In Acts 10 we find a great correction in the apostle Peter's thinking about where the Gospel should go. Not just for the Jews, but also for the gentiles.

And then we see things like how the apostle Paul was called in Acts 9, we see how he got inspired in:

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Then we find the dispute whether the Gospel was also for the gentiles, or only for the Jews. The Holy Ghost decided this dispute.

Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

And, again...

Acts 20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

All through this we see the leading of the Holy Ghost. This inspired people to do...

But, again and again we see that the 'organisation' of this inspiration into action, often felt short of the original intention. And as time went on, often totally disappeared.

So, for us, the RF, you and me...

It might not be a bad thing to be reminded of the limitations of how we organise(d) things and be forced to a back to basics approach.

There might be some lessons there.



Ps Piet Visser

Heard from the platform:

- Faith is not only that you say you believe, but that you do and obey.
- Be humble otherwise God makes you humble.
- The prouder you are the more you block God in your life.
- Do things in lowliness of mind. Phil. 2:3
- Your focus determines your perspective and your mood. Focus on your future with the Lord, then you can look ahead with joy and hope.
- Let nothing imprison you but the love of God, then you experience liberty.
- God is patient with us, be patient with each other.
- There is peace for those in whom God is well pleased.
- You don't have to fight for your rights. Let God settle things.
- Demonstrating love towards God is being obedient to His Word.
- Renewing comes by obeying God.
- Difference between hearing and really listening: you can hear things but you listen when you put effort into it. It's a more active form of hearing! Hearing is easy but do we really listen?
- Listen well so that you can hear where your chances are to be able to preach the Gospel.
- Do not marinate in your emotions!
- Let the fire burn, don't take away the elements that make sure this fire remains burning.
- How do you know that you have learnt something? When it's put to the test and a good result comes out of it.
- Are we rooted in the word of God?
- Don't manufacture the blessing, be patient
- Do not sell your birth right!
- Fear brings bondage
- Don't become a slave of your own habits.

Revival Across Europe

Baptisms in February: 1 in France, 1 in Hungary, 5 in the Netherlands



Kosta, Almere



Annerose, Almere



Dordrecht



Gabor, Hungary



Marie, France



Susette, Rotterdam



Suzenne, Rotterdam

More photos from March



Ireland



West London



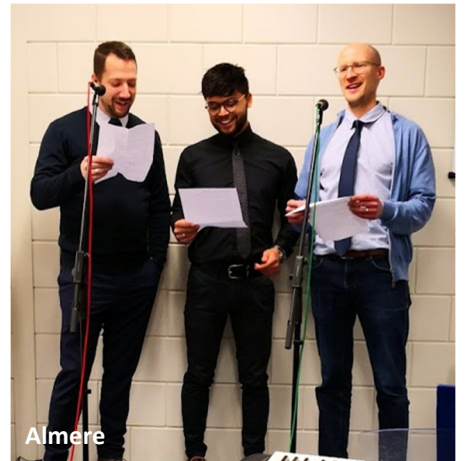
France



Czech Republic



Hungary



Almere

Liberia update

We had three baptisms on Monday 2nd March 2020. All were filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in a new tongues.

The fellowship here is going OK, thank God. Despite the natural challenges we are still upholding the true gospel of the kingdom of God. I will be visiting Weala fellowship soon and helping in the Lord's work. Praise the Lord for dismissing the case filed against brother Jeremiah Konah through the lawyer we hired and the saints there are rejoicing for the Lord's good work in putting the devil to shame. We are praying to the Lord to help in building the walls of the Hall in the Weala fellowship as we are about to experience the rainy season. Thank you once again and God bless.

Brother Jude Nwachukwu, RFL



Here is a testimony from Liberia, written by brother Jude:



Brother Morris (left) from V.I. community fellowship in Gbarnga has a wonderful testimony how God saved him from a ritualist* who came to kill him in the night around 2:00AM where he was burning charcoal.

He told me that a person he thought of as a friend, asked him to join him in some charcoal burning in the bush and, because he has no job he agreed to contribute with the small fund he had. After the coal had been baked his man told him that he was going to Monrovia to purchase the bags to bag the charcoal. That night his this man left him in the bush, he was alone and just spent some time praying.

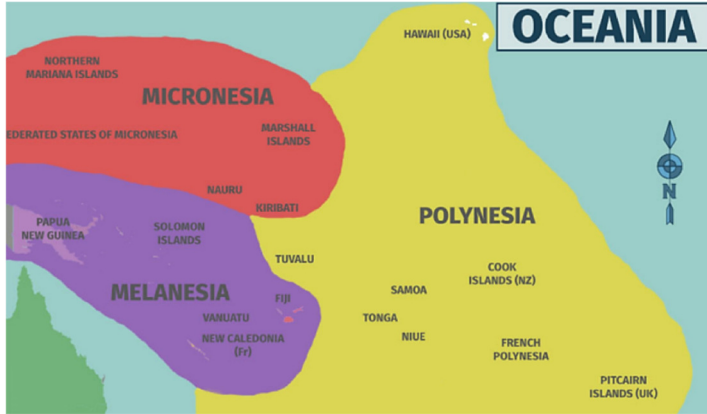
After praying he decided to get out of the tent and walked away from the tent and the native oven where the coal was baking. Then he saw seven men flashing torch lights and he decided to hide under a big tree to observe what they were about to do to the oven. He heard them asking each other: 'where is the man that we were told is sleeping here?'. So they switched off their torch light and waited for him (Morris) about two hours to see if he would come back. Then one of them said: 'gentleman let us go, the day is breaking and the man is not sleeping here so his 'friend' lied to us', and all of them left. Morris stayed in his hideout till day break and he went to the village to report how this man sold him out to the ritualist but God was on his side. He (Morris) left the 200 bags of charcoal to his so-called friend in the bush. After he confronted this man about it and this 'friend' asked him what evidence he had to prove this allegation. After a lot of arguments the community chairman asked him to forget it and to thank God for saving his life because the man he was burning coal with, has a record of being an agent to the ritualists for trafficking in human parts. We praised the Lord for saving him.

**Ritualists kill people in order to use their body parts for "muti", i.e. African medicine. The body parts will often be taken while the victim is still alive. Often the sangoma will tell the client what parts are necessary for the spell, but will leave the deed up to the client. A Sangoma is the title used for traditional 'healers', though also referred to as soothsayer, spirit mediator, diviner or witchdoctor.*

Leaders Camp, Adelaide : 5—8 March 2020

Netty and I were fortunate indeed to be able to go to Adelaide, Australia to take part in the bi-annual Leaders Camp. There were some 400+ saints there and about 75 were from countries outside of Australia.

What I personally found very inspiring was the good news from Oceania, an area roughly E-NE from Australia which consists of about 25,000 volcanic or coral tropical islands, scattered over a vast area of the Pacific Ocean.



Pastors and wives being interviewed on stage



This camp was in progress when the Corona virus Covid-19 crisis was just starting to get a grip on the western world. We were able to go through an ambitious program without being distracted too much, yet.

The feedback after the camp was tremendously positive. To me it felt like being made ready for the difficulties to come, due to restrictions of our normal fellowship activities which were to follow directly afterwards.

For Netty and I, getting back home on the 20th of March was quite a miracle. We flew to Brussels, Ps Ben picked us up at the airport. We crossed the border, back into Holland, 20 mins before travel restrictions were going to be enforced by the army!

Ps Piet Visser



Pastor Chris from Hungary on stage



The Revival Fellowship in:

Almere, NL

This month we had two baptisms. An acquaintance of our sister Jeckline, Annerose received the Holy Spirit while she was on the phone with Ps. Rene. She lives in the northern part of Holland. The next day brethren went to visit and baptize her in her own bath. She was extremely glad to hear the true message that she had never heard like this before.

Also a school mate of brother Giano was born again. His name is Kosta. He was raised religiously but now hearing about the Gospel through sister Marscha he got interested, wanting to know more about the Truth and willing to act upon it.

We are glad to announce that little boy Amori Elias de Folter was born on the 13th of March.

We congratulate Wout, Priscilla and Elias and welcome Amori in our midst of our loving family in the Lord! We heard many encouraging and uplifting talks from our brethren this month during prayer and fast and an evening of mini talks. We enjoyed items one Saturday as well.

Physical distance (because of Covid-19) does not separate us in the Spirit and from the love of God! Romans 8:39. It makes us even more alert and creative to reach out to people who are wandering, having fear and many questions.

Fervently praying for different situations and for one another, we saw many miracles and brethren were healed of various things. We praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness.

Czech Republic

A big highlight of March was our Music Day, where we invited many guests. Two new families visited our event and fully enjoyed themselves. The music day was designed to give the children/adults an opportunity to try many different musical instruments, with the help of more experienced players. We started by learning how to make various rhythms on make-shift cajons, made from fruit boxes from the supermarket. They were a great hit! Then we broke up into smaller workshops and practised 2 songs on various instruments. To finish, each workshop got up on the stage and showed what they had achieved in a short time - there were impressive results, seeing that it was the first time for many people to



Music Day, Czech Rep

play these instruments! And of course, we shared the gospel with the two visiting families over coffee and cake. They had many questions, and we spoke for a long time. We didn't realise that this was our final Saturday activity for some time, due to the government's lock-down restrictions, but it was wonderful to know that we were able to share the gospel of hope with these families in tough times.

The following day, we held our Sunday meeting in the hall, and since that time we have been holding meetings online via YouTube and meeting rooms. One Saturday, we had a great time of sharing testimonies with a family from the Fellowship in India.

Testimony of brother Ranjith

Ranjith thought money was his top priority, until heard the gospel on the last day of his job from his boss. He was convicted by the truth, and wanted to take his girlfriend, Mandita, to visit the brother in the Lord.

However, they had previously promised each other that they would never try to change their religions, and so Mandita refused for some time. Finally, she agreed to go for 10 minutes, and stayed for 4 hours! They both got baptised and Spirit filled, got married and now have a happy family in the Lord.



Ranjith & Mandita

Dordrecht

We were uplifted by the weekend of prayer and fast at the beginning of this month. Following Sunday seven visitors attended our meeting. One of them got baptized. We enjoyed fellowship with our sister Julia from Frankfurt. She went to Australia for a gap year. During her stay in Melbourne in the summer of 2019 her family (pastor Chris and Penny Jose) witnessed to her and she came to the Lord. She recently came back to Frankfurt in Germany and visited us for a weekend. In these challenging times we are grateful to know that the Lord is always by our side. This is a good time to reflect and draw even closer to Him. We seek for new ways to connect, to look after one another and to be a testimony for the people around us.

'A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.'

(John 13:34-35)

France

We started off March in the best way, with a baptism! Sister Marie decided to be baptised after having attended meetings for a month or so, being already Spirit filled. A brother was sick that weekend and was experiencing chest pains, so he couldn't make it to the meeting. He had taken medicine but it didn't help. Another brother went to pray with him, and he felt better from then on. Later in the week he started to feel sick again, so he prayed, and again the pain went and didn't come back at all. Pastor Warren from North London came to visit us and gave an interactive talk on water, helping us to remember what a precious commodity the living water Jesus gave us is. Becky from North London also visited and arrived just as France went into lockdown, so she shared her testimony at our first on line meeting. She shared about praying for someone else's need: as sister was looking for a job after having decided to quit studies. She and Becky prayed and soon after the sister had not just one job interview, but three...the extra blessing was that Becky then had to drive her to each interview! Consequently the sister was able to start working straight after Summer holidays.



Dordrecht meeting with « social distancing » in place

The Revival Fellowship in:

Hungary

We have had one person baptized and receive the gift of the holy ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues in March.

One major testimony this month was the return of Abigail and Csongor who were in Australia and attempted to get back home. Their flights were booked and cancelled repeatedly. Even at the last moment nothing was certain as they had to change flights the day before they were due to fly and then had issues on each flight, sometimes not being allowed to board until someone appeared at the last minute and allowed them to do so, at other times from delays for many hours. On eventually returning home they discovered that from their departure airport, Adelaide, 6 people were diagnosed with the Corona virus and if they had left it one more day they would not have got back.

With Ps. Chris and family still in Australia we have been able to 'meet' and discuss all things using Zoom and other means of communication. We hold talks from Australia as well from Ps. Chris, our pastor and Ps. Chris Kernahan from Australia.

We are getting back to basics with ringing and supporting each other more on a daily basis, continually preaching to our family, friends and neighbours, and recording bible gems/nuggets that we discover to share and uplift each other.

We had our last baptism in the hall as we are moving out. This will lead to another great chapter in the work of the Lord.



After baptism, Hungary

Ireland

We have had an interesting month. We had outreach in Tralee during which our brother spoke to a man called Terry who then came to the Wednesday house meeting.

A brother who got baptised and spirit filled two years ago in Kerry, had struggled to do anything since. However since having regular meetings in Kerry, he had started to come along. He struggled to pray again in the Spirit. Then one Wednesday meeting, we prayed with him once again and he spoke fluently in tongues. It was a joyous moment for him to have that reaffirmation and for us too! Praise the Lord.

During the month, we also had a weekend visit from Martin & Emma and Krisztina from North London. We had an adventurous day out in beautiful Kerry despite the horrendous weather but we'd a lot of fun. We thoroughly



Ireland

enjoyed the fellowship throughout the weekend and the fact that our brethren managed to fit in the visit before the lock down, we were truly blessed! We look forward to bringing more news next month.

Liverpool

This month Tom was born again. We 'socially distantly' prayed with Tom and he received the Holy Spirit! He spoke in tongues just like the disciples. He got baptised by full immersion just after he received the Holy Spirit.

Denis shared a testimony this month: *"I was working as a bricklayer within a group of men. I would talk about the Lord. One man would laugh at the gospel. He had two young sons who had a rare blood condition. He would regularly need to leave work when they were hospitalised.*

I met him in the street with his wife and one of his sons. I offered to pray for the child who was sitting in a buggy. He said yes so I prayed quietly in the spirit while laying hands on him, he was very calm.

Some months later I met the man and his wife in the street they were with another young couple. I asked after the health of the child. His wife told me that they tried to think what other explanation there could be in their child's recovery but could find no other answer except that it was prayer and that God had healed their son. Something the doctors were unable to do. At the time of the prayer I was not at my best spiritually. God was faithful to his promise despite my lack. It's all about the message not the messenger!"

North London

On behalf of all the saints in North London I would like to thank you for all of your prayers and support during a challenging time. As you know, we have had many saints very sick, some confirmed with the virus. One of our brothers, Alan Campbell, who was a veteran of over forty years, fell asleep in the Lord in hospital after contracting Coronavirus. He had been battling cancer and other ailments for a number of years and had many healings



Brother Alan Campbell who passed away in the Lord, (photo left)

during that time. He told me that he was really happy and contented in the fellowship shortly before he was taken ill. His love for the Lord never wavered. The rest of the brothers and sisters are now recovering thanks to the Lord. We are enjoying our Skype meetings and also 'visits' from brethren from across the world. This has been very uplifting. We have managed some virtual breakfast or pizza fellowship. This is a good way of catching up in a more personal way. We have even put on a virtual concert. So, we have been strengthened through loads of prayer, sharing scriptures and keeping in touch. The work of the Lord goes on and we have several contacts.



North London

Rotterdam

The last couple of weeks have been different then ever before. Not being able to see each other in person made the bond between the saints even closer. There have been numerous scriptures sent back and forth, everyone trying to encourage one another. Online meetings, video calls, and lots and lots of prayer for each other.

A sister shared being worried about a situation. Whilst praying she was reminded of overcoming the exact same thing years before. She got complete peace: if the Lord had done it before, He will do it again. And He

The Revival Fellowship in:



Jani & Martin in Switzerland

did, praise His name. Another sister was sent for a scan for a suspected bowel infection. She prayed... the scan showed the all clear. Praise God for being ever present.

Switzerland

Praise the Lord, that our brothers Jani and Martin from our Hungarian Fellowship were able to visit us the first weekend of March. It was a very uplifting weekend with lots of Fellowship. We looked at many scriptures in the Bible, exchanged testimonies and did an outreach. We got a contact from a young man. Thanks for your support. Our sister Susanne moved back to Holland after many years, we will definitely miss her. In the middle of the month, Stephan and Zsuzsa flew to Budapest to support the Fellowship there. When they landed, there

was a media release in Hungary as well as in Switzerland. Due to the uncertain situation, they decided to fly back to Switzerland that same evening.

They had fellowship for 3 hours with a delicious meal and dessert. Thanks to everyone who took the extra effort to visit them quickly at Zoli and Angela's place. The presentation about relationships, which Stephan would have given on Saturday in Budapest, he then showed live via Internet. Since we are not allowed anymore to hold meetings in Switzerland, we get connected for our meetings online, as many others do. It is nice that brothers and sisters from Germany and Hungary can be with us at the meetings. Even Yasmine, who is still stuck in Australia, was online with us one Sunday meeting.

West London

This month has been an interesting month with the events of the world but none of it stopped us from moving forward, rejoicing and enjoying each other's fellowship, serving the Lord. Our sister Sarah Bangura had asked for prayer for the son of her neighbours who was in a coma after he broke his spine following a skiing accident. A week later, she testified that he was out of the

coma, was doing well and had started physio therapy. Praise the Lord.

Our sister Regina from Brazil gave her testimony. She is always preaching the word, going out on her own to outreach and looks after a small group of ladies including her mother. She always relates back to them the talks and testimonies she hears at our meetings. She is forever rejoicing and grateful, knowing that God is the one leading His Church.

We had a prayer and fast: 'Revival Fire Burns'. We heard encouraging talks with thought provoking statements: being able to be led and set on the right journey, not to let doubt cloud opportunities and that only Jesus-Christ gives hope, not the world.

Finally, we had great fun at a sports' evening where young and slightly older participated! All enjoyed feasting on pizzas afterwards!



Testimonies



I was brought up in a Pentecostal church back in Fiji. I was Spirit filled and was later baptised by a lady. My parents started a church and both were ordained as pastors. I had slowly started losing interest in going to church and became a so called Sunday Christian, I found it exhausting. Once I was on my way home in a bus thinking to myself if I get into an accident and die I would be destined for hell because at that time I was drunk. Dan who wasn't my husband at the

time used to encourage me with the Word of God and he pointed out that my parents' church was wrong. I finally went to my first meeting in January 2011 a week after my Dad had passed on. People were saying he was going heaven but I had never heard him speak in tongues, so I wondered where was he spending his eternity and it made me question my own walk with God. I went into the Lautoka fellowship. I knew no one so I walked in and sat right in the front. A little girl came up to me and asked me if I had been Spirit filled and baptised; I was blown away by her courage. Hearing everyone praying in tongues was strange for me because I never seen that happen. I later got baptised again in the fellowship. The next week I went to a Sunday meeting I met a friend of mine from highschool we were so excited to see each other that the chorus leader called us both up for an item. A year later I married Br Dan who had witnessed to me. We have 2 children. I have seen healings, miracles and God's protection over myself and family.

Anna, Yorkshire UK



I grew up in the evangelical Lutheran church, but in 2014 I left the church because we got a new pastor and I couldn't cope with it. Suddenly I felt a horrible emptiness in my heart, and I prayed to God that He would change my situation. Sister Katharina came back from her husband's care, we had known each other for a very long time. She told me the gospel ... that I must be born again.

In 2015, on the 27th of January, I was baptized by immersion and I received the Holy Spirit one day later, speaking in other tongues. Immediately I felt a wondrous warmth in my heart and my eyes shone. I was cured of migraines and knee pain (arthritis). I could hardly climb stairs before. After prayer I was able to forgive my youngest son. We now have a good relationship. I also prayed for my daughter-in-law because she couldn't fall pregnant. A short time later, she was pregnant.

In 2019 I was in physiotherapy getting lymphatic drainage. Suddenly my therapist asked me if I had noticed that my right lower leg feels hot and shines and a part on the shin was sensitive to pain. Those are symptoms of a deep vein thrombosis. She brought in three more therapists, who recognized the same. A rapid blood test and a Doppler examination was made. Both, however, negative. But I was referred to the vascular surgeon as an emergency. Shortly before the examination I had to go to the toilet and there I prayed to God for a healing.

The ultrasound and the pulse measurement showed: no thrombosis at all, although everything looked like it.

I thank God for everything.

Luise, Nurnberg, Germany