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News, photos and testimonies from Revival Fellowship assemblies around the world

Introduction

We've got plenty of news for you in this issue. We start off with the big event of the year, the International Convention, held in Adelaide, Australia, back in June. It was wonderful. So many miraculous testimonies, blessings and the endless fellowship. All capped off with a couple of dozen baptisms.

Next we take you to some new assemblies and outreaches in places like Nepal, Aurora ("Where's that?" I hear you asking), Broome, Papua (not PNG), Poland, Changchun and, of course, Rukum-beri (!).

There are articles from overseas rallies and some wonderful testimonies too.

Some of you have asked us how the saints in Christchurch are getting on after the massive New

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Zealand earthquakes. We have some news on that for you too.

There are far too many amazing and miraculous things happening in the Spirit-filled church for us to ever hope to bring them all to you. Nonetheless, we hope you enjoy catching up with just a few items of news from around the world in your fellowship.

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised . . . One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts" (Psalm 145).

Convention June 2011

The Revival Fellowship's International Convention has gone biennial for the moment. The latest one was held in Adelaide over the long weekend in June—and what a ripper it turned out to be!

Over 2000 saints from far and wide packed the Adelaide Convention Centre for a weekend of fabulous testimonies, talks, musical items and reports from around the world. About 450 saints

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We believe in the infallibility of the Bible.

We believe Jesus Christ is the son of God.

We believe the gospel of His death, resurrection, and directive to repent, be baptised and receive the Holy Spirit.

We believe we are baptised into the Body of Christ (the Church) through the Holy Spirit, with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues.

We believe in the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

We believe in prayer for the sick and healing by the power of God.

We believe the Bible identifies modern nations and gives signs of the imminent return of Jesus Christ.

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What is this about?

You may be reading about this church for the first time and wondering about the references to people being baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit. What is this about?

Reports of people being baptised in rivers, oceans and tubs of water in front of onlookers may seem a little strange. And yet baptism by full immersion is normal in the Bible. In Bible days, those who believed in Jesus Christ (never babies) did this to demonstrate genuine repentance from their old, sinful lives. It is a turning point—a commitment to give up our own ways, to bury our old life, and to follow God.

You may also be curious about the frequent references to people “receiving the Holy Spirit,” and people who are “Spirit-filled.” If you are wondering why it sounds like a specific and visible experience, the answer is because it is. Receiving the Holy Spirit is evidenced by a miracle: you “speak in other tongues”. That is, you suddenly speak to God in a language you have never learnt. So when you read of people in this newsletter who have received the Holy Spirit, it means they have all had that same experience: they have all spoken with tongues. You can read about it at the beginning of the Church (see Acts 2:4) and throughout the New Testament.

Receiving the Holy Spirit is necessary to enter the Kingdom of God, and brings miracles and the power of God into our lives.





A meeting at the convention



Pr Esteves from Brazil flanked by saints from Western Australia



Some of the Chinese saints from Tasmania and Adelaide

travelled in from the UK, USA, Holland, Fiji, PNG, New Zealand, Africa and elsewhere, with many of them taking up the Adelaide assembly's kind offer of billeting, making the visit very economical. Pr Esteves made the trip over from Brazil—his first in a long while—and we were all thrilled to hear reports of his assembly of 2900 folk firsthand.

The convention theme of "Jesus is Still the Answer" was a great one for getting out and evangelising the unsaved, and revival was in the air as 23 visitors took the plunge and were baptised over the weekend. Another five were baptised at the meetings on the Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The South Australian Monday public holiday on June 13 provided the opportunity for barbecues at three of the suburban Revival Halls, followed by an exuberant performance of the long-running play "Don't Knock Noah" at the Vogue hall in Kingswood on Monday night. Superb entertainment and a superb message!

A volcanic ash cloud floating in from Chile delayed flights out of Adelaide but it didn't spoil a thoroughly enjoyable time for all. Visitors were glowing in their praise of the Adelaide assembly's wonderful hospitality and a fantastic weekend.

Fellowshipping after the rally at the Adelaide Convention Centre





A Council Meeting in progress

Council Meetings

As usual, we held the latest round of the Revival Fellowship's Council meetings in Adelaide in the lead-up to the International Convention. For the first time in a while, we managed to gather all 10 council pastors together for the meetings which covered all the usual topics: revival around Australia and around the world, updates on all our mission areas, and a variety of other questions and administrative issues.

Many items from the mission reports that we discussed are found later in this report. There's revival and "good news" from all over the world. Praise the Lord.

It was great to continue on the Friday with the all-day Annual Pastors Meeting, where 70 leaders came together to chat about the state of the fellowship, problems encountered, issues resolved, etc. It was the largest gathering of pastors we have ever had. We were thrilled to have five visiting PNG pastors and six Fijian pastors. It was also great to sit and chat about the fellowship in Brazil with Pr Esteves who made it to convention for the first time in many years.

Pr Godfrey Wippon updated the council on the expanding work in PNG. The fellowship there con-

tinues to grow at a fast clip with several thousand baptisms each year. Another item of note was Pr Godfrey explaining that all financial support for him and his churches now comes entirely from within PNG. This is good news and highlights the importance of supporting third-world works until they can carry the load themselves. This then releases funds for other new countries.

In summary, our Chairman, Pr John Kuhlmann, reported that the fellowship is at its "best ever around the world—unity and revival are strong throughout the fellowship."

Pan African Rally August 2011

In August saints from across Africa assembled in Kenya once again for the third Pan African Rally. As well as leaders from all of our East African assemblies, this year we were joined for the first time by brother Teddy, who is in charge of our fellowship in Liberia, and brother Pierre from Uganda. Other visitors came from the UK, Holland and Australia to meet with the African brethren and experience a wonderful time of blessing and encouragement.

Before the rally got underway, five days were spent in the port city of Mombasa fellowshipping with the local saints and conducting a series of

The 2011 Annual Pastors Meeting in full swing



Baptism in Mombassa



pastors and leaders meetings. Much of the discussion centred on ways of supporting revival in each country as the Word of God spreads. Plans were put in place for visiting the new works in Malawi and Uganda, and several projects were suggested with a view to helping each region improve its level of self-sufficiency.

Our Dutch visitors spoke to two locals who were baptised there and then. They both received the Holy Spirit, with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues.

The rally itself was held at a secondary school in Makindu, about halfway between Nairobi and Mombasa. There were a few headaches as the school board changed the rally dates at the last minute and unfortunately some of the visiting pastors had to leave before the rally was finished.

The rally theme was “Overcoming”. Rally attendance was down slightly due to the Kenyan drought, but about 300 saints gathered to share four days of teaching and rejoicing. Not even a bus accident on the way to join the rally could dampen their enthusiasm—one bus travelling from the Kisasi area rolled over completely, but none of the saints were injured!

There were plenty of talks and encouragement from the Word of God, and later in the day there was time for sports for the energetic, or opportunities to just talk and exchange testimonies for others. It was great to experience the unity of the brethren as they focused on building themselves up, ready to go on consolidating God’s work on the African continent.



Some of the Kenyan pastors at the rally



Pan African Rally soccer match



International leaders and visitors



The crowd after the Sunday meeting

Fiji Rally

On the topic of rallies, the Fiji Rally was held on 27–28 August and was well attended by the Fijian brethren—around 700 folk made it. It was held at a school in the suburbs of Suva. There were five visitors from Australia, who tell us they had a great time with the Fijian brethren.

The theme for the weekend was “Are You in the Right Ship?” and proved good for evangelism.

There were 21 baptisms at the rally—one of their best results in recent years.

On the Friday night there was a gathering of the “Coffee Ladies” groups from various assemblies. They visit the local hospital during the week to offer prayer for the sick. The ladies are well respected by the hospital with many testimonies of healing and salvation. The ladies also get together to share in baking, exchanging recipes, sewing, visiting sisters in remote regions, some aerobics and a quarterly retreat with prayer and fasting and Bible studies with the pastor. The unity and love for doing the work of God was really in evidence at the meeting.

Saturday started with outreaching in a nearby park with an open-air stage, singing, testimonies and preaching the Word. There were plenty of items, testimonies, talks and fellowship over the Saturday and Sunday with each day concluding late in the evening. Over the weekend many Fijian visitors received the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in tongues, and on Sunday afternoon 17 folk were baptised, many with tears of joy streaming down their faces as they solemnly made their commitment to God.

A couple of testimonies heard at the rally:

Brother Bella from Lautoka was going to join the priesthood until he heard the gospel, was baptised and filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues. He now works in the hospital and regu-



The main rally



Pastor Akuila with lunch?



One of many baptisms at the rally



The main banner



A lovely item by Fijian saints

larly gives his testimony to his patients resulting in 50 of them becoming Spirit-filled and many seeing miraculous healings.

Sister Susanna, a school teacher from Suva, gave her testimony of how she belonged to a traditional Protestant church and believed in God. Yet she felt like she was living her life in a dark dungeon. She heard the “signs following” gospel, was baptised and Spirit-filled, speaking in tongues—and her whole life changed for the better.

Pr Terry Coles from the Gold Coast assembly went to the rally and reports:

“The whole rally was a very rewarding and uplifting experience. Our Fiji church is healthy and well. The number of assemblies has grown from 12 not that long ago to 17 centres.

“Construction is expected to start soon on a church hall at Nadi which has been funded by donations from Australian church members. Life is still a financial struggle in Fiji and the support given from Australian assemblies is deeply appreciated and producing great results for the furtherance of the gospel. Australian attendance is regarded as vital for these rallies.”



Pr Godfrey clowning around with a gift from the Australians

PNG news and National Rally

The 2011 PNG Rally was held in Tari from 17–27 September, 2011. Pr Daryl Hounslow of Perth, Western Australia attended and he reports as follows:

“On 27 September 2011, 16 of us arrived in Port Moresby on our way to Tari in the southern highlands of PNG. We spent two nights in Port Moresby, attending the Sunday meeting at suburban Nine Mile. We received a very warm welcome and marvelous fellowship. About three thousand attended the meeting that day with 113 visitors. After the meeting there were 15 folk baptised in the ocean.

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Sunday meeting with 3000 saints at Pt Moresby





Testimony of Brother Annis

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There were many miraculous testimonies at the PNG Rally. One of the more amazing ones is from brother Annis. His testimony is long but we have summarised his written and spoken testimony for you as follows:

Annis was once a “rascal” (criminal); attacking and killing others and living a life of drugs and drinking. Recently, he converted and became a Christian.

Last year his tribe was assaulted in a massive “payback” and he and many others were attacked with machetes, guns and knives by tribal enemies. The villagers tried to flee but Annis was caught along with others hiding in long grass as the massacre progressed. They found him and he prayed to God in tongues as he knew he was about to die. He was brutally attacked and suffered massive injuries and finally passed out.

His body was gathered up some eight hours later, along with seven others when the local government authorities arrived. Initially they thought he was dead and strapped his damaged arm and leg to his body with string. But he had a faint heart beat so one of the church leaders who was there prayed over him. A large cut down the centre of his face closed up. They put his body on a stretcher made of sticks and transported him by truck to Mendi hospi-

tal, where he remained substantially untreated over the weekend. The saints from the Mendi assembly came in and prayed over him. From the Monday the doctor took a few days to sew up merely the exterior of each wound.

In three weeks he was recovered: muscles working, blood vessels connected, nerves and spinal cord functioning. His written testimony records that “The doctor was speechless and commented, ‘You were chopped up like a pig; when I wanted to sew your neck up, it was hanging by the tendons’”.

Annis was miraculously restored by the power of God. There appears no other explanation as to how his muscles and tendons, etc are now working. To this day he can contort his left arm and it is clear the humerus is still in two parts. Similarly, his leg bones too were chopped through. The former damage around his neck too is clearly visible. One of the brothers from Australia commented, “Some of us were so astonished, we spoke to him afterwards to double check and make sure we understood the extent of his wounds. It is miracle he is alive.”



The rally at Tari





Another shot of the rally at Tari

“The following day we flew the one and a half hours to Tari. Upon arrival we were greeted by hundreds of saints. As they sang and rejoiced we introduced ourselves to every one of the brothers and sisters present. It was a very humbling experience.

“Monday through Thursday we were in the market places outreaching and inviting the locals to the weekend National Rally. On the Friday all the visiting PNG saints from the various districts (some folk had walked for two weeks to attend the rally) marched together in their various district colours, with banners held high and much singing and praising the Lord to the market place where the rally was being held.

“The column stretched for over one kilometre. It was a breathtaking sight.

“Pastor Godfrey Wippon officially opened the PNG National Rally with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Thousands of saints were present and hundreds of visitors attended each day. With fiery preaching and wonderful testimonies of the healing power of God the Word was confirmed with signs, wonders and miracles: the lame walked, the dumb spoke, the insane were made whole, drug addicts were set free from their addictions and there was a very dramatic healing when someone was raised from the dead.

“In all, 135 folk were baptised and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

“All the folk from Australia were impressed with the love of the brethren and the respect for one another in the fellowship. The work of God through the Holy Spirit was truly evident.

“Without doubt, our visit to Port Moresby and Tari will remain with us forever—fond memories of the wonderful, warm welcome and the care and consideration we received wherever we went.

“Praise the Lord.”

While we’re still in PNG, a couple of other recent items of interest include a new one-thousand-seat church built almost entirely from local rock at Mt Wilhelm with all funds provided locally. The community was amazed at what the saints could achieve without any government or outside help.

Another item of interest is that the fellowship is so well known and respected throughout PNG that Pr Godfrey Wippon regularly contributes to columns in two national newspapers free of charge to the church. (See the example below.)



The new stone church at Mt Wilhelm, and one of Pr Godfrey's articles



More saints at the rally



From crack rock to Jesus

My name is Leninha. I was abandoned as a child by my parents. My life has been marked by deception. As a teenager I joined the world of drugs and was on a path filled with disillusionment, sorrow and despair. One day I was invited to attend a Revival Fellowship service near my house, and that was the day I found the answers to my life.

I was baptised, received the gift of the Holy Spirit and he completely revolutionised my life.

Today I have a blessed family. Amen!



What is crack rock?

“Crack rock is the freebase form of cocaine that can be smoked. In purer forms, crack rocks appear as off-white nuggets with jagged edges. Also known simply as “crack”, it became popular in the impoverished, inner-city neighbourhoods of New York, Los Angeles and Miami in 1984 and 1985. Crack cocaine is popularly thought to be the most addictive form of cocaine and one of the most addictive forms of any drug.” (Wikipedia)

The disastrous effects of crack cocaine addiction are well documented amongst the desperate and poor around the world.

Brazil

We were fortunate to have Pr Esteves at convention this year in June and he filled us in on what has been happening in Brazil. At a spiritual level it sounds amazing. Revival and miracles abound.

He is taking care of about 2900 saints in the Fortaleza assembly and supervising another 1000 saints out at the villages around Gadelha.

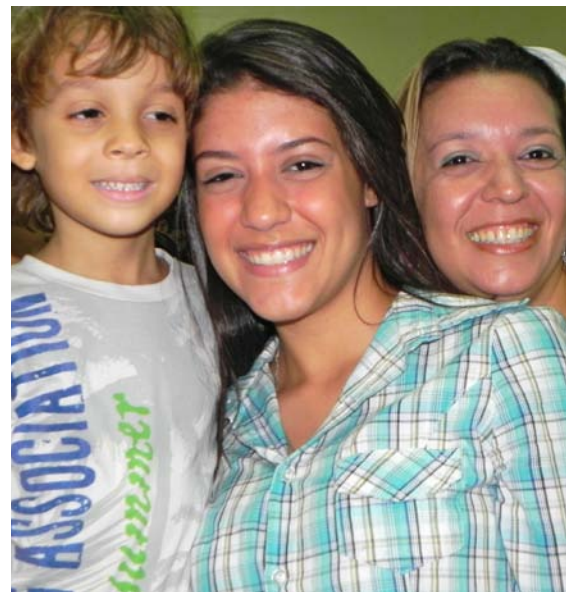
By way of example, they recently had 80 baptisms on 18 September and 56 just recently on 2 October. There are regularly weekends with large numbers of folk being baptised and receiving the Holy Spirit as the revival continues unabated.

At a social level it still sounds rather frightening, with ongoing unrest and violence. Just prior to coming to convention, Pr Esteves described being caught in an armed ambush in his vehicle at a crossroad in town. The driver of the vehicle immediately in front was shot. Pr Esteves narrowly escaped with his life, turning into an oncoming bus to escape. In addition, he has been unable to travel to the country assemblies at all since February due to the danger of highway bandits. We look forward to the time when it will be safe for us to visit his assemblies again.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him and I am helped...” (Psalm 28:7).

New truck

The greatest Mission Fund support at the moment goes to Brazil. We are looking to help them with self-sufficiency projects and aiming to eventually



Some of the happy saints in Brazil



October 9 Sunday meeting—those awaiting baptism queue along the wall, up the stairs and into the crèche!

move them off support. They bought a truck to transport bananas from the farm back in June, partly funded by them and partly by the Mission Fund. This has drastically raised revenue from the banana project which currently supports four full-time pastors and covers many costs out at the country fellowship.

While on the topic of the country assemblies around Gadelha, Pr Esteves tells us that the local council now provides three teachers in our classrooms during the week. (The four classrooms, attached to the church, were built with funds from Australia.) This is part of efforts to raise education standards for poorer people. Two of those teachers are Spirit-filled and in our fellowship. In addition, many families are coming to the Lord in this area as a result of these children inviting their parents along.

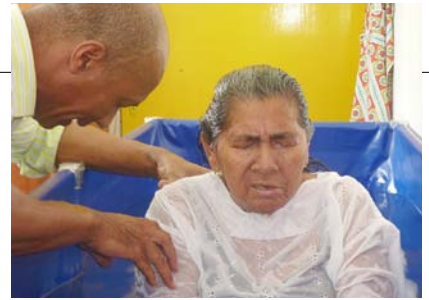
In closing, Pr Esteves reiterated his appreciation for all the practical, financial and spiritual help that he and the Brazilian fellowship have received. Next year marks the 25th anniversary of the fellowship.

Leninha's testimony on page 10 reminds us why we are helping in whatever way we can. The needs in Brazil are great and we must continue helping them through the Mission fund. You may never get to Brazil—but you can be part of the action by contributing here. Thank you.



The new secondhand truck





Baptisms in Surinam

Surinam

We've brought you snippets from Surinam before. Here is an update from Pr Pieter Visser of Holland: "Surinam is a former Dutch colony located on the north-eastern corner of South America. There are a large number of people from Surinam living in Holland, including the Halfhide family in the Dordrecht assembly: Wim, Hortence and his children.

"The Surinam story began in September 2007 when Wim's sister in Surinam had been praying for a sign during a crisis in her life. The same day, Wim, who had not spoken to her for 14 years, decided to try and contact his sister. After a bit of detective work, he found her phone number and told her the gospel. This was followed by prayer over the phone and, to her surprise, she received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.

"Wim went to Surinam to baptise her. During that visit, seven more people were born again of water and Spirit. Wim returned to Holland and a period of "long distance" follow-up with tapes, videos and mp3 files followed.

"At the end of 2009 there was a phone call from Wim's nephew who wanted to learn more about the Lord. Wim went there again in February 2010 to give some encouragement. During this visit three more people were born again and they asked Wim to consider moving back to Surinam to help them.

"Wim says that since making the decision many blessings have fallen into place, including cheap accommodation with room to run meetings and a job as a gym manager.

"The Lord has continued to bless with regular baptisms and the establishment of the new fellowship."

Poland

In other news from Europe there is now a small outreach in Poland. A family were baptised in Rotterdam and Pr Pieter Visser of Holland has provided us with some details:

"Artur was working in Holland with his family back in Poland. After Artur came in contact with us, his wife Anja and two daughters came to visit him in Holland for one week. Anja and the two

The saints in Poland gather for fellowship with Pr Bert



daughters were baptised in the Rotterdam assembly and the two daughters received the Holy Spirit which changed their lives instantly. Anja had already received the Holy Spirit previously. Upon seeing the difference in his wife, Artur decided to be baptised. He too had received the Holy Spirit previously.

“After this visit, the family went back to Poland while Artur stayed behind to finish his contract. He went back to Poland in July 2011 and is now there to stay.”

They are in Bielsko-Biala in the very south-east of Poland and have started spreading the gospel, inviting folk to their regular house meetings. (Poland is a country of just over 38 million with a deeply Roman Catholic population.)

Since the return several folk have been baptised including a young lady, Joanna, whose husband is in the Rotterdam assembly and Artur’s mother who was baptised during the recent visit by Pastor Bert and his wife Klaasje.

Arrangements have been made with a local radio station and newspaper (with a coverage of one million listeners) to spread the Good News and invite people to visit the house meetings.

Our brother Artur is currently the only person who speaks English, so communications are limited. There is a need for more workers in Poland as the people have a real hunger for the gospel. Any takers?

If you have friends or relatives near Bielsko-Biala please pass on your contacts to Pr Pieter.

Please keep our Polish brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Papua

Over the last twelve months or so, a group of a couple of hundred folk have been baptised in the remote Eastern province of Indonesia called Papua (formerly known as Irian Jaya or West Irian).

The work there has spread across the border from PNG and has taken root in several towns among local natives.

Pr Deane Clee of Coober Pedy has visited several times to help them settle in and smooth the way with the authorities. He tells us they have now been sent a young pastor from PNG, Ken, to supervise the work. (He is a single man, 23 years of age.) It is important to proceed with sensitivity in this, the largest Muslim nation in the world.



Joanna’s baptism



Wieslawa’s baptism



Pastors William and Deane in Papua

Africa

There were several visits around the African assemblies over the last couple of months including those by Pr Ron Carslake of Cape Town and Pr Brian Allen of Mt Gambier. The main article is that of the third Pan African Rally in Kenya (see above). But we also pass on snippets from some of the other countries they visited.

Zambia

The photo shows the saints just out of Solwezi at Mutukutuku. This is a fairly new area for us. A young man named Alex is in charge of the centre. The local chief has given us some land there to farm and they have started planting already.

The Zambian Revival Fellowship continues to grow and stabilise. The main town centres now are Ndola, Kitwe, Solwezi, Mwinilunga, Mufumbwe and Zambezi, and many of them have obtained their own land for a church hall.

In many African countries owning a hall is an important sign to the local community. It signals commitment and a genuine interest in the welfare of members. The surprising quid pro quo (for Westerners) is to see how readily local chiefs offer land for the church to establish small enterprises.

Solwezi and Mufumbwe have their halls whilst Ndola, Mwinilunga and Zambezi are each in the process of building one. Kitwe assembly is hoping to obtain their land shortly.

Rwanda

The new hall at Mutunderi is up and running (see photo). About 70 saints gathered for this special meeting with visitors from Australia.

Inside the new hall at Mutunderi



Saints at Mutukutuku



Open air meeting about to begin at Rukumberi

In other news the local government has given the church six acres of land to promote self-sufficiency and they plan to grow pineapples.

The photo shows another new area, Rukumberi. The Australian visitors were initially told by the authorities we were to hold no meetings here. They subsequently relented, on the proviso that we buy some land to build a hall and so confirm our bona fides. That process has now begun. We had three baptisms on a recent visit. The snap shows the local saints relaxing just prior to the meeting getting underway.

Burundi

Pr Brian and the crew also visited Burundi where brother Desire is the man in charge.

The work is progressing steadily and Desire is looking to go to two new areas in October to preach.

On a practical note, in Mutaho he has bought six pigs and is hoping to start a modest breeding programme there for the church.

Uganda

At the beginning of August Pr Ron Carslake travelled to Uganda to spend six days in Kampala and meet with a brother and sister there. Sister Rose was baptised in London a number of years ago,



Preparing to build the hall at Mutaho



A baptism at Mutaho—many workers in the fields have come to watch

but had to return to Kampala in 2009. Another brother, Pierre, was baptised in Rwanda in 2010, and has been looking to move to Uganda to establish both his business and the Lord's work there.

Together they met with various friends and family members, as well as other contacts from some brethren in the West London assembly. Over the six days five people were baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit. They have now started fellowshiping together at the home of one of the new sisters, along with two others who were baptised earlier this year.

While he was in Kenya attending the Pan African Rally, Pr Ron appealed for the help of the Kenyan pastors in following up the new saints in Kampala. Pr Joseph from Nairobi will visit them to assist in establishing regular meetings based on sound teaching from the Word of God.

Liberia

Our ever intrepid brother Jan Pieter from Holland sent in this report on his Liberia visit in May.

"We just returned from Liberia; I was there with Pr Ron Carslake and brother Matthew from Hungary. We had a good time and things are going well. We had 18 baptisms during our short stay; most received the Holy Spirit while we were there. At the Sunday meeting there were about 50 taking communion plus 40 children.

"I have included some photos of another area in Monrovia, where we had a bit of revival. It's called Duport Road. Sadly, it is infamous in Liberia for some massacres that took place there during the civil war.

"In all, twelve of the people who were baptised were from Duport Road. At the end of May they branched out with their new centre and held their first local meeting."



Pierre and Rose with Jackson (centre) newly baptised and Spirit-filled



Saints from Duport Road holding their baptism certificates



Johnsonville Sunday meeting



Angie's grandmother being baptised



Brother Ian baptising Melba's daughter-in-law and niece (wearing the white shirts)



India (brother Vijay is in the orange shirt)

Asia

Singapore

Pr Colin Tan reports that the assembly is doing well with quite a number of baptisms this year.

“Of note was sister Angie’s grandmother. She was 90 years old and was very much on her last legs. Angie’s grandma received the Holy Spirit in hospital on Tuesday 31st May. The nurses insisted baptism by sprinkling as ‘that’s what other churches do’ under such circumstances. They would not budge even though the family was happy to sign an indemnity. The family went home and prayed. The next day they approached the doctor in charge of her case and there was a dramatic change in attitude. They even brought the bathtub into her room. Madam Tan was baptised on 1st June. We have a saying here, ‘The Lord does not need us to make excuses for him’. Madam Tan passed away on the Friday morning.”

The Singapore website is being reorganised to cover more Asian languages, including video testimonies. See it at <http://www.revivalfellowship.asia/>. That’s worth bearing in mind should you come across Chinese speakers when evangelising.

Philippines

Pr Colin reports that there is a new assembly at Aurora in the Philippines:

“The work in this new area was initiated through sister Melba. She was told the gospel by sister Chwee Kim while working in Singapore. After Ian Watt married Chwee Kim in December 2010 they left for Aurora to baptise Melba’s immediate family. They stayed for about 10 days.

“Initially Ian baptised 18, but there are now over 30 baptised.

“The saints need grounding and encouragement; most of them are farmers and speak a different dialect. The area is about 10 hours away by public transport from Manila.”

Please pray for them.

India

Pr Colin tells us that the new Hyderabad meeting started when brother Vijay and his wife Nalini moved there because of work. They have baptised about 14 since then.

“I visited them in April and spent eight days with them. A young brother name Ranjith, in his late 20s and his fiancé Nanditha are very evangelical. They have witnessed to most of the people bap-

tised. While I was there, we witnessed to a family in an area about two hours away. They have come to know about us through their daughter, Mumtaz. She met Ranjith when she was stuck in a transport strike while visiting Hyderabad. She was witnessed to by Ranjith and came to the Lord readily. Her family was eagerly waiting for our visit and very readily accepted the Word and received the Holy Spirit. They are quite tired of the Hindu rituals and pseudo “Christian” milking for charity. We could not baptise them because of the lack of facilities. They will travel to Hyderabad to be baptised. We baptised two others while I was there.

“Shortly after I left, Nanditha traveled back to her city in Bengal and witnessed to her sister. The sister received the Holy Spirit and was recently baptised in Hyderabad. I should be back in November to do their wedding.”

Nepal

“The work here was started through brother Israel. Israel was saved in Manila. He went back to Katmandu to do the Lord’s work. He has been back for about two years. He has baptised 13 so far.

“I joined Pr Manuel, Maria and Lin after Hyderabad. We were in Katmandu for 10 days. While we were there we did two weddings, had a camp and there was one baptism.

“The political situation in the country is delicate and brother Israel reported they were not even able to come together for meetings recently because of a lack of fuel in the country.

“I returned to Nepal in September. We had three baptisms during the week. We met up with a parliamentarian who knew Israel from childhood. He is impressed by the change in Israel’s testimony. He offered to help us as Nepal is still a Hindu country. With his help, Israel has now been able to officially register The Revival Fellowship Nepal. The gentleman has asked us for input on ‘freedom of religion’ for their constitution.

“There are now about a dozen meeting regularly each week. Each Saturday they have a prayer and fast for revival.”

China

While we’re in the general area, Pr Paul Nobel tells us there has been a bit of Chinese revival.

“We’ve had a number of mainland Chinese folk saved here in Adelaide over the last year or two. The parents of one of our Chinese brothers, Peter, came to Australia for his wedding and both ended up being baptised and Spirit filled. His mother had been a Buddhist—she found the peace she was looking for when she received the Spirit. His father had no belief in God, but certainly knows the Lord now.

“As a consequence, Kathy and I, plus two translators in the Lord—Peggy from Hong Kong and Heather from our Singapore assembly—went to Changchun in north-eastern China to follow them up. While there I ended up baptising another two relatives, both of whom received the Holy Spirit.

“They all now tune into the Singapore Mandarin meetings by Skype twice each week.”



Camp Nagarkot, Nepal (brother Israel second from left)



Heather, Kathy, Peggy and Pastor Paul about to take off



A baptism in Broome



After the baptism



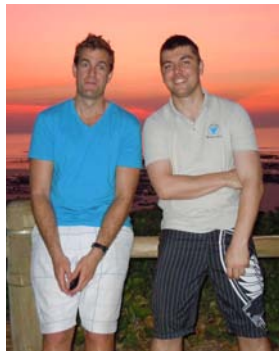
Another baptism



What hinders me to be baptised?



And another baptism



Josh and Jeff, in Broome to help

Western Australia

Broome

A mini revival broke out last month in far North Western Australia with the baptism of 11 folk in Broome.

The Perth assembly had its first outreach ever there one year ago. It's *very* remote. The famous outback pearling town is even remote in Western Australian terms—it's about 2000 km from its own state capital. Last September baptisms were delayed when beaches were closed due to a crocodile lurking at the fringe of the main Cable Beach swimming spot. This time the saints were a little wary with the arrival of this interesting sea snake at our favourite baptism spot (see photo).

Please pray for the new saints there and that the Lord turns this outreach into an assembly full of local Broome folk who find the true “pearl of great price”.

New saints and visitors gather at one of the first meetings



New Zealand

Auckland

Auckland has purchased a commercial building very close to where they are meeting which they are turning into a hall.

Pr Wayne Edwards tells us, “As of 2nd March, Auckland has its own hall in Ellerslie. It requires some extensive renovation work to be done before we can use it as our hall but we are all so excited to finally have a ‘home’. It is about 100 metres from our current hall. We are now waiting on the council before we can continue.”

We pray the Lord now fills the new hall with saved Aucklanders!

Christchurch

Many of you will have heard of the massive destruction in Christchurch caused by successive earthquakes and tremors over the past 14 months. The church’s hall there was badly affected but praise the Lord all the assembly members were safe. Pr Mark Wattchow brings us up to date:

“Christchurch had another 6.3 earthquake in June with more liquefaction and flooding and damage, but things seem to have quietened down since. Our remaining rear hall has finally been demolished. It is time to start serious plans for the rebuilding. With Christchurch city on a go-slow, we have been doing some outreaching in other South Island towns. We held an outreach in Greymouth over the June long weekend with a Saturday and Sunday meeting. We also held an outreach in Ashburton, one hour south of Christchurch. In July we went up to Nelson for outreaching and a meeting.”

It doesn’t sound like damage from the earthquakes has dented the evangelising.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God . . .” (Romans 8:28).



Above and right—saints at the South Island Easter Camp



The building which will become the Auckland hall



Renovating the Auckland hall



An outreach in Greymouth



Healed by God

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Healed by God website. At the top, there are three navigation buttons: "Request more Information", "Request Prayer", and "Who are we?". Below this is a grid of eight video testimonials, each with a "play" button. The testimonials are:

- Healed from Drug Addiction**: "...instantly the addictions left me"
- Motorbike Accident Healing**: "He was completely lifeless..."
- Healed of Multiple Sclerosis**: "I wanted to bring my kids up without the affects of MS"
- Miracles from Plane Crash**: "There was only a 10% chance of living"
- Back Injury Healing**: "I'd heard about healings but it happened to me"
- Healed of Guillain Barre Syndrome**: "My family and I had an incredible peace come over us"
- Healed of Prostate Cancer and Tinnitus**: "My life had completely changed"
- Healed of Blindness**: "I woke up one morning and I couldn't see"

The Healed by God website—www.healedbygod.com.au

Healed by God

Are you aware of this new Revival Fellowship website, with all the healing testimony videos? It's called www.healedbygod.com.au and is great for evangelising.

Australian Leadership Camp, 2012

The fourth Australian Leadership Camp moves back to Adelaide in South Australia following this year's camp in Queensland. It's fully catered down at their camp at Carrickalinga and, at about \$80 for the whole weekend, it's not just fantastic fellowship: it's a great bargain. Start looking now for cheap flights!

Dates: 9–12th March, 2012.

Annual Pastors Meeting 2012

As a consequence of there being no 2012 International Convention (see article below) the Council meetings and Annual Pastors Meeting will be scheduled in the lead-up to the Leadership Camp in Adelaide as follows:

Thursday 8 March
Council meetings

Friday 9 March

Annual Pastors Meeting (then Leadership Camp Friday 9 evening to Monday 12)

Australian Rallies 2012

There will be no International Convention in 2012. In its place the Australian states will again hold State Rallies.

A rough schedule for these is:

24–29 January

W.A. Rally (Perth)

9–11 June

N.S.W. Rally (Sydney)

26 July–6 August

N.T. and Asian Regional Rally (Darwin)

20–21 October

Victorian/Tasmanian Rally (TBA: Melbourne or Geelong)

30 June–1 July

North Queensland Rally (Cairns)

As you see, the year kicks off with a four day January outreach in sunny Perth, followed by their weekend State Rally. "Why not come to W.A. dur-

ing the school holidays and give us a hand out-reaching—there’s plenty of billeting available,” says Pr Kevin Quirk.

Pr Daniel Lee from Darwin says their rally will be extended to make way for some evangelism. Their two weeks will consist of outreaching from Thursday 26 July to Friday 3 August then the official South East Asian Rally over the weekend of 3–6 August. “We are hoping that saints from Asia will attend and we will update our website on this soon. There may even be a camping trip straight after the rally for those interested on Tuesday 7 to Thursday 9 August,” he says, “and if you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me.”

USA 25th Anniversary

The USA fellowships are planning the following activities to celebrate their 25th anniversary:

17–18 October, 2012

Fresno

19–21 October, 2012

Camp

Canada

Pr Mark Lindal of Canada is advertising the most dubious of outreaches.

“Come to Victoria, Canada,” he tells us, “for a week or so from January 6 next year for some out-reaching in and around the city of Victoria.

“We’ll start with a weekend Winter Camp and some skiing at Mount Washington Ski Resort, Courtenay, BC (north of Victoria) on the weekend of January 6–8 and then follow that up back in town with a week’s outreaching. The snow camp weekend promises to be an uplifting time of talks, fellowship, music and some good snow activities. That weekend’s accommodation, food, ski hire and ski passes up on the mountain will probably set you back around \$600 per person.

“If you have anyone in your fellowship who might be interested in attending, please have them contact me (mlindal@shaw.ca) and we can discuss costs and details. There is limited space in the chalet, but other accommodation is nearby in case we need overflow,” he says.

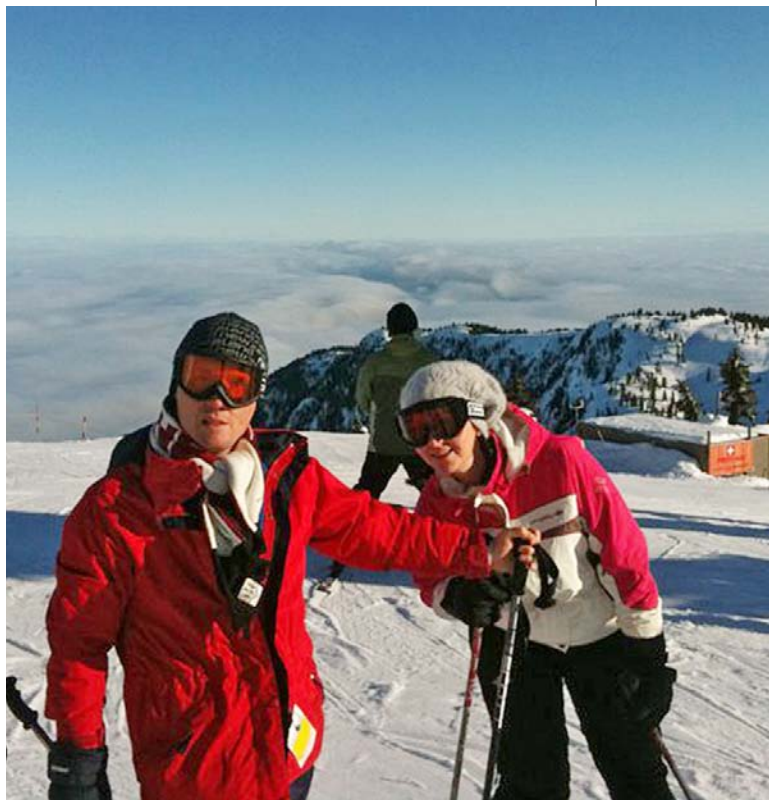
We know of at least one bunch of Perth young people who have already booked their flights following the success of last January’s “outreach”.



Perth young people prior to last year’s outreaching



More “preparations” prior to last year’s outreaching





The north-west assemblies of Liverpool and Manchester

U.K. north-west hall

The saints in Liverpool and Manchester of North West England tell us of the amazing testimony of their new hall:

“Both assemblies here had been painstakingly searching for a suitable property for our meetings for some years. However, with our income, a suitable property in the right area at a good price proved virtually impossible. Then in late 2010 a sister saw a hall in Liverpool: a landmark building, centrally located, which was absolutely perfect, including all its chairs and equipment. But



Inside the hall

when the details came through it proved far too expensive for us.

“After unsuccessful sales attempts, including an auction at half its original price, the agent got back in touch with us to see if we were still interested. We went to see it and the owners described how ‘it was like something was in the way each time they tried to sell it’. Hmmm. However with the economy so bad we were informed by the bank that non-profit organizations like ours were too much of a risk. We were back at square one. Negotiations then started with the owners: the property had become a millstone to them. Incredibly, they happily settled for a price lower than that of a one bed flat—around a quarter of the original asking price! This meant we didn’t even need to borrow funds as we could now buy it outright. Praise the Lord, only he could do such a thing. ‘This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes’ (Psalm 118:23).

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts’ (Zechariah 4:6).

“So next time you’re in the UK, why not come and see our blessing of a hall—just get the 81A bus from Liverpool John Lennon Airport to Bootle and get off right opposite the hall!”

Lismore Hall Opening

On the topic of new halls, Lismore assembly invited all the local assemblies to join in over the weekend of 30–31 July to celebrate the opening of their recently-completed hall. It’s purpose built and certainly has all the mod cons; not too far from the CBD and ready and waiting for revival. It’s a beauty!

Pr Peter Miller says, “If you missed the hall opening, maybe you’d like to join our fellowship’s 30th anniversary celebrations on the weekend of 25 and 26 February next year. All welcome!”



The vision for the front of the new hall



The hall opening in Lismore



Inside the new hall



Barbecue at the opening

More photos from the International Convention in Adelaide



Pastors on stage for the Sunday meeting



An item from Papua New Guinea

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Armidale Pastor: Jeff Mason 6775-2515

Central Coast Pastor: Joe Abel 4381-1371

Coffs Harbour Pastor: Lyle Willis 6658-4774

Goulburn Pastor: Craig Southwell 4845-1495

Lismore Pastor: Peter Miller 6624-4491

Merimbula Ph: Dennis Skillicorn 6495-9684

Moruya Pastor: Grant Medway 4474-0037

Newcastle

Newcastle/Lake Mac. Pr: Scott Slingo 4955-1232

Hunter Valley Pr: Andrew Ferguson 4933-3039

Port Macquarie Pastor: Greg Frost 6584-6740

Shoalhaven Pastor: Peter Popp 4443-5945

Sydney Pastor: Andrew Riggs 9559-2828

Tumut Pastor: Darrell Griffiths 6948-2514

Wagga Wagga Pr: Graham Webster 6925-6500

Wollongong Pastor: Tim Rogers 4297-8213

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Darwin Pastor: Daniel Lee 8945-6909

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Bundaberg Pastor: Bill Walsh 4153-1740

Cairns Pastor: Brett Quinn 4055-1820

Gold Coast Pastor: Terry Coles 5668-8876

Mackay Pastor: Arthur Marshman 4954-3569

Maranoa Pastor: Tom Krahenbring 4622-2876

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Sunshine Coast Pr: Bill Allen 0409-623-347

Toowoomba Pastor: Geoff Boyle 4638-5599

Townsville Pastor: Chris Thomasson 4723-6512

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Coober Pedy Pastor: Deane Clee 8672-5777

Mount Gambier Pastor: Brian Allen 8725-4117

Port Pirie Pastor: Greg Drage 8633-1660

Whyalla Pastor: Mark Wickstein 8645-2220

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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. ACTS 2:38

