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DON'T FORGET THE EUROPEAN CAMP IS COMING QUICKER THEN YOU EXPECT.
WE KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING BUT WE HAVE FEW ACTUAL BOOKINGS YET.
CAN THE PASTORS AND COORDINATORS PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS A.S.A.P.

Pastor Piet Visser

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters world-wide.

We have experienced an active month, with many people travelling to various places. Otto, Tineke and Ronny left for Australia to visit a few assemblies there. George, a new brother, returned to his homeland Argentina, for three weeks to visit family and to share the gospel with them. Four people travelled to England to attend their Spring Camp, while quite a number headed east to Hungary for the camp there. The theme was 'Truth with Proof'. To top it off, a few more travelled to Hungary at the end of the month to lend support to their 1st of May Open-Air concert-outreach.

Four people were baptised by full immersion this month in Dordrecht, receiving the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues.

We are pleased to announce that Renska and Tico are expecting their first child. The creche is going to be full (and noisy) soon with three babies on the way!

Neh 8:10 'for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' This scripture was mentioned in a talk this month reminding us that we can have great joy just by knowing that we are children of God. What we have is not normal but FANTASTIC and we can have happiness and peace by following the simple gospel that has been preached to us. Now is the time to be serious, enthusiastic and to encourage one another knowing we have the power and have been made capable to overcome everything. Remain faithful and walk in thankfulness.

Gleaned from talks at the Hungarian Camp:

- ? God made the environment and placed man in it to perform. We also try to create an environment to invite people into to perform.
- ? No Holy Spirit, no truth and no understanding of the truth.
- ? Dan 3 and Dan 6 tells us that we never need to compromise in any way.
- ? An uncompromising approach pays off in a big way.
- ? We are called to wait, which means to EXPECT.
- ? All the ingredients are there, and mixed in the right way, will give beautiful results.
- ? The story in 1Kings 18: Our God is not like their gods. Result 185,000 dead enemies.
- ? Mark 1:16-17. An unknown man comes up to you and says: "Follow me" and they do, astonishing!
- ? When God does a miracle people explain it away as coincidence. When a disaster happens the same people often deny a possible coincidence and blame God for it.
- ? Eph 1:5. We are predestined to be adopted as children. It is up to us to avail ourselves for this and to stay that way.

- ? Heb 3:8. “harden not your hearts” People who harden their hearts cannot see anything positive. The people of Israel had a whopping big fire column in front of them every day and they probably said: “you see any miracles around here? I don’t.”
- ? John 14:8. Philip said: “show us the father” - Jesus said: “can’t you see Him in me?” If you can’t, look at the miracles (vers 11) - In the same way people should be able to see the Father also in us!
- ? KNOWING the truth, what are we going to DO with it?
- ? What makes the truth the truth?
- ? 1Ki 18, Elijah knew it was going to work, no risk at all because it was the truth.
- ? John 18: 37. Jesus: “to this end was I born.” To be a witness of the truth!
- ? Heb 11, the chapter of the hero’s of faith from the old testament. Abraham and Sarah are mentioned but when we read Gen 17:17 and 18:12 we see that they laughed at God’s

- promise, still they are mentioned as faithful people. God is greater than our human doubts.
- ? We have been given enough information to survive anything.
- ? It does not matter what we **plan** to do, it matters what we actually do.
- ? Truth with proof does not only apply to our “little” healings and provisions, it applies to the whole of creation, including all mankind. Everybody proves the Bible to be true in everything they say, do, or not do.
- ? Even bad or disobedient people fulfil prophesy.
- ? We don’t distort things to make them fit into preconceived ideas.
- ? All solutions to our personal problems are to be found in a “back to basics” approach, not in a “let’s look for extra’s” approach.

What Else Has Been Happening

Holland

Concert

Again we enjoyed a wonderful night of entertainment as our talented brothers and sisters performed for us. It was great to see a number of visitors who also had the opportunity to hear the gospel!

Last Days

We had a very interesting presentation from Ps. Piet which looked into the Biblical history of mankind. By understanding about the conflicts and divisions which took place some thousands of years ago, we can better understand where the roots of many of today’s wars lay. Prophecies have and are being fulfilled and as we see ‘the world shall reel to and fro like a drunkard’ Is 24:20, we know the time is near for the Lord to return...not as a baby but as the King of Kings.

Surprise Evening

Due to many people being away we held a casual, fun night of people sharing testimonies, favourite scriptures and two skits of parables (which had to be put together in 10 minutes, and were a great laugh).

Short Talks

We enjoyed three encouraging, 10 minute talks from brothers;

- ? Frans spoke about if you are doubtful in your faith, your walk will not only take a downward spiral, but it will be evident to those around you that you lack confidence— especially those in the world you have been called to save. If you do everything wholeheartedly with boldness, you will overcome, see results and your walk will take an upwards spiral.
- ? Arnos’ talk was titled ‘Keep Walking.’ To start our walk we must be born-again (there is no other way). Our motivation to keep walking is the love of God and the love of the truth. We must do what God asks of us. Why do we keep walking? Because it is the best thing we can do and our reward is eternal life. Arno ended his talk with this quote; “When was the last time you did something for the first time?”
- ? Arend spoke about singing. We can often read accounts in the Bible of people who sang praises to God, demonstrating an overcoming mentality and thankfulness to God. People were demonstrating faith, knowing God had given the victory. We must not be influenced by the negativity of the world but know that God is working in our life – plenty of reason for us to lift our voices in praise.

Germany

We had a good month. In our monthly meeting in Wasserkuppe we had a visitor. He came through a street witness. We all had good fellowship. We

also had a few outreaches in Stuttgart. During the Easter break we went to the Hungarian Camp which we enjoyed and got strengthened in the Lord. We had overseas visitors, who stayed with us also during the meetings, now we expect results. Praise the Lord.
Ritva.

Czech Republic

Greetings to you all from our fellowship in Czech. We praise the Lord as He's brought us through another month with joy.

We held some outreaches; one was in Prague, which was very good. We did it with our Prophecy Boards. There is a law in Prague which doesn't permit you to hand out pamphlets of any kind – that is why we took our guitars there to make a bit of a "joyful noise" which caught peoples interest and made them stop and listen. We had some really good talks to people and got some phone numbers. Two people came the same evening to Marek's place – he is a brother living in Prague – where they heard the Word of God faithfully preached. We are in contact with them and we need to be back there and keep in touch with those interested ones and have some more outreaches.

We have had a few visitors to the meetings, although nobody has done anything yet. Some of us went to the Hungarian camp and we all enjoyed it a lot. Thanks to all Hungarian saints, we appreciate the effort you've put in to make it a really nice camp.

That's all from us here. God bless you and remain faithful.

Jana.

Hungary

This month we had a Prophecy Board outreach and two sessions of normal outreaches before Wednesday meetings.

Our camp was held in a new site which was just fantastic; nice location, plenty space for growth. This camp was attended by 85 people from different assemblies, including children, with nearly half coming from Hungary. The theme of the camp was "Truth with proof" with very good talks. Just a few thoughts of what we heard on the topic:

- ? Jesus was a man who showed who He was by what He did.
- ? We astonish people with our doctrine because it is different from the world, but mainly because it works.
- ? The word of God has the power to work if we have faith
- ? All prophecies will be fulfilled whether people know it or not, whether they want it or not.

We had an outreach during camp. We had visitors through this event later on in the regular meetings. Altogether it was a very uplifting camp with great fellowship.

In April we had three baptisms, out of which two people were already spirit filled, and one of them received just before baptism.

The last Saturday was spent practising for our Open-Air concert to be held at the city park, and on the last Wednesday meeting of the month many Dutch brethren came to help with the concert. It was wonderful to see so much effort going into the things of the Lord, and we are expecting further mighty wonders from the Lord to come from it.

Take care and God bless

Nigel and Renáta.

Testimonies

I came to the Lord in March 1993. I grew up as a Catholic in Germany. I was married but my life was not very good as I felt often alone, depressive, sick and our marriage ended later on in divorce. I knew there was a God but thought He was on holiday and couldn't hear me and when I read the Bible, I understood nothing. I realised that the Catholic system was wrong and searched for the Lord at the Jehovah Witness' and other churches, but there was no power there. Around this time my friend Bärbel came from Australia and she told me the gospel. It was so beautiful to hear about miracles and healings and I decided to go to Holland to hear more. Bärbel and other brothers and sisters came to Germany to see me. Before they arrived I prayed to God to show me the right way. I was so confused. Is the Revival Fellowship right or the Jehovah Witness'??

The answers I was given from these spirit filled people came directly from the Bible. I was baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. My life changed. I was happy and healed from a number of things. Due to a car accident five year previously I had a bad back and pain in my neck. A sister and I prayed and the pain was gone.

Four years ago I moved to Holland. The Lord blessed me in Holland with the new language, work, house and I have remarried. We have been married for 1 ½ years and I am expecting our first child which is a miracle, because I have been unable to have children until now.

Manuela, Holland

In September 1998, I met someone who confronted me with the gospel. She asked me if I believed in

God and whether I had received the Holy Spirit. I thought I had, although I did not speak in tongues. She explained to me that speaking in tongues is the Bible evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit. After a good talk, I decided to go to a meeting where I was convinced of Gods word and was baptised by full immersion just as Jesus had been.

The following day I received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. I was so happy. At last I had found what I had been looking for: happiness, peace and certainty. Since then I have been healed, own my own house, have a good job and much more. Previously these things were unimaginable for me.

I thank God for everything and hope that more and more people accept a fantastic life with God.

Evert Huisman, Holland.

In September 1999, I heard the gospel when I met someone from the Revival Fellowship on the street.

We had a long talk. Previously I had never read the Bible, but felt very convicted when I was shown scriptures. I was thinking that if this was right, then I wasn't! The following Sunday I went to a meeting where I saw that the people were normal and that I actually wasn't. I was prayed for that evening to receive the Holy Spirit, and when I spoke in tongues, I knew immediately that everything that I had heard was true. I was baptised straight away by full immersion. Since then my life has changed totally.

Now I have certainty and peace in my life, which was previously unthinkable. God has all the answers to my questions and problems. I have been healed on various occasions from headaches, stomach upsets and a sprained ankle. I have recently been married which is a blessing too.

I praise the Lord for my new life and that has been only made possible through Him.

Elisa Angela, Holland.

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That's all for this month.

*Bye for now,
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