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Editorial:

It is clear that we are constantly being bombarded with ideas and philosophies from other (religious) organizations. Sometimes we could be tempted to adopt and adapt some of these ideas.

Going down this road will eventually result in getting the same results these organizations have.

If we use their “tools” we will also get their results. Do we want that?

With this in mind we can recognize many trends, actions and attitudes, maybe even among ourselves. The idea that we should show ourselves to be “normal” in our clothing, actions and the presentation of our beliefs also starts there.

This is also where the “special event” promotions ideas come from.

There is a real danger that we will start living from event to event with very little happening in between.

In John 10:4-6 and 27-28 we find the following phrases:

“For they know his voice”

“For they know not the voice of strangers”

“My sheep hear my voice”

I believe it would be safe to conclude the following

- ? If we want Real Revival we need to speak the Lords words and do the Lords actions.
- ? Other words or actions might bring people in to the meetings but they might not be the lost sheep but rather goats.
- ? All the words, actions, parables, examples needed to bring Revival are contained in the Gospels. We need no more.

- ? All the words, actions and examples needed to stay saved are contained in the books after the Gospels.
- ? The Old Testament gives us many examples of “how to” and “how not to” and talks about many interesting people.
- ? The prophets recorded warnings and also promises.

I firmly believe we need no more than what we have been given in the Bible. There is no improvement possible on that. In the course of my working life I have had to learn many things and the most positive things I learned had their origin in the Bible anyway. So, I figure, why not use the Bible instead as our source and cut out the middle man.

All our blessings, healings, miracles and Revival are bound up in the basics. PNG is a perfect example of this.

I am not saying we should not have camps and conventions but their greater value could well be in the interaction between people from different assemblies to “calibrate compasses” to get them again all pointing (more or less?) in the same direction.

I know for myself that I am always coming away “recalibrated” from visits to camps and other assemblies.

I hope this will be of some help to us all to formulate some action points to reverse some trends and strengthen others.

Thanks for your attention.

Piet Visser.

Greetings.

We are pleased to share with you our news from the previous month.

The Lord is with us and blessing us, as He is with all those worldwide who share the common salvation. We are involved in a wonderful, international and united fellowship.

Tineke and Otto arrived back from their trip to Singapore and Australia and we enjoyed watching their video and hearing of the wonderful testimonies they had to share. It is great that no matter where we are, within the Revival Fellowship the Word of God is upheld in all its' fullness with no room for variation.

We enjoyed a visit from Pastor Warren and his family from North London. The talk he gave was about 'metamorphosis.' A caterpillar is born to crawl along the earth but after burying itself, it transforms into a butterfly. We too have been born-again to fly and be free from being earth bound.

Again we enjoyed seeing many visitors at meetings with six people being baptised this month by full immersion, receiving the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues.

We are all saddened at the passing away of our brother Bob on Saturday the 14th. Our prayers remain with his wife Maaike, and family.

Bob has eternal life to look forward to as we are born-again, never to die again

We experience the Holy Spirit as a Comforter offering a comfort the world cannot offer.

Heard From the Platform

- ? How can we be prepared to meet the Lord? Serve Him!
- ? If people need you today – be there. This too is part of serving the Lord.
- ? If you have anything to tidy up in your life, do it today for you do not know when the Lord is returning. Don't think you will do it tomorrow, as you may not have a tomorrow.
- ? The Bible is not a book of fairy tales. We experience it to be true.
- ? Leaving the Fellowship does not solve your problems – it makes them worse.
- ? Everybody is born with a square hole in their heart and all that the world has to offer is round – it doesn't fit!
- ? We are the clay; God is the potter and knows what is best for His creation.
- ? We live in an unbelieving world that undermines us and says 'you can't' but God says we can do all things – believe it.
- ? If you make good decisions in your walk, you will have a good walk.
- ? The only thing mankind has to do is to accept the solution God has given us.
- ? Fear and uncertainty are not a fruit of the Spirit and do not belong in the life of a Christian. We need not fear what is going to happen to us but live in peace.
- ? If you want a good life, you have to do what the Bible says.
- ? The confidence that we shine forth, (that does not come from ourselves but we have received from God), sometimes has more effect on people around us than our words.
- ? If things aren't going right in your life, it is not God's fault, but your own. Don't try to solve problems your own way, but hand them over to God to sort out.
- ? We can have certainty in our life. Not only do we have a fantastic future but today we can stand in the world and say, "I have a God who looks after me, no matter what happens."

What Else Has Been Happening

Holland

Sydney Convention

What a wonderful weekend we had, getting out of bed early to arrive in the hall in time to enjoy live linkage with the happenings at the Australian Convention. The testimonies of God working wonders in the lives of folk all over the world was encouraging. Rachel and Anthony here for the weekend from Dublin who were saved at the Convention last year. We were wonderfully uplifted by the words of several Pastors who have walked with the Lord for many years gaining wisdom and experience. In one of these talks we heard how we are in a privileged position and must

remain strong, make a stand and by no means let go or be persuaded by the world! The world we are living in is a mess, but we are the children of God and remain secure. **Be excited, prepared, rejoicing, and enthusiastic. Gods' plan is vast!**

Video

Wim, Hortence and Merlyn returned from their homeland of Suriname after a very busy four weeks. They spoke to many people there and we are pleased to hear that some have been born-again. We hope that this may be the beginning of another great work in South America. All over the world people are being born-again. It was interesting seeing the video they made of their 'adventure.'

Gorinchem

For the last few months we have been holding weekly outreaches in the nearby town of Gorinchem, about 20 minutes from Dordrecht. Pastor Bert and our brother Laurance were interviewed by the local newspaper recently, and had their article published to inform everyone there who we are and what we stand for. We are hiring a hall for the coming five weeks to hold meetings in. On the first Saturday night, there were four visitors and the following Sunday, there were eight. A number of us enjoyed a picnic/outreach on a Saturday afternoon, which was a great time of fellowship and one lady who was spoken to and prayed for was filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues.

Presentation

Pastor Piet and Netty arrived home after their trip to Singapore and Australia where they visited various assemblies. We had a photo presentation and heard lots of exciting news, i.e. that there is an assembly in Manilla (in the Philippines), and a few hundred people fellowshipping in Thailand. **Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1Cor 1:10.** This is the task of all of us to achieve as we all have a role in the worldwide work and shouldn't underestimate it.

Czech Republic

Hello brothers and sisters!

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord.

We're doing fine and we are looking forward to seeing you again very soon.

As for the past month, we had some good outreaches. We always have a good time out on the streets, but of course there is nothing like when you get some people who are willing to open up and obey the Word of God. Nevertheless either way, no one can take our joy away.

We had some visitors at our meetings which is always good. You just never know when they may take those necessary steps to be made right with God.

Because of good weather, we organised some trips as a kind of relaxation from busy life. We had a barbecue last Saturday and we played games – names from the Bible and we had to guess them by asking questions. Nice and profitable.

That's all for now,

God bless you.

Switzerland

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

This month was very exciting. In the beginning of June we went to Dordrecht for a long weekend to see, via video-link, the convention in Sydney. It

was great to see brothers and sisters live at the other end of the world. This month we learned about patience and truth and we saw again that we can trust in the Lord more than 200%. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). We also got a phone number from a woman we met on an excursion. She would like to come to a meeting. Further, brothers and sisters from Germany visited us for some fellowship-days which was also a blessing.

We are looking forward to the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless!

Stephan.

Germany

Here is the Stuttgart report.

We had a busy and nice month after the successful outreach doing all the follow-ups. Two new people came to the meeting during that. Both of them received the Holy Spirit and one of them was baptised. She is from China and here name is Dan.

In Wasserkuppe we had the monthly meeting, which was great.

We also had visitors from New Zealand as Lawrence, Jeanine and Grace came over for a few days. Great month.

Greetings,

Ritva.

Hungary

Dear brethren,

Greetings from Hungary, where the first piece of news we must state for this month happened on the very first day. Young Nathanael Kaye was baptised by full immersion having earlier received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Also on this day brother Krisztián became engaged with Sister Cindy from Holland. We know the Lord will bless them both.

The main event on the program for this month was a continuous prayer and fast, where brethren took turns of one day at a time to fast and pray for revival, from the 1st until the 8th finishing off with an outreach on 9th which was a national holiday. It all went well and many new people came through the month to meetings. God's word has again been planted all over the place.

We had another prophesy display later in the month followed by a Saturday event on a lake involving swimming, water skiing (Pastor Chris is really quite good now...), and lots of good fellowship and fun.

This year we have finalised the details for Euro summer camp and 32 Hungarian men, women and children will be sharing testimonies with you all very soon.

Until then God bless,

Nigel, Renáta and the Hungarian Fellowship.

Testimonies

I heard the gospel 27 years ago. I was touched by what I heard as this was a gospel with power and evidence. I heard about speaking in tongues as the sign of receiving the Holy Spirit and baptism being the burial of your old life. If this was real, I wanted it. I went to a couple of meetings where I saw the joy and confidence of the saints. I knew what I had heard was real. I prayed for the Holy Spirit and after about ten minutes, I spoke in tongues and had a personal experience with the Lord. I was baptised by full immersion and came out of the water feeling new.

My life changed from then. The desire to take drugs and drink alcohol left. My way of thinking changed – I no longer worried like I used to. The Bible made sense and when I prayed, I got answers.

I have received protection and healing from the Lord. I never found God in my old church, now I have.

Lawrence Bills, New Zealand

Four years ago I heard singing coming from the Revival Fellowship hall and went to hear as I loved gospel music. I didn't dare to go inside at that time but went back two weeks later. A few days after that meeting I was visited by a brother and sister. The Bible was opened and I realised that although I was a Catholic, I hadn't been taught much about God. I came to another meeting and was baptised by full immersion, not sure what it really was but knew that it was written in the Bible. I received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues and became a believer.

A new life began. I have been since married and am expecting our first child. I have had healings. I used to be proud but learned that that does not work with God so had to become humble. If I do what God says, everything works and is blessed.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me. I look forward to going together to meet the Lord.

Renska, Holland

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That's all for this month.

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