

revival

2012

Newsletter of the Revival Fellowship Council

ISSUE NO. 23

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

Introduction

Like a fire, God's work never stands still. It is constantly moving, expanding and spreading. In this issue we report on exciting new revivals in such diverse places as Malawi, Cebu, Solomon Islands and Ballarat as the work of God continues.

Some people complain, "What about people from deepest, darkest Africa? They've never heard about your gospel!" The article on Irango might go some way to answering that argument. Read about people who were reached only after trekking for several days through the jungle-covered mountains of an inaccessible part of the Congo. And the result? They received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. A new assembly has begun there.

UPDATE



As always, the gospel is accompanied by amazing miracles and marvellous testimonies. In this issue we bring you some of these, along with reports from some of our more established fellowships.

There are also reports on some of the many regional rallies which will be held this year in lieu of our international convention (now held biennially) and a summary of many of the Christmas camps held in Australia and elsewhere.

There are so many good things happening across our Fellowship as a whole that we can only hope to bring you a selection of these. We are reminded of the closing words of John's gospel:

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

Continued page 3...



Inside

Malawi	3	Vanuatu	8
Irango, DRC	4	Solomon I.	10
Burundi	5	Philippines	11
Uganda	5	Ballarat	11
Liberia	6	Rallies	12
Canada	8	Council	13
Brazil	8	Camps	13

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.

The material in this publication is copyright.

Enquiries and contributions of material should be sent to:

quirk@iinet.net.au



What do we mean by *revival*?

In an ordinary sense, the word “revival” means to regain life, or to live again. In the Bible sense, revival is about being born again through the Holy Spirit, entering into God’s kingdom while we are still here on earth, and having a brand new life.

Today thousands of people around the world are experiencing the infilling of the Holy Spirit and being revived (or born again) in a process which is clearly described and commanded in the Bible.

Being born again is a real experience, accompanied by the very real sign of speaking in new tongues. It must be accompanied by baptism in water, for the Bible instruction is to: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38).

Read in these pages of ordinary people from all corners of the globe who have followed this simple process and had their sins forgiven once and for all, who have discovered a wonderful new life as true Christians and who have been healed.

The words of Jesus spring to life in people’s lives as they experience miracles of healing and deliverance from addictions, pain and misery. Revival is about coming to life, as the Bible makes clear: “For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the living and the dead” (Romans 14:9).



New halls in Rwanda, Africa—at Rukumberi (top) and Muzingira (below)



Zimbabwe (Africa) saints after the Sunday meeting



Malawi

Malawi is a small landlocked country in southeast Africa but there is nothing small about what has been happening there recently. Over 18 months, and after eight visits from our nearby pastors, more than 200 people have been baptised and seven new assemblies have sprung up around the country. During the recent visit in February, Pastor Charles Mutisya from Kenya and Pastor Eddie Kamavu from Zambia traveled to Malawi to assess the needs of these assemblies and teach new leaders. While they were travelling through the centre of the country they were introduced to a group of people at Ntcheu, mid-way between the southern city of Blantyre and the capital city Lilongwe, who wanted to hear the gospel message. Over three days the number of interested folk grew until 43 were baptised, with 29 receiving the Holy Spirit immediately. Later, seven more received the Spirit.

Continuing northwards, Pastor Charles and Pastor Eddie moved on to Kataila, where another 21 were baptised, and then to Dickson, where another eight were baptised. The pastors' two-week visit was very fruitful and provided the opportunity to work closely with keen young leaders. Although they went without lunches to pay for some of their travel needs, Pastor Charles and Pastor Eddie rejoiced in the 72 people baptised during their visit and the 62 who received the Holy Spirit with the accompanying sign of speaking in tongues.





Meeting at a house in Irango, DRC



A baptism in Irango

Irango, Democratic Republic of Congo

In September 2011, four men from a village called Irango, in the Goma region of the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), travelled to Bujumbura, the capital of the neighbouring country of Burundi, to meet with Désiré Niyoyitungira, our leader in Burundi. Some months earlier, the son of one of the men had been baptised and Spirit-filled at our fellowship in Bujumbura. After some discussions, the four men were baptised and Spirit-filled. They duly returned to their village, where they began preaching the gospel, and in December 2011, Désiré made a follow up visit. Departing by foot from Uvira, the closest point of “civilisation”, he faced scourges of armed robbers and rebel soldiers extorting money along the way. He finally arrived at Irango three days later. While there 20 people were baptised, with 17 Spirit-filled. After Désiré left, another six were baptised.

We later discovered that Pastor Eson from Rwanda was born in this particular part of the DRC, so it was arranged for him to return with



A gathering inside at Irango



Some of the Irango saints



Wednesday night meeting in Uganda

Désiré on 15 February to make another follow up visit. A further five people were baptised and Spirit-filled as a result.

After years of dreadful fighting in the region, the arrival of “the comfort, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost” sounds like a welcome change. We look forward to hearing of more revival in darkest Africa.

Burundi

Our two assemblies in the French-speaking country of Burundi, the first in the capital Bujumbura and the second to the east at Mutaho, are continuing to grow, with reports of regular baptisms. Construction of a new hall at Mutaho is continuing as funds allow. There are good prospects of a revival starting in the Rutana area, southeast of the capital.

Uganda

Pastor Ron Carslake of Cape Town visited Uganda recently to follow up work begun in July 2011. During his ten days in Uganda, 11 people were baptised in Lake Victoria, with all receiving the Holy Spirit. On Sunday 29 January, the first communion meeting was held, complete with the spiritual voice gifts described in the Bible. Meetings continued on Wednesdays and Sundays and another five people were baptised in the following weeks. Pastor Ron and Pastor Joseph Mbalu from Kenya will make as many visits as possible in the next few months to train new leaders and make sure the work in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, is well grounded. Please keep this new work in your prayers.



Baptisms in Lake Victoria, Uganda



Uganda: Esther, Alexandra (Rose's mum), Sampson, Kalisa and Rose



From Zimbabwe: (left to right) New sister Saradzai with Emmah & Talent



The Johnsonville fellowship



Those baptised in Johnsonville one Sunday (except for the little one!)



The school children showing off their new stationery



The assembly in Duport Road



Baptisms of Livingstone (top) and Moses in Gbarnga

Liberia

The West African country of Liberia has a new assembly at a place called Gbarnga, a town which is about a four-hour drive northeast of the capital, Monrovia. At Monrovia, there are already two assemblies at Johnsonville and Duport Road. So far, about 30 people have been baptised and Spirit-filled at Gbarnga, and these are being cared for by frequent visits from brother Teddy, the leader of our Fellowship in Liberia.

The assemblies at Johnsonville and Duport Road are also continuing to grow. During a visit in November 2011 from Jan-Pieter van Oostende of our Holland Fellowship, plus two other European brothers, there were 60 baptisms at these centres and the new one in Gbarnga.

Because Liberia has been ravaged by two civil wars in recent decades, the country's economy is in a poor state. There is widespread poverty and unemployment. To help local people with the education of their children, the assembly at Johnsonville operates a school out of the church hall, charging modest fees far below the rates charged by other schools. The children come from the local community around the assembly and are aged from about four to about 16.

Jan-Pieter explains further:

"The school is recognized by the Ministry of Education but it is a different school system from what we are used to. Teaching used to be done only by assembly members, but there are now so many pupils, more than 200, that they have had to hire a couple of teachers. The school is popular as it is quite affordable.

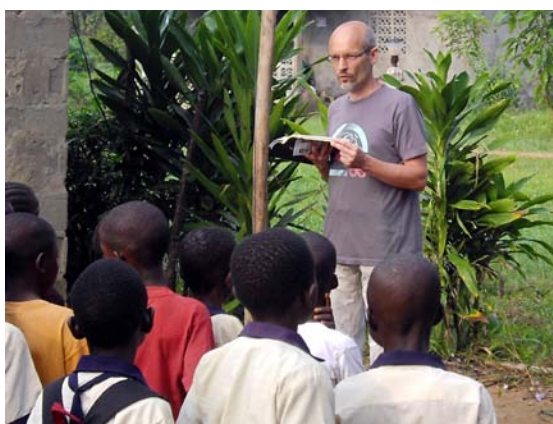
Some of the subjects taught are English, Science, Reading, Literature, Social Studies and Bible Study. Bible Study is great because, being part of the Revival Fellowship Community School, teachers are free to teach the children straight from the Bible and encourage them to attend meetings, which works very well.

Teddy gave me the opportunity to address the children in the morning. They all gather outside before school begins, sing a few choruses, raise the flag and sing the national anthem. It is great to watch.

A supplier of our company gave me a whole lot of school materials to take. You can see the kids showing these off in one of the photos."



Teddy teaching sisters in Duport Road some choruses



Jan Pieter addressing the children



Jan Pieter, Ben and Teddy on their way to Gbarnga



Sunday meeting in Duport Road



A meeting in Victoria at the Canada outreach

Canada

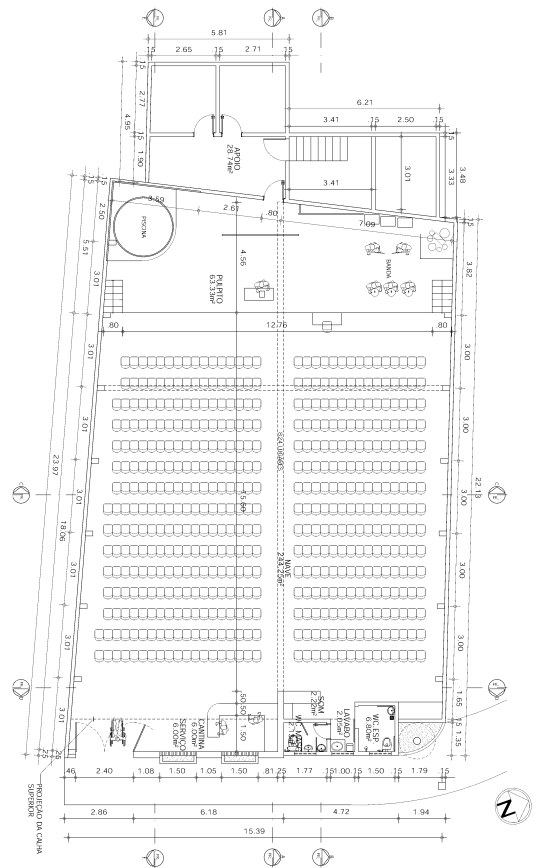
Following on from last year's "Canada Snow Outreach," nine Perth young folk, three USA saints and Dan Cashford from the UK descended on the hardy bunch of saints who live in Victoria, western Canada, from 6–15 January.

First they hit the ski slopes, and after a long weekend spent on beautiful Mount Washington sharing testimonies and the Word of God, they came back to town for a week of evangelising.

The visiting saints assisted by handing out pamphlets in the streets, knocking on doors and wandering around the local university campus to share the gospel message. We were most impressed with photos of young people braving the snow to press on with the outreaching. Canada's Pastor Mark Lindal tells us a couple of follow ups were generated and one new person came to the outreach meetings.



Up on Mount Washington, Canada



Brazil

Following the collapse of our hall in the slum district due to torrential rain last October, rebuilding work is progressing well. With the assistance of the mission fund, the assembly was also able to buy the house and land adjacent to the hall so that it can build a hall three times larger with seating for 1000 people. This will greatly help the 1200 people in the slum area around the hall who attend meetings regularly.

Several kilometers away at the Iricema Beach hall, meetings are often "standing room only". In the pictures from Fortaleza, we see people crammed into the hall and flowing out the front door. There were 80 baptisms in January and over 200 to the beginning of March.

Tanna Island, Vanuatu

A couple of years ago, Leader Andrew on the island of Tanna was healed of tuberculosis by prayer. As Andrew started telling people about his healing and the simple message of salvation, the news excited a number of people from the eastern side of the island in a place where we do not have an assembly. Recently a meeting was arranged at a local village and within a short time, 18 people had been baptised. The new assembly members are thrilled with our Fellowship's simple, clear message of the power of the Holy Spirit. It is expected that others will follow their lead and be baptised soon.



Young People's Camp in Brazil



Building the walls of the new hall (see plan previous page)



A meeting at the Young People's Outreach Camp



Standing room only at the Iricema Beach hall in Fortaleza—some were right out the front door



The first to be baptised at the outreach (above and above right)



Solomon Islands

The Solomon Islands are a single country consisting of nearly 1000 islands to the east of Papua New Guinea. A revival has started in the capital, Honiara, which has seen 25 baptisms to date and some notable miracles in the past couple of months.

In a series of remarkable coincidences Pastor Tim Rogers of Woollongong, Pastor Andrew Ferguson, plus other members of the Hunter Valley Fellowship and six saints from our Papua New Guinea Fellowship, including Pastor David Peter and brother Salvatora (a former Catholic brother who lives in the Solomon Islands) met up in Honiara early in January for the first outreach. Revival began with an initial four baptisms but since then a steady stream of people have come for baptism and healing. It is reported a man was recently healed of bleeding from the eyes, a woman was healed of cervical cancer and another woman was healed of an enlarged liver and blocked bowel. Pastor David has promised to send over a pastor from Papua New Guinea.

There were 34 people at the Sunday meeting on 11 March, including children. The next outreach to Honiara is 1–10 May, 2012. It is anticipated about 20 Australian saints will make the trip to help out, as well as a number of PNG saints. If you'd like to join in the outreach please contact Pr Tim Rogers at southcoastsolar@bigpond.com for details.



Testimonies in the marketplace



Street witnessing in the Solomon Islands

The first Sunday meeting





Pastor Greg Drage baptising in Cebu

Cebu, Philippines

A new fellowship has emerged in Cebu, a province in the Philippines. The revival started following a miracle and has grown from there. A couple from the Port Pirie assembly in South Australia, Gary and Anne, visited Toledo City in Cebu in November 2010 (Anne is originally from Toledo). During that trip, two small children were healed after prayer; one from Dengue Fever, which is often fatal. The other had a metal pipe stuck into his head after he fell whilst running. During prayer the gushing blood instantly stopped. Gary baptised a 14-year-old girl, who received the Holy Spirit just before they returned to Australia.

In November 2011, Port Pirie's Pastor Greg Drage and his wife Vicki accompanied Gary and Anne back to Cebu. During that trip, 12 people were baptised and 11 of them received the Holy Spirit shortly after that.

In February 2012, Pastor Greg and Vicki returned to Cebu to follow up some other family members who had expressed an interest in baptism. In total, there have been 14 baptisms in Toledo City and four in Cebu City to date.

Anne's grandmother in Cebu has also been healed of the effects of a stroke by prayer. She received feeling back in her arms and legs and was hardly recognisable upon the Australians' return to Cebu, owing to her dramatic improvement.

Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

We have a new fellowship growing in Ballarat. Following the success of the Geelong initiative last year (there are now about 40 in the fledgling Geelong assembly, led by Pastor Scott Nobel), a group of Adelaide saints have committed themselves to travelling to and from Ballarat at regular intervals to support a new work there.

The work got off to the best possible start in January 2012 when a retired couple were baptised in their own swimming pool. There have been another two baptisms since then to confirm the work of the Lord has some way to go yet. Please keep them in your prayers.

A baptism in Ballarat



A meeting in Cebu



Another meeting in Cebu



The little girl in front was healed of Dengue Fever after prayer





Midweek rally meeting at Morley, Western Australia

Australian State and Regional Rallies

Western Australian Rally, Perth

Perth assembly hosted the Western Australian Rally at the end of January to take advantage of the warm weather and the holiday season. Pastor Kevin Quirk reports:

“All our university and high school students were on holidays in January so they were able to join in the daytime evangelising. Perth is a growing city of two million people so it’s a big job trying to reach them all with the gospel. We went witnessing throughout central Perth as well as down at Fremantle, our neighbouring port city.

We had a great time of fellowship. There were some wonderful talks from the visiting pastors, Darryl Williams from Melbourne and Laurie Nankivell from Adelaide, a great combined meeting at our northern Morley Hall and a baptism at the Sunday Rally at our southern Yangebup Hall. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Saturday picnic when the temperature soared to 42°C but apart from that it was a fantastic week.”

Bunbury Rally, Western Australia

The Bunbury Rally was a three-day regional rally held in the southwest of Western Australia during the first weekend of March. The Bunbury Fellowship comprises about 45 people so it was clearly

a step of faith to book the roomy Bunbury Entertainment Centre with the expectation of visitors and new people. The entire city of 60,000 people was letterboxed and more than 200 Perth saints came down to assist with outreaching and practical help, with most obtaining accommodation in the southern city for the WA long weekend. Pastor Jock Duncan from Adelaide flew across to provide some excellent ministry and many new people visited the three rally meetings. There were two baptisms, both Spirit-filled, plus a host of contacts and follow ups generated.

Upcoming State Rallies in Australia

- 9–11 June New South Wales (Sydney)
- 26 July–6 August N.T. & Asian Regional (Darwin)
- 20–21 October Victoria/Tasmania (Geelong)
- 30 June–1 July North Queensland (Cairns)

Cairns Outreach and North Queensland Rally

As you see above, the Cairns assembly is hosting the North Queensland Rally over the weekend of 30 June and 1 July. To coincide with that, the Perth Young People are organising an outreach in partnership with the Cairns saints between 23–29 June in the lead up to the rally. If you would like to go evangelising in “warmer climes” during the southern winter, why not travel to far north Queensland with a bunch of other youngies? Grab a cheap ticket and come on up!

Sunday rally in Western Australia



Council Meetings, March

The Council met in Adelaide on the Thursday prior to the Australian Leadership Camp in March and went through all the usual business of where revival is happening and issues that have arisen around the world. This was followed up the next day by the Annual Pastors Meeting down at the Adelaide Assembly's Carrickalinga Camp, where about 40 pastors from around the globe talked over news, issues and directions in the Church.

First on the Council's agenda was the news that brother Garry Hall has resigned from the Council, as well as from general pastoring, for health reasons. Garry has made a fine contribution to the work of the Fellowship Council for 17 years, which everyone has greatly appreciated. We wish him a speedy recovery. This position on the Council will remain vacant for the time being.

On the topic of pastors moving, several foundation pastors have either retired or are moving into retirement. The new senior pastor of Mount Gambier, South Australia, is Colin Wooldridge, who has generally taken over from Pastor Brian Allen, a tremendously hard worker both here and in Africa. Meanwhile, Pastor Peter Moore is in the process of taking up the reins of the Central Coast, NSW Assembly, as Pastor Joe Abel begins to step aside in favour of his younger assistant.

On another topic, everyone agreed that we hold the 2013 Convention at the Adelaide Convention Centre once again. The current system of having a convention every second year seems to be working out well, with Australian state rallies in the alternate years.

The Australian Leadership Camps have been great for inspiring younger saints to "have a go," either at home or in another location. We've now had five of these, one each year since 2008. They seem to have done their job so we've decided we'll take a break from further national Australian Leadership Camps for the time being.

It is common these days for westerners to receive email enquiries from Africa and India, asking for spiritual and/or financial support, or even to join our Fellowship. These enquiries can generate complications and quite often the senders are simply looking for money. If you think you have received a genuine enquiry, please pass it on to your local pastor, who will then hand it over to the senior Africa or Asia pastor to handle. They can assess the enquiry in a more informed way.

There are so many good things happening in the Fellowship around the world: new assemblies



The Council meeting takes a break for lunch

constantly starting in countries we hardly knew existed, the Lord healing people and setting them free from drugs and other addictions, families restored and marriages miraculously repaired. Please keep up the good work wherever you are!

Leadership Camp, Adelaide, March

The Leadership Camp this year was all about doing God's work and not getting entangled in worldly cares. Seven focus sessions were held at Carrickalinga Camp over the long weekend in March:

1. Why not answer God's call? Pr Pieter Visser pointed out that pastors don't come ready-made in a box, they are created on the job. It was revealed many pastors' wives originally did not want to go to faraway places, but they trusted God and went anyway. The results have been blessed. The message to younger people is that God has a wonderful plan and you can be part of it. The Revival Fellowship is not just your parents' church, it's your church. Why not clear your calendar and answer the call? What will you build your life around?

2. Why not help start a fire? This session was full of inspiring stories, including reports from Coober Pedy, Kupang, Geelong, Ballarat and elsewhere. The message was clear: don't try to serve two masters.

Focus sessions at the Leadership Camp, Adelaide





A meeting at the Leadership Camp, Adelaide

3. Can I defend what I believe? This session was about teaching our second generation of saints to know their Bibles and defend the truth.

4. Why not inspire more faith? Choose to go down the “faith path” and continue to see miracles in the church. Don’t back down on offering miraculous healing to others.

5. Why not leave the comforts to go and find the lost? It is evident that age is not a barrier. You’re never too young or too old. Pr Bob Beverley helped start a new work in Vanuatu ten years ago at the age of 62. We must sometimes leave the 99 saved sheep and find the lost one. Don’t be selective about who you tell the gospel.

6. Can I see the urgency? This session featured a report about nuclear dangers in the world at present, including leaking radiation from the Fukushima plant in Japan. Pr Colin Tan reminded attendees, “When God comes back, people will be too frightened to think straight. We have to know how to think God’s way now.”

7. What’s stopping me? This interactive session invited people to consider how they could serve the Lord and what might be stopping them: comforts, cares, fears or desires. “Raise the bar” and pray, read, fast and fellowship.



The UK Winter Camp in Lancaster

Christmas Camps

Europe Camp in Germany

Pastor Pieter Visser of Holland reports: “More than 200 saints gathered together on the snow-covered hills of Wasserkuppe, Germany, for the annual European Winter Camp. The theme was: *Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord* (1 Cor 15:58). Through the talks we were reminded how imperative it is for us to love God and the brethren. They also highlighted the importance of what we are doing—saving souls. An uplifting time was had by all and we left camp even more determined to reach our goal, knowing that the things we see happening in the world are not happening by chance, but God knows exactly what is going on. The coming year will greet us with opportunities and challenges, but we know that when we are walking on in the Lord, no matter what happens, He will keep us.”

United Kingdom

“With 175 saints gathered in Lancaster from all over the world, the unity of the Spirit at the UK Winter Camp was clearly evident. The theme was ‘Who is so great a God as our God?’ (Psalm 77:13), which provided a good foundation for some awe-inspiring thoughts on how big God is and yet He is still mindful of man; amazing yet humbling stuff. A couple of observers attended the camp, which resulted in one baptism, plus a young girl received the Holy Spirit when being prayed for on the street after she was spoken to about the Lord. All in all, it was a great week of fellowship and we look forward to seeing everyone at the camp again next year.”



The European Winter Camp in Wasserkuppe, Germany

Singapore

The Singapore Fellowship held its 2011 Christmas Camp at the rather luxurious Malaysian golf resort of Tanjong Puteri, just outside the city of Johor Bahru. What a great venue this was: accommodation was provided in modern units that had space for several families, surrounded by luxury golf courses and beautifully manicured tropical gardens. All meals except breakfast were fully catered and the food was wonderful.

More than 200 saints made the trip across the Straits from Singapore to enjoy a “long weekend” from 1 to 5 December of great fellowship and ministry from the Word. The theme was from Ephesians 3:20: “According to the power that works in us.” Visitors came from Nepal, India, Philippines and Bali, as well as from Australia. The testimonies were great, the items excellent and the Singapore assembly exceeded its renown for warmth and hospitality.

An astounding testimony heard at the camp was David Chiang’s healing, recounted by his wife Ginny, after a brain-stem stroke only weeks before camp began. These strokes are generally fatal. David was at the camp, fully mobile, as if nothing at all had happened. After the testimony, Doctor Jayant Thorat, a local brain surgeon, and one of David’s church friends, took the platform to explain how astonishing it was to see David’s recovery. See David’s testimony overpage.



Some of the Nepalese visitors to the Singapore Camp

Saints at the Singapore Christmas Camp





Testimony of David Chiang

David's startling testimony at the Singapore Camp:

"My name is David Chiang. I was baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues in November, 1993.

My healing testimony begins on the evening of 7 November 2011 at dinnertime.

Halfway through dinner I began to feel unwell and "weird". It was a feeling I've never encountered before. I began flexing and stretching my right hand because it suddenly felt weak. Then swallowing became difficult and my speech started to slur. Alarm bells sounded in my head: "something is seriously not right". I tried walking to my bedroom to lie down but coordination between my legs was suddenly out of whack. My senses were slowing and my wife Ginny had to support me to reach the bed. I sat down on the bed and tried praying in tongues. My normally fluent prayer seemed to be in 'slow motion'. My wife encouraged me to keep praying and urged my daughter Chloe to come and join in 'laying hands' on me.

I began to panic: it felt like I was about to die. I remember turning to my daughter and saying that I loved her—I wanted to say 'goodbye'. She cried and prayed harder. My wife and daughter never stopped praying for me the whole time. Ginny also texted our church 'prayer circle' and asked them all to pray urgently.

I became weaker and the right side of my face became numb. I knew it was a stroke. But within me I began to calm down and wasn't worried about dying because I knew the Lord was with me.

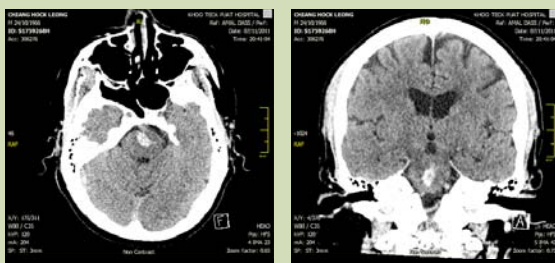
Ginny called an ambulance and they sped me to Khoo Teck Puat Hospital in only 10 minutes. The Emergency doctor immediately ordered a "Stroke Protocol" and I was wheeled off for X-rays and scans. My speech was badly slurred. I felt a general weakness in my right side and later on my right leg began to twitch uncontrollably.

When Ginny arrived at the Emergency Department soon after, she was informed by the doctor that I had had a stroke and that the bleeding originated in the brainstem—an area too dangerous to operate on. He explained most patients like me simply bled to death, as they couldn't control the bleeding. Their only option was to try and bring my blood pressure down and hope that the bleeding would stop by itself. The doctors deemed any operation at all would be too dangerous for me. In short, they really couldn't help me. By the way, my blood pressure did not drop for another day and a half. Despite that, my internal bleeding stopped miraculously shortly after arrival.

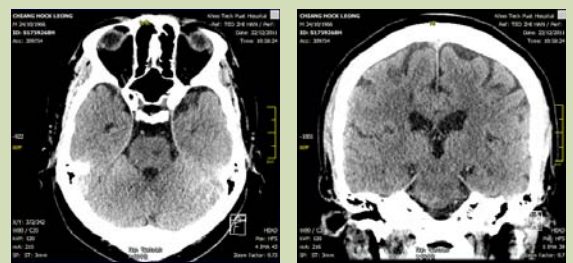
In just a few short days the Lord gave me miracle after miracle as everyone kept praying for me. I began to speak clearly, walk, feed myself (even swallowing was a miracle) and take showers on my own. One therapist declared that I was some kind of unusual case of "spontaneous healing".

I was discharged after just 6 days of hospitalisation (13 November 2011). The healing has continued at home. All Praise and Glory to His Name!"

Brain scan showing the pontine hemorrhage (white spot in centre).



Scans one month later were clear.





Comments of Dr Jayant Thorat

Dr Jayant Thorat, local brain surgeon and David's friend in the church, afterward commented on David's recovery:

"Patients with a large central pontine hemorrhage present with a progressive loss of consciousness rapidly leading to coma. Massive pontine hemorrhage is invariably fatal: about 80% of patients die within 48 hours. Most hemorrhages occur in the midpons at the junction of basis pontis and tegmentum.

Pons is a very critical region of upper brain-stem containing ascending and descending dense tracts and cranial nuclei. There is no treatment for reversing the bleed and therapy is directed to controlling hypertension and long term physiotherapy. However, as most damage takes place at the time of the bleed, neurological function takes weeks to months to recover partially. Most patients tend to get worse in the few hours after bleed due to edema or increased hematoma size. The CT scans and CT Brain Angiography images (done on the day after admission) revealed that the brain clot had not increased but was still considered to be of a significant volume. The angio ruled out other causes such as tumor or blood vessel malformation. However, despite this bleak picture David had already shown clinical improvement in power, consciousness, speech and sensations overnight—instead of worsening. This is unusual as most patients get worse within 24 hours from edema even if the clot size remained unchanged!

David's recovery was miraculous in that he suffered a major stroke, and despite high blood pressure, he did not get worse, but he only got better."

Kenilworth Camp, Sunshine Coast

About 140 saints enjoyed two weeks of amazing fellowship and fantastic weather at Kenilworth in the Sunshine Coast hinterland in Queensland. Saints came from all over Australia, including Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. Some highlights included four brothers who received the Holy Spirit, awesome testimonies and talks, the Oddball Banquet, an inaugural water polo competition and a substantial \$7,313 raised at the annual mission fund auction. Funds from the auction this year will entirely cover the purchase of much needed land and a building for the Revival Fellowship at Rukumberi in Rwanda. Anybody interested in joining us next year for Christmas camp may check out our website at www.KenilworthCamp.org.au.



New Years Day big breakfast at Kenilworth Camp



A meeting at Kenilworth Camp



Sandcastles at Evans Head Camp



Fellowship and games at Evans Head Camp



Group shot at Tahlee Camp



Walking the plank at Tahlee Camp



Evans Head Camp, Northern NSW

The Evans Head Christmas Camp, which was held at a new site this time, was a smaller camp than previous ones held but was nevertheless very big on great fellowship, wonderful testimonies and encouragement from the Word of God. In addition to a jam-packed program, local Lismore assembly members also enjoyed the company of saints from far and wide, including folk from New Zealand and a group of Adelaide young adults, who certainly added much to the camp. A real highlight was the three young people (two younger fellowship members and a visiting PNG youth), who were Spirit-filled during the camp. The camp was a thoroughly enjoyable time of refreshing for those able to attend.

Tahlee Camp, Central NSW

With Christmas and New Year out of the way, the Newcastle Fellowship held its first summer camp at Tahlee, on the shores of beautiful Port Stephens, from 2–9 January 2012. The camp got off to a flying start with two baptisms and a good mix of around 120 people attending. Everyone enjoyed the action packed program centred around the camp theme of “Fighting the good fight of faith”, (1 Tim 6:12).

Along with sound teaching, uplifting testimonies from the overcomers, a number of healings and lots of laughter, it was the perfect start to 2012. There is a real expectation of a wave of revival coming this year so watch this space!

Nowra Camp, Southern NSW

Two hundred saints gathered for the first Nowra Christmas Camp, held on the south coast of New South Wales beside the beautiful Shoalhaven River. People came from all around NSW and the camp was a great time of blessing, fellowship and unity. The Canberra Fellowship has booked



(Left and above) Water fun at Nowra Camp



Onstage at Carrickalinga Camp

the same location for next year's camp from 27 December to 2 January. All are very welcome.

Anglesea Camp, Victoria

Another enjoyable, fully-catered Melbourne Fellowship summer camp was held at the Anglesea Recreation Camp from Boxing Day to New Year's Day. Visitors came from Papua New Guinea, Darwin, Alice Springs, South Australia and Tasmania. All the regional Victorian assemblies joined with the Melbourne assembly for a wonderful and refreshing time of fellowship. The testimonies, talks, prayer, praise singing and items were encouraging and uplifting. The camp was also blessed with a baptism.

Carrickalinga Camp, South Australia

The Adelaide Fellowship enjoyed another great camp at its newly redeveloped campsite south of Adelaide. The camp attracted many visitors, including Fellowship members from every state of Australia. As always, there were lots of good testimonies and talks. The overall result was six baptisms and many happy saints. Even the weather was a bit kinder this time and there weren't too many over-35-degree days so it was just perfect for relaxing and fellowship. The camp was a great start to 2012.

Albany Camp, Western Australia

Brilliant weather and awesome fellowship combined to bring about another great Christmas camp, hosted by the Perth assembly on the scenic south coast of Western Australia. About 200 people (including some young people from Adelaide and other assemblies) attended the camp, shared their testimonies and renewed interstate friendships. The talks, from a wide selection of brothers, were uplifting and encouraging and gave all who attended a great spiritual boost with which to start the new year.



An item from the Bramao family at Carrickalinga



A meeting at Anglesea



Young people having fun at Albany Camp

AUSTRALIA

Canberra Pr Bob Beverley 6282-9935

NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury Pr Rob Angus 6040-2094

Armidale Pr Jeff Mason 6775-2515

Central Coast Pr Peter Moore 0417 856 129

Coffs Harbour Pr Lyle Willis 6658-4774

Goulburn Pr Craig Southwell 4845-1495

Lismore Pr Peter Miller 6624-4491

Merimbula Pr Grant Medway 4474-0037

Moruya Pr Grant Medway 4474-0037

Newcastle/Lake M. Pr Mark Hall 4946-1687

Hunter Valley Pr Andrew Ferguson 4933-3039

Port Macquarie Pr Greg Frost 6584-6740

Shoalhaven Pr Peter Popp 4443-5945

Sydney Pr Andrew Riggs 9559-2828

Tumut Pr Darrell Griffiths 6948-2514

Wagga Wagga Pr Graham Webster 6925-6500

Wollongong Pr Tim Rogers 041 883-2391

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Alice Springs Pr John Mennie 8952-5717

Darwin Pr Daniel Lee 8945-6909

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane Pr Brad Smith 3889-3879

Bundaberg Pr Bill Walsh 4153-1740

Cairns Pr Brett Quinn 4055-1820

Gold Coast Pr Terry Coles 07 5502-9106

Mackay Pr Arthur Marshman 041 779-0548

Maranoa Pr Tom Krahenbring 4622-2876

Maryborough Kerry Irlam 4123-1717

Rockhampton Pr Bill Allen 0409-623-347

Sunshine Coast Pr Bill Allen 0409-623-347

Toowoomba Pr Geoff Boyle 4638-5599

Townsville Pr Chris Thomasson 4723-6512

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide Pr John Kuhlmann 8293-1301

Coober Pedy Pr Deane Clew 8672-5777

Mt Gambier Pr Colin Wooldridge 08 8732-4137

Port Pirie Pr Greg Drage 8633-1660

Whyalla Pr Mark Wickstein 8645-2220

TASMANIA

Hobart Ian Watt 6278-2624

Launceston Pr Brian Hakof 6330-2118

VICTORIA

Ballarat Rob Sinclair 0418 824-841

Bendigo Pr John Redford 5447-4194

Geelong Pr Scott Nobel 5241-8618

Melbourne Pr Darryl Williams 9877-9767

Warrnambool Rob Peterson 5561-3834

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Bunbury Pr Tim Cope 9796-0889

Perth Pr Kevin Quirk 9457-0201

AFRICA

Burundi (contact Pr Ron Carslake, Cape Town)

Cameroon (contact Pr Ron Carslake, Cape Town)

Congo (DRC) (contact Pr Ron Carslake, Cape Town)

Kenya Pr Samuel Mwanzia +254-721-590-809

Liberia (contact Pr Ron Carslake, Cape Town)

Malawi (contact Pr Ron Carslake, Cape Town)

Rwanda (contact Pr Ron Carslake, Cape Town)

South Africa Pr Ron Carslake +27-21-788-5709

Uganda (contact Pr Ron Carslake, Cape Town)

Zambia

Kitwe Pr Eddie Kamavu +260-977-759-598

Solwezi Pr Millan Nduwa +260-977-574-521

Zimbabwe Terrence Benhura +263-773-647-945

BRAZIL

Pr Jorge Esteves +55 (85) 8699-9856

(Or contact in U.S.A. Pr David Elliott (559) 301-9957)

CANADA

Pr Mark Lindal 479-0877

EUROPE

Czech Republic Pr Oldrich Tremil 499 898 216

France Alain Artus (5) 4996-3195

Germany (Contact Pr Pieter Visser – Netherlands)

Hungary Pr Chris Kaye 309-321-847

Netherlands Pr Pieter Visser 010-414-1856

Almere Pr René Janssen 036 848-6567

Dordrecht Pr Bert Schenk (078) 621-5247

Rotterdam Pr Ben Visser 414-1856

Switzerland Stephan Regli (031) 972-2221

United Kingdom

Exeter Jimmy Masau 07835-103-922

Medway Pr Steve Murphy 01634-314386

North West Pr Lee Finney (0161) 681-0586

Liverpool Denis Murphy (0151) 530-1236

Manchester Jamie Byrne (0161) 950-9888

West London Pr Yomi Okunola 07793-394599

North London Pr Martin Polhill 8954-3483

Pr Warren Sharrock 8287-7213

Yorkshire Pr Bob Hutton 89-9919

Ireland Tom O'Brien 014-404-282

FIJI

Pr Ilaitia Rokoua 672-8688

INDIA

Contact Pr Colin Tan (Singapore) 6584-7408

INDONESIA

Bali Pr William Wijaya 62 361 800-7900

Kupang Pr Teddy 62 811 395-879

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland Pr Wayne Edwards 277-2940

Bay of Plenty Pr Alan Butler 573-5840

Christchurch Pr Mark Wattchow 35-888-29

New Plymouth Pr Bryan Smith 757-5792

Wellington Pr Royden Mayfield 364-8900

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Pr Godfrey Wippon 7275-1651

PHILIPPINES

Pr Joseph Cantong 961-0331

SINGAPORE

Pr Colin Tan 6584-7408

THAILAND

Contact Pr Colin Tan (Singapore) 6584-7408

UNITED STATES

Athens John Lawson (706) 783-3868

Fresno Pr David Elliott (559)301-9957

San Pedro James Seixas (310) 519-7560

VANUATU

Pr Willie Rouvouné 678 7774-8070

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



www.revivalfellowship.org