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Monthly Report April 2001 Revival Fellowship Europe

Greetings once again from Holland. What a fantastic month we have had with 12 people being baptised by full-immersion. It is always encouraging to see new faces at the meetings and even better to see them obeying the commandments of the Lord.

We were pleased to have Colin Woolridge from Adelaide, Australia, visiting briefly, and sharing with us his testimony. It is great to see again how united we are through the Holy Spirit. No matter where you travel, the Word of God is preached the same within the Revival Fellowships worldwide.

Our travellers have returned from their trip from the Ivory Coast, full of many interesting stories. They all had an uplifting time preaching the gospel and establishing the work of the Lord there.

It was very good to have a number of visitors from England popping over for a long weekend. Pastor Steve, from the South London assembly gave a talk about the more we give, the more we receive, and they performed an item (with brother Dennis on the banjo of course).

Heard from the platform:

- ? The best teacher we have is the Holy Spirit.
- ? God is righteous and deals with us righteously.
- ? What we have is fantastic. We have a fantastic God!
- ? If you walk in the Spirit you will be blessed.
- ? We have all we need to be strong in Gods power and strength.
- ? God can only work with people who are willing to change.
- ? People are busy with various religions – but they are not getting saved.
- ? Great emotional display is not a sign of great godliness.
- ? With Gods power we can see wonderful things happening in our lives...for His glory.
- ? We have to take our responsibilities seriously.
- ? The works of the flesh are selfish and do not give people peace.
- ? Whatever you are called to do – do it.
- ? It is important to uphold our testimony at all times and to show yourself different than the world.
- ? It is not an option – you MUST be born-again.
- ? The Bible is Gods Word and you cannot argue against it.
- ? Walk in Gods ways...and walk away from your problems.
- ? God gives us what we need, not necessary what we want.

What has been happening:

Young Peoples Outreach: "Save yourselves from this untoward generation" Acts 2:40 The young people (aged 15-65) went to the nearby town of Roosendaal for an outreach where many people heard the words of salvation.

Prophecy-Board Display: The hall was open all day on Saturday as the brethren went into the city to invite people to come and see the prophecy-boards. These explain such topics as the Pyramid, Numerics and the return of Jesus Christ. It was a very successful day with many people popping in and a good opportunity for them to hear the gospel and testimonies of how God has and still is working in peoples lives.

Speaking in Tongues: Pastor Bert talked about an issue that has caused a lot of unnecessary confusion...Speaking in Tongues. There can be no doubt that true believers shall speak in tongues. We have entered the 'rest' and can be confident in what we have received. Praying in the Spirit – speaking in tongues – builds up our faith and is a sign, just as the first christians had, that we have received the Holy Spirit.

Short Talks: Three brothers who do not usually give talks, shared with us some very edifying thoughts:

1. Evert spoke about how we can edify the assembly and our brothers and sisters in many ways e.g. by going on outreaches so we can bring new people in, participating in the Spiritual Gifts, and helping in any way possible in the assembly. Do not underestimate

Hungary: We had two people coming along, who were baptised by full immersion and receiving the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Pastor Chris spoke about the wonders of the Great Pyramid. We had a 'prophecy-board display' outreach which we always enjoy doing.

Our camp begins next week and we are looking forward to plenty of good fellowship!

even the smallest of tasks within the assembly, and be available to help one another in any way possible.

2. Lambert spoke about how we should live as Christians, being a testimony to one another, to new people and to those outside. We must help one another with honourable deeds and words.
3. Arno reminded us that we do not have to concern ourselves with 'worldly' matters such as houses, food clothing etc. We know that God looks after these things. We have to be content with that which we have.

Kids Night: The kids had a great night performing various items for us. We have a crèche, Sunday School and a Bible Class. It is our responsibility as parents and as an assembly, to encourage our children to walk in the ways of the Lord, remembering that just as we are confronted with the 'world' daily, so are they. Many of our children are Spirit-filled and we instil in them the importance to walk in the Spirit until the day of the Lords return. The children had great pleasure in preparing and performing this evening and also enjoyed serving us with supper afterwards.

The "Rapture": The 'Rapture' or 'the Great Tribulation' – fact or fiction? Fiction. Many people, especially those in pentecostal churches, believe in theories that are not logical and not backed-up with scripture. Confusion and deception come through people mis-interpreting scriptures. Jesus is coming back for the righteous!

Testimonies

I heard the Gospel for the first time in September 1999. I never used to believe in God or the Bible, and had been looking into various kinds of "spirituality". I met someone from the Revival Fellowship who was at an outreach. She showed me from the Bible that I had to be born-again and I realised that if this was true, I was not standing right in the sight of the Lord! I went to a meeting, which I enjoyed and I also liked meeting people who were serious about what they were doing. I prayed for the Holy Spirit, and when I begun to speak in tongues, I knew that what was being told was the truth. I was

baptised by full-immersion that evening, and since then my life began to change.

I used to be a very uncertain person, but now I know who I am and what I stand for. I have seen many miracles: God has healed me of hay-fever, a sprained ankle, the flu, and headaches. He has blessed me with a good job, and He gave me the opportunity to live with 2 sisters in the Lord. I would like to praise the Lord for everything He has done, and that He always provides for us in every way. Amen.

Elisa van Ballegooijen, Dordrecht, Holland

I was unhappy with life as a teenager, made worse by having the eating disorder, bulimia. I worked as a nurse and observed people, listening to what they had to say, as I was desperately searching for inner happiness, but not knowing where to find it. Although I was not brought up in a religious family, I started to attend various churches. I met people from the Church of Christ and they prayed with me to receive the Holy Spirit, which I did. I was also baptised by full immersion. I soon became disillusioned with that church though as I saw many things happening there which I knew were not right. I went to the Anglican church, but soon left there too as I knew it was wrong. I

then began going to a number of other churches searching for sound doctrine, but was unable to find what I was looking for. It was not until I prayed for guidance that I met someone from the Revival Fellowship who invited me along to a meeting. I went along and knew that I had found the truth. That was six years ago. I have overcome all the emotional problems that I had, and been healed from bulimia. God helps me in all areas of my life and is as a best friend to me...never far from me, but close so I can talk to Him.

Sally Unwin, Adelaide, Australia

Ivory Coast

On the 21st March, Otto and I left to visit Pastor Danny and his assembly in Abidjan. We arrived late in the evening and were shocked with the corruption we were immediately confronted with from officials at the airport...everyone demanded our money. We were happy to see Pastor Danny and Mr Guei (one of the brothers), who were there to pick us up. They drove us to the hall and after that to an apartment that the brothers and sisters had put a lot of effort into painting and furnishing for us. Several of the brethren were waiting there and it was great to finally meet them. We had a good time of fellowship and from the first moment I met these people, I was impressed by their zeal and willingness to submit to the Word of God. The aim of our visit was to help Pastor Danny and his assembly to come into line with the teachings of the Revival Fellowship. This proved to be very easy because of their humble attitude.

It was very exciting to be around people who believe in the same sound doctrine as we do. We had a busy time encouraging, explaining things, and outreaching - which is very easy there. I spent most of the time outreaching with brother Jackson, a 20 year old Liberian who is very evangelical. You simply ask people if you can share the Word of God with them, and most of the time they say 'yes'. They go and get chairs for everyone, and give you the opportunity to say what you want to say. I don't speak much French, so brother Jackson translated for me when it was needed. We found people to be very open to the Word of God and many contacts were made. Pastor Danny and the elders had prepared a program for us including many meetings and discussions with the oversight. Some of the subjects covered were: being born again, the power to heal, save, and prosper, walking in the Spirit, separation, attending meetings and serving the Lord without compromise. From day one, it became clear to us that these people really appreciated us coming over and spending time with them. They were very attentive to everything we had to say and just loved the sound doctrine that was presented to them.

After one week, Otto left. We had a good impression by then of such things as the country, people, culture, assembly. This made it easier for when Pastor Pieter and Netty arrived. They walked into the meeting after being picked up from the airport and everyone was so excited to

finally meet them! The saints there have a great respect for anyone who walks in the Spirit and is faithful to the Word of God without compromise. Pastor Piet arrived just in time to give his first talk which he did with much enthusiasm! There were baptisms after the meeting and Pastor Piet prayed for a young man called Wellington to receive the Holy Spirit...which he did! Wellington is a man I spoke to at the airport when we arrived and had given him an invitation. He had been trying to find the hall but couldn't. One day when I was visiting brother Emmanuel, at his work, Wellington recognised me. It was miraculous to meet one another again in a city of 3 million and just goes to show that if you seek the Lord you will find Him.

Just as Otto and I did, Pastor Piet and Netty adjusted well. The occasional flying cockroach and lizard wandering around the apartment did not deter them, although it was very hot at times. They had a great time encouraging the saints and preaching the gospel. While Netty spent a lot of time with the ladies, especially with Dora, Pastor Danny's wife, Pastor Piet was kept busy talking to many people, in particular, the elders. We did make time in our busy schedule to relax a bit. One Sunday after the meeting we took Pastor Danny, Dora and their two children to the beach. It was nice sitting under the palm trees, drinking cold colas and having fellowship with one another. They are really good company and it was not only us encouraging them, but them encouraging us.

Mr Guei was very helpful in showing us around several parts of Abidjan. Some areas are quite threatening and we were warned to keep our windows wound up and not to leave the car. All we could see were lots and lots of people and lots and lots of rubbish in these parts of the city. It made me realise that Marcory, the suburb where we were staying, was relatively safe. We visited a zoo (it looked like we were the only visitors that day), where I finally saw a bush-cow, which is a wild local buffalo. Pastor Danny had told me a lot about these beasts and I must admit it looked wild and aggressive! While there, I saw a very well dressed man collecting elephant dung, and I asked him what he was doing. He told me that he was very sick and that a medicine-woman told him to do this so that she could make a healing potion for him. It made me realise again, that there is not only a lot of

superstition in this country, but also a desperation of not knowing what to do when faced with problems. I sincerely believe that there is a real hunger for the truth, but people are being so misled by religion that they just don't know where to turn to anymore. I preached the gospel to this man and he understood everything that I told him.

One thing that was personally uplifting for me was meeting brother Emmanuel. Five months ago, I was given his name and e-mail address by Pastor Chris Jose in Australia. Emmanuel was seeking the Lord and trying to find a sound church through the Internet. He came across the Revival Fellowship Internet site, contacted Pastor Chris who contacted Pastor John Kuhlman, who contacted Pastor Piet, who asked me to contact him since I already had contact with Pastor Danny in the Ivory Coast. I sent his e-mail address to Pastor Danny and asked him to 'follow-up' Emmanuel, and to explain the scriptures to him. He went to the computer center and asked the man working there to help him send an e-mail to Emmanuel. Emmanuel looked at the address and said to Pastor Danny "that's me"!! Not long after this, he was baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit. Since that miracle I have constantly stayed in contact with Emmanuel to encourage him in the Lord. It was just great for me to finally meet him, and see how much he has grown in the Lord.

We saw many people responding to the gospel and 14 people were baptised while we were there and about the same amount were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several healings also took place. On the last night I was there, Pastor Danny and I visited a man called Raoul who had been baptised a few weeks prior. When we arrived, he was on his way out to get some medication for his mother as she was ill. We said that there was not need for that as we could pray for her. They were very happy about this. We prayed for her and she was instantly healed.

The highlight of my visit to Ivory Coast was meeting a wonderful group of people who are willing to do things the Lords way. I have never come across this in my life outside the Revival Fellowship. I have come to respect these people very much. I know that quite a few of them have experienced horrific things in their lives, for example through the civil war in Liberia. Even today they are still faced with difficulties such as a lack of money and food. Still I have never heard them complain and I have never seen them unhappy. When asked "how are you?", they would always answer "Praise God, I am blessed!". For these people, only one thing counts in their lives: I am a child of God, so my life is full whatever my physical circumstances may be. On top of that they are always willing to help and serve. I greatly admire that and I feel very privileged that God put me in the position to experience all this.

Jan-Pieter van Oostende

Heard from the platform in Abidjan, Ivory Coast:

- ? Life without Christ is a crisis.
- ? If you are walking with the Lord, you have no business with demons.
- ? God leads His servants to the right place.
- ? If you compromise the Word of God you delay the blessings in your life.
- ? Things that do not glorify God shouldn't prevail in our church.
- ? If we don't have a clear understanding of things we will easily be shaken.
- ? Out of unity shall come blessings and life.
- ? We are into establishing the Kingdom of God.
- ? He who loses his trust in the Lord shall walk in fear.
- ? Many are lead astray because they do not acknowledge God.
- ? A christian is someone who is Christ-like.
- ? We don't want to work with others who are not in line with the Bible.
- ? The charismatic movement has tarnished the integrity of christianity.
- ? We always have to overcome stumbling blocks.
- ? Before honour comes humility.
- ? We must protect what the Lord has given us.
- ? We must be submissive to the authority in the church.
- ? If we don't separate ourselves from other churches we restrict God.
- ? You have to work for the reward.
- ? If it is God's will, He will make a way.

*That's all for this month,
Don't forget our Europe Convention 1st-18th August 2001!
Bye for now,
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