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Revival Fellowship Europe Monthly Report February 2003

Greetings from Holland where we have been pleased to have another wedding in our midst. Frans and Esther were married on the 6th, surrounded by all the brethren, family and friends.

There have been plenty of visitors attending meetings and we are pleased to have five people baptised and Spirit-filled this month.

Due to worsening situation in the Ivory Coast, we remind you to keep our brothers and sisters there in your prayers. Demonstrations have resulted in looting, rioting and loss of life. The hatred towards Liberians, which make up a large proportion of the assembly, is growing, making it risky to even go outside. Regardless of these hardships, people are attending meetings and are being baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We see even around us here as we go out to the streets to share the gospel, that there is a hardening of people's hearts. But we know that the days are numbered before the return of Christ, and we must not allow anything to stop us. We do not know how much time remains but if we do not tell people the truth, who will? Cast not away therefore you confidence (knowledge of the unmoveable) which hath great recompence of reward. Heb 10:35. The only confidence we want to get rid of is the flesh!

Heard from the Platform

- ? Do not expect more, or less, from yourself that what God does.
- ? Gods' plan goes beyond this earthly life, onto eternity.
- ? When you have the right mentality you have a desire to listen and learn.
- ? We have been given the power to remain righteous.
- ? If you compromise, God cannot confirm His word in your life.
- ? We are in a battle for the salvation of souls.
- ? The Lord does not judge on outward appearances or intelligence, but action.

- ? If in doubt about something, don't do it.
- ? The Lord wants us to make it on the day of his return and in this present time to be successful in everything we set our hand to.
- ? Let's keep busy, otherwise we become sleepy.
- ? Don't let go of your enthusiasm.
- ? Realise that your presence is important.
- ? We are called to do it, not to think about it.
- ? Make sure you remain close to the fire.
- ? We have power let's use it.

WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING

Holland

Presentation: The Bible

Where does the Bible come from and why do we place so much value on it? The Bible is the oldest book in the world, it is also the best sold and most hated. It was written between 1300BC - 200AD by some 40 people who were motivated by or filled with the Holy Spirit. It contains prophesies, of which 48 predict the birth of Christ and 500 about the return of Christ, and also the history of Christ and the adventures of the apostles. The message of the Bible is how to make contact with God and how to maintain this contact. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. 2Tim3:16,17.

Short Talks

We enjoyed three short talks from young brothers:

- ? Aikie spoke about the choice mankind has been given, salvation or damnation. Through Jesus we have access to God. We choose to be obedient and do what God wants. We can make the right choices for God by using the Holy Spirit.
- ? Wim spoke about the simple gospel we have been given which mankind has alas made complicated. Do what God wants and be saved! We were all doing our own thing but are now born-again and know how we should walk. God shows us which direction we should go.
- ? Rudolph spoke about the rest God gives our souls when we are led by the Holy Spirit. Our own thoughts can sometimes be our worst enemy. Let's not be proud and use our own wisdom but be humble. God gives wisdom – but not the wisdom of the world.

Dinner Night

We enjoyed a dinner night held as an opportunity to invite visitors to. We were pleased to see a number of new faces who heard the gospel, including two men from Bulgaria who, thanks to modern technology not shared by our brothers and sisters in days gone by, could be shown scriptures in their own language, downloaded on Ps. Piet's laptop... that and a lot of waving of hands.

Ouiz Night

It was good to see the young people come together to organise a Quiz Night. Much fun was had by all.

Switzerland

Praise the Lord, we are still happy in Him. Although we had a very quiet month and although the world is shooting the arrows on us, it doesn't matter because with the power of the Lord, we can overcome all things and the Lord shows us that He is always with us. Praise Him!

Greetings to all of you, your sister in the Lord, Zsuzsa

Czech Republic

In February we had some outreaches and some visitors came from personal witnessing, praise the Lord. No one has done anything yet, but we are rejoicing anyway.

Everybody is well otherwise.

God bless and greetings.

Hungary

In February we had a rolling prayer and fast for 11 days on revival. Every day 2 of the bretheren were fasting to get revival. At the end of it we had a three-day-prophesy board outreach by a very busy shopping centre with most of the bretheren attending. It was great to see how everybody got stuck into preaching. The event was very successful, with the word being sown and contacts made. We are sure that more revival will follow. On the third weekend we had bowling on the program which was attended by a lot of saints and we had a few visitors also, this was followed by fellowship in the hall and a really exiting time of uplifting through God's word occured.

During the last week of February we were getting ready for the Children's night with rehearsals. The night was excellent we had several visitors on the event and had a fantastic time of witnessing afterwards. This was actually on the first of March, and we are exitedly awaiting the meeting on Sunday.

Praise the Lord for all of his works.

<u>Stuttgart</u>

We had a nice time with the Lord. Few outreaches in the city and one Saturday in Wasserkuppe, where we met up with the other German saints and Johan & Fam and Ben from Holland. Kari-Matti would like to pass the greetings from all the Singaporean saints after being there for two weeks.

Ritva

TESTIMONIES

I always wanted to know whether there was God. As every Finn, I too was brought up in the Lutheran church, believing that doing no harm and being nice makes you right with God. I only went to church for weddings and once every few years or so. I tried to read the Bible but failed to find anything in it. I questioned how people could say God was good when so many bad things existed; wars, hunger, violence and injustice. I was told that God is the way He is and to accept it. I was unsatisfied with that. Years later when I had been working, had a family, a house; basically everything, I decided to try to know God. The next day Kari-Matti, my husband, told me that he had been made redundant. We ended up in Perth, Australia, where he had found work.

It was in the park that I was approached by a lady who asked me if I had heard about Jesus or God. She told me why this world is in such a bad state and showed me scriptures to back up what she was saying. I was stunned at how she knew the answers to my questions, as I had not asked them! She also told me about speaking in tongues.

I went to a meeting, sitting at the back so that I could escape if somebody wanted to do something to me. I found it strange that people were clapping in a church everyone was supposed to be quiet and serious, not happy! I could understand the Bible for the first time. That was what I had always wanted! I was baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues. This was in October 1993.

We stayed in Perth nine more years during which time both of my children received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. To everyone's great surprise after eight years, Kari-Matti, my husband, came to a meeting, got baptised, received the Holy Spirit; two days before he started his new job in Stuttgart, Germany.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for accepting my family and myself as His children.

Ritva Juhe, Germany.

I have been in the Lord for 11 years. Prior to this I lead a 'worldly' life and had no idea about God. I saw the hypocrisy of people in the church and wanted nothing to do with them. I got involved in charity work. I also drank a lot, smoked, used drugs and gambled. A friend of mine died at a young age of cancer. This shocked me and I began looking at my life. I met someone who knew about God and was told the gospel. My questions were answered. I went to a meeting and saw the difference between church and the Revival Fellowship. I liked it. I was baptised and received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues.

Everything changed in my life. I didn't smoke or use drugs any more – I didn't need to. I used to be proud, stubborn and arrogant – the Lord has changed me. I left England for Hungary. The Lord is the most important thing to have and I can rely on Him. It is good to be a part of a growing fellowship and be part of a group who want to go out and do the things of the Lord. I have a good life which also includes healings. I am looking forward to meeting the Lord in the air.

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That's all for this month.

Bye for now, Karen van Oostende, Revival Fellowship, Holland