# Revival News





## European Monthly Report

## November 2022













November 2022 has been a busy month, starting with a coffee morning on the 3rd, and a pastors meeting on the weekend of the 12th hosted in Rotterdam. We were particularly pleased to have ps Ben Smith from Vancouver, Canada and ps Chris Kernahan from Australia honouring us with attending. All in all, we had 20 pastors and leaders attending and most got the chance to contribute some ministry, spread over our three venues, on the Saturday night and the Sunday meetings.

On The 17th some of us joined in via Zoom with the international council pastors meeting, hosted in Perth, West Australia. As always, there were issues to discuss and actions to be agreed upon.

Unity is a precious thing and hard to come by in this present world. It always needs to be worked at.

On the 18th we joined again, this time with a great number of pastors from all over the world. Many gave a short report of their local scene. It was again clear that there is a lot happening, everywhere, which is very exiting.

All in all, we can have great confidence in the general shape of the fellowship and it is abundantly clear that God is in overall charge of what is happening.

Pastor Piet Visser, RF Holland

#### Server News, November 2022

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#### Looking ahead:

Winter camp in Holland

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Please note: as always, you need approval from your local pastor/leader to visit other assemblies..

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#### **Editorial: Battle field earth**

There is a book and a movie with the title: "Battle field earth".

It is a science fiction movie/book about an invasion of this earth by aliens.

The author of this was:

Lafayette Ronald Hubbard (March 13, 1911 – January 24, 1986). He was an American writer, primarily of science fiction and fantasy stories, best known for founding the Church of Scientology.

The book, quite interesting, follows the usual pattern with good guys, bad guys, heroes and intrigue.

Lots of imagination and fantasy.

However, there is a reality that follows the same pattern, which we are always in the middle of.

The real danger, however, is not from outer space but from this Earth.

The battle on this earth is between two possibilities. Eternal life or eternal hell. And the main characters in this battle are God, Jesus and the devil with his angels.

In Revelation 12:7-9 we read about a battle in Heaven and how this battle moved to earth.

And about the final outcome of this battle in verse 10-12.

In Math 13: 24-25 we read HOW this battle on earth is waged.

The parable of the good seed and the bad seed.

And in verse 37 onwards, Jesus explains this some more.

Namely:

Mt 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered

and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the

end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Now, this sowing of the bad seed is still going on, and will continue till Jesus returns.

In Holland we have a saying, "it all depends on how you look at things"
This indicates that a happening, event or

issue is often not simply black and white but can be seen in different ways. A bit like having eye glasses with different lenses.

So, my "happy" glasses, my, "I cannot do this" glasses, my "critical glasses, my "angry" glasses etc.

So, where do all these glasses come from? Who gave me my current glasses, what can I see with them and/or what is filtered out?

Right now, in this mornings newspaper, the Word soccer Champion chip in Qatar. The government there wants the world to see it like this:



However, the reality is more like this following picture.



So, **MY** personal glasses, right now, where do they come from? Who gave them to me? Was it the ENEMY who gave them to me? Could I be having a distorted view of reality? All very valid and important questions.

When we are born again, baptised and spirit filled we get **PERFECT** glasses. It never takes long to get alternatives

offered by someone. The battle is on! The winners are the overcomers.



Ps Piet Visser

#### From the platform:

- In difficult times, solicit help from brethren
- Compassion is spiritual self-awareness
- Exercise power over your thoughts
- Worry keeps you busy with the wrong things
- The Lord makes no difference between his children. Why should we?
- God's word is a light. We see where we are going so we can stay on the right path.
- Man write history after it happens; God writes it before
- When we follow the Lord, it is obvious who we are
- We have received the same faith that Jesus Christ has.
- Our troubles can be a seed that grows into a miracle if we show faith.
- There is greater purpose beyond now.
- A life of signs, wonders and miracles.
- If we want a vision or direction from God, start by praying in the Spirit.

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## Revival across Europe and the UK

Baptisms in November: 1 in France, 2 in Hungary, 5 in the Netherlands (4 pictured), 1 in the UK

















Luke 15:7

"I say unto you,
that likewise
joy shall be in heaven
over one sinner
that repenteth"

## More from November



















## The Revival Fellowship in:



Almere
Spontaneous
outreaches
resulted in 2
people being
born again
this month,
praise the
Lord!
Sisters who
decided to go
for street
witnessing,
the Lord
brought

people on their paths that wanted to know His Word.

At the beginning of the month 5 brethren gave each 5-min-talks of persons in the bible that inspired them with

their characters. It was very nice to hear how 5 short talks formed one longer encouraging talk.

We greatly enjoyed a weekend of fellowship with the visiting pastors during the pastors meeting. We truly appreciate our pastors making the effort to keep and maintain the unity all around our fellowships in Europe. Thank you all for coming, your uplifting talks and for the fellowship.

We are glad to announce the birth of Nolan, little son of our brother and sister Evert and Sinthia. Welcome little one in our big and loving family in the Lord! Again it was time for prayer and fast weekend this month.

Many of us travelled down to Rotterdam on Saturday to pray and fast together. Unity in the Spirit is what makes us stronger, seeking the Lord with one heart, one soul and one mind.

Ps. Rene gave a presentation about part 4 of the book of Revelation in the bible. Revealing the decay of diverse religious empires and how the word of God started spreading around.

We are happy and keep on rejoicing, sowing the seed hoping to see

more souls to be saved.

#### Dordrecht

It was a great blessing to have so many brethren over from different assemblies for the leaders and pastors' conference in November. We enjoyed an uplifting

Saturday night with short talks from visiting pastors followed by great fellowship. Some inspirations from the short talks:

- Whatever you're going through, the Lord will pull you through. Keep going, beacuse He is with you.
- Don't let the circumstances dictate your attitude, you've got a choice, choose a spiritual attitude.
- Repentance brings forth sweet fruit: unity, victory, restoration.

The last Sunday of the month the children of the bible class held their own meeting. Great to see and hear them make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Sister Rita shared her testimony in their meeting, and the children asked her



questions afterwards. A great exchange of spiritual inspiration between young and old(er).

#### France

This month we gained a new sister— Marité. She has been attending meetings and observing for a couple of months now, and received the Holy Spirit a few weeks prior to getting baptised by full immersion. Now instead of just being an observer, she is part of this family of God; praise the Lord!

Sister Mari shared testimonies about 2 miraculous protections from a gas leak and carbon monoxide poisoning in their previous apartment.





We enjoyed our final Bible study with the Swiss saints. It has been such a blessing to meet up each month and be encouraged to "take steps in faith" - our theme for the year—through different scriptures. This month we read Actes 10, where Peter and Cornelius both trusted the vision that God gave them and it lead to many souls saved. No matter what we might think, God is always in control and He knows best!

#### Hungary

In November the first two Wednesday meetings happened in the town of Lajosmizse where we'll hold meetings every second Wednesday. Results so far are three receiving the Holy Spirit, two more very close to it and a number of guests at the local meetings. We are also having a time of revival just east of Budapest, where one of our oversight lives with his family. 5-6 people got born again there recently, some coming to the meetings happily and regularly. The word is truly spreading out. We're very excited to see how both new grounds will continue. Two people got baptised in the hall, both receiving the gift of the Holy spirit. One of them heard about our church from a man who was colleague of a woman who heard the gospel from a sister many-many years ago! Her search



## The Revival Fellowship in:



for the right church is so genuine she took hold of this distant message, contacted us to learn more, came to a meeting and got born again in a beautiful way. Outreaching on the streets of Budapest are

in full swing and new guests have heard the truth at many of our meetings. A sister was protected by God in a

dangerous situation almost resulting in a severe car accident. A brother praises the Lord for getting back money he lost by trusting someone he shouldn't have. An elderly brother prayed during an eye surgery that turned out longer and more painful than expected and

experienced the comfort of the Lord in a special way.



November started with the sad but honorable funeral of Pastor Martin - a great hour or so of service was very well done, a great reflection on our brothers good ways.

A day out in Sheffield park, about an hour's drive through Kent windy country roads to a park, which originally was a rich man's garden with every type of tree imaginable, designed to look wonderful in the Autumn, no doubt he knew what he was doing.

One Saturday was given over to a prayer and fast, we share that meeting with the Irish

We had our traditional winter day out in London with saints from the Bristol and London assemblies, for us its a pleasant train journey and walk around, British museum has an exhibition on Hieroglyphs - plenty to see, then fellowship in a cafe in nearby Russell Square.

Two new arrivals as well -Joshua, the son of Ajali and Chenerye was born on the 11th (?) and Poppy May was born to Dan and Alex on the 24th. Lots to give

thanks for.





The month of November started with an evening meeting with the Saints in Cape Town. We enjoyed testimonies from Brother Soko and Sister Rowena and items from the Suka family and sisters Renee and Alice. Brother Luke talked about 'Is it clean?' and Brother Marvin gave a talk entitled 'The kingdom of God is

not in meat and drink'. Good things were heard! A truly great evening of fellowship was enjoyed by us all and we really want to thank our brothers and sisters for their time and contributions. Our prayer and fast had the theme: 'Boldness to Speak the Word'. We heard that, when we talk to people, we do not need to worry about what to say as the Lord will always give us the words. There have been a couple of visitors/observers who attended a meeting following personal witnessing. The month ended with a fellowship dinner night which had an Asian theme. We all turned our hands to cooking and enjoyed dishes and flavours from all over South East Asia - delicious! Ps Jim shared a presentation on the Revival Fellowship Assemblies across this region and the amazing growth they have enjoyed in 2022. What a great month!

#### Rotterdam

Hallo Brethren, November saw three baptisms, all glory to God to who provides the increase! We started off the month

with a short talk evening, two brothers gave a 15 min talk each. One talk was about serving the Lord in joy and the other talk was about being obedient to God. There was a pastors meeting weekend in the Netherlands, and it was kicked off with a dinner for all the pastors and their wives on the Friday evening. A small group of saints cooked for them all, it was a very good night. To balance out all the eating we had a prayer and fast the weekend following. Spiritual food galore! A presentation was held the last Saturday of the month about the Holy Spirit after the outreach in the afternoon. We are always looking for opportunities to witness and to bring in visitors to meetings. Mark 16:15!!

#### **West London**

This month we baptised Matilda who had been praying to receive. There were beaming smiles and joy all round. We have also had an ongoing visitor after a new sister started joining our weekly outreaches without fail and gave him an invitation. Great encouragement. We kicked of the month with a prayer and fast where two of our young brothers, James 11 and Jermaine 12, gave talks. Both talks were filled with encouragement in always trusting in the Lord who never leaves our side and coming to Him with a willing heart and faith.

We also had a brunch where not only good food was shared but recent testimonies and scriptures that personally matter.



### Visitors from Canada, Australia and all over Europe.



#### **Testimonies**

I was not brought up believing in God. I just thought that everyone had good and bad characteristics. I also believed in ghosts and all that kind of stuff.

Years ago I met Antti when walking my dog. Soon we started dating and moved in together. One day when Antti was working, I was packing his things and I found a box full of English testimony pamphlets and a bible. I asked him about it and he said that it was the best time of life, but didn't want to talk about it because he was ashamed that he left the Lord. I had

to wait until his aunt Ritva and her husband KariMati from Perth came to Finland. They answered every question I had and when they left I could sense the peace in our house for the first time ever. I said that I wanted that too and some months later Antti baptised me and soon after that I prayed for the Holy Spirit and received speaking in tongues. After that I have experienced many miracles, healings and can count on Lord everyday in my life. Two miracles to mention: I prayed for Antti's mother who had hours to live and after prayer she was revived and lasted longer than expected. I also prayed for God to protect my Father because he drank and one day whilst in his car, a train slipped off the track and hit him in the car at 140km and he was pushed along by the train. He had to be cut out of the car with only a broken shoulder, he should've been killed! (Some weeks later someone else was killed when struck at 80km!) Praise the Lord! Our daughter Nina also got born again and we had a huge blessing in October when the 3 of us went to Autumn Camp in Ireland. It was so great to see the brothers and sisters face to face and meet new brethren too. We really had a wonderful uplifting camp. Praise the Lord.

Stiina, Finland



I heard about being born again from my Aunt Ritva whilst I was in prison in Germany.

I come from an alcoholic family . I was sent to a foster home, they were Pentecostal. So while I was living with them I heard about God, but not the complete Truth. When I was 16 years old moved and then lived by myself. Living alone soon changed me and at the age of 17-18, I started to be involved with all sorts of drugs etc. I tried several times to quit, but it was hopeless. My life started to be in a position that I had debts and I tried to smuggle drugs. We were caught and imprisoned in Germany. It was an extremely tough time. I could

not get rid of this thought about God and what He could give me, after my aunty wrote to me and explained what God had to offer for each of us.

Then on the 19th of December 2003 (the best night in my life by far). On that night I sought the Lord from the bottom of my heart, with all my strength. I started to say these amazing sounds that I could not understand; speaking in tongues. I felt very light, all the heaviness was gone, all fears were gone. I felt unspeakably free. All the desires for smoking, drugs, swearing, immorality etc. were gone, simply taken away.

I started to read the Bible and pray diligently and when doing so my understanding grew and I learnt to know the Lord better. I was baptised by full immersion 5 months later in prison by my uncle. It, too, was a miracle as they were allowed to come into the very heart of the prison, where no citizens have ever been allowed to come before. We prayed about it as there was only one bath tub there.

I prayed and gave thanks to the Lord everyday all the time, and then one day I heard that my sentence was reduced by ten months! Praise the Lord.

Antti, Finland