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## Important – Our camp organiser Paul v Wijnen has a new e-mail address: p.wijnen7@chello.nl

# **Revival Fellowship Europe Monthly Report March 2003**

Greetings brothers and sisters, we have had a jam-packed month with many visitors to our meetings and we had 5 baptisms. Congratulations are in order for our brother Johnny and sister Elisa as they were married on the 21<sup>st</sup> and what a great testimony it was to all the family and friends and a great time was had by all.

Welcome to our brother Laurens who comes via Perth, Australia to Holland to study.

We had a few whirlwind visits from some brothers and sisters. Ritva and Kari-Matti, from Stuttgart, were here only for one day getting some documents sorted but also got some fellowship in as well; it was great to see them. Paul, Sally and Matthew Unwin were also in Dordrecht for one week of fellowship. Sally had a great time going out for the outreaches, she gave one man a pamphlet on healing and the man replied I'd rather see one on salvation. Brother Michael Haydock currently fellowshipping in Vancouver, Canada graced us with his presence for a weekend. He gave an encouraging talk on the Sunday night meeting. His subject was: Inside / Outside and the gist of the talk was, you can't change the outside without first tackling the inside – so if you aren't a child of the Living God yet then, you need to receive His Holy Spirit and then you can with God's power turn your life around. Those of us, who already have experienced this, need to make sure that the inside, or the inner man, stays clean from the things of this world. Only then, the outside, which is our visible testimony, will speak to the people around us.

This month we got to see the beginning of war in Iraq. The last days are upon us brethren let us hold on tight more than ever to the salvation that so graciously has been bestowed upon us. We have been given a great work to do, so let us not be slothful but diligent to our great calling. "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless". 2Peter3v14

### Heard from the Platform

- ? We can sit and watch the negative war on the TV. Or we can better still be busy with the positive things of Christ.
- ? The valley between God's children and the children of the world is getting bigger and bigger.
- ? All your decisions, whether good or bad, fulfil bible prophecy.
- ? Whatever choices you make, the Bible is still the truth.
- ? Look at the possibilities that God has to offer us, miracles healings etc. instead of at the things that are happening around us.
- ? God is not sitting there waiting for sacrifice but for righteousness.

- ? Respect from people is temporal but from God it is eternal.
- ? Religion: where nothing happens, God's gospel: where signs and wonders are.
- ? We need to keep traditions buried in the waters of baptism.
- ? If you want an answer from God stop using your own mind and put on the mind of Christ.
- ? Everything natural is not beneficial in the spirit
- ? What God taught you yesterday you can use today.
- ? New life only possible when the old life dies.
- ? The knowledge of life and death: a great responsibility.
- ? Through faith everything is possible- everything.

## WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING

## **Holland**

#### **Presentation: The Last Days**

Brother Ben gave his first power point presentation. Bible prohecy is unfurling all around us, we must therefore not only recognise these signs of the times but also act upon them. Lets also be busy about our Fathers business, preaching the Word of God until our Saviour Jesus Christ returns.

#### **Presentation: Baptism**

Ps Piet talked about the importence of baptism the bible way. We meet many people who say they are baptised by full emersion but not with the expectation of receiving the Holy Spirit. So when we are preaching to people let us make sure the people understand the scriptures and that repentance, waterbaptism and receiving of the Holy Spirit is the only way for salvation.

#### **Prayer and Fast**

Our time of prayer and fast started on Friday night with house meetings. A great way to get started and on the Saturday we finished with talks from two brothers and Pastor Piet, here's what they had to say,

- Prother Otto spoke about "servicing yourself". A time of prayer and fast is like giving yourself an overhaul. About every two months we have a prayer and fast and we should use the time wisely. To examine ourselves if we really are in the faith or not, 2Cor13:5. We shouldn't deceive ourselves by saying that everything is o.k. When we really know through the Holy Spirit that it isn't. So if cracks are forming in your life, sort them out today. "Fixing a hole in your roof in the sunshine instead of in the rain is much better". So do what needs to be done today because you don't know what is ahead.
- ? Brother Paul spoke about the "Simpleness of the gospel". How that it is one of our greatest assets. He said that we should never forget how

simple it was for us when we heard the gospel and that nothing has changed with the gospel its only us who change so lets get back the simplicity of God's Word.

? Pastor Piet spoke about "effective fasting". What is effective fasting, fasting that brings results. In Isaiah 59:2 it is written "your iniquities have separated between you and your God". What are iniquities: not straight/right but crooked. Everything that isn't right or crooked separates us from God. So if we are praying about something for a while or even years then we need to change to get a result. Quoted "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again expecting one day a different result". If you want a result then you must change. Believe, do good and results will be there.

#### <u>Kids Film</u>

We had a relaxing night with a film for the children and fellowship afterwards. It was a needed breather after such a very busy last three months.

#### Signs and Wonders

A total of five people gave their testimony and in particular the healings and miracles they had received from the Lord. One springs to mind our sister Klaasje had a lump in her breast and she was healed by the power of God. Its uplifting to hear of these things and it gives you confidence to go the Lord with what ever is going on in our lives.

### **Switzerland**

Greetings in the name of the Lord! We had a really good month. We had outreaches every Saturday and Sunday in different cities and the result from that are three phone numbers. Praise the Lord. With one of them we are still in contact. This month we also we had a prayer and fast weekend which was again a great time too. Brothers and sisters from the Dutch assembly visited us at two weekends, which was a blessing for all of us. We are looking forward to the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless! Stephan

## **Czech Republic**

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord! This is what happened in March in our fellowship: Prayer and fast with encouraging talks. Dinner night good food and fellowship. A prayer evening, we got together and had a good time of prayer for situations, people, healings etc. It was followed by once again good and fruitful fellowship.

We're glad to announce that we have a new brother and sister in the world wide family of God. Our brother's name is Lubor and our sister is Iva. They are baptised and Spirit filled according to the scriptures. They were both witnessed to about half a year before they actually took the necessary steps to be made right with God. It's encouraging to be reminded that the Word of God never goes out in vain. Although we don't always see people come straight away, it doesn't mean that they will never come. The Word of God is mighty and it's the truth and it does work in people.

That's about all from us. God Bless you. From Czech.

### **Hungary**

Praise the Lord it is that all the effort over the previous few months has really started to bear fruit. Revival is in the air, we are very glad to report on 8 baptisms this month; all of them are spirit-filled plus another person who got spirit-filled but not yet baptised.

We had a very exciting and busy month with lots of events. To begin with we had a children's night on the 1st of March, which was a great success, with lots of visitors, about six families in all. The next day we had two baptisms after the first meeting both of them got spirit-filled.

We had two prophesy board outreaches on Thursdays, Wednesday outreaches every week and a prayer and fast weekend with great, uplifting talks. We had visitors at almost every meeting, which was fantastic to see, this led to three more people coming to the Lord during the month, spiritfilled and baptised and one further person spiritfilled and hopefully soon to be baptised.

We were also getting ready for our musical, which was performed on the 29th of the month. At the musical we had approx. 25 visitors, the next day we had three baptisms, all of whom received. We counted around 40 visitors during this month, which is very encouraging as we are spreading the Lord's word, and as we know the Lord's work is definitely not going out in vain.

Praise the Lord for all his mighty works. A wonderful month for the whole fellowship, and we look forward to even greater things in the Lord next month.

God bless,

Nigel and Renata

## <u>Stuttgart</u>

The month started and finished with a combined meeting. We had a good fellowship with all the brethren and we had outreaches in the city. In the middle of the month the German saints travelled to Wasserkuppe where also some Dutch saints had come. Once again we had good fellowship and the meeting. Also this month we have had a prayer and fast and outreaches. The outcome for us has been happy hearts!

God bless. Ritva

## **TESTIMONY**

I was born in 1979 and both my parents were married, spirit filled and in the Revival Fellowship. My mum is from Melbourne, and was bought up a Methodist. One day she was walking down the street and saw the meeting place of the Revival Fellowship. She walked in for a look, and sat in the back for most of the meeting. At the end of the meeting she went down to the front for prayer and she received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. My dad came to the Lord in Perth after he was witnessed to in his late teens.

I was bought up being taught that the Bible is true, and that I had to receive the Holy Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. One Sunday, there was an elder from the Melbourne fellowship visiting. My dad organised for me to have some prayer with this man, Eric Whiteside. I went to the prayer room, and was very diligent in seeking the Lord. After 10 minutes or so, I started to speak in another language that I didn't know. It was a powerful experience. I was baptised a week later. I felt different and that God had given me something really precious and something I would need for the rest of my life. After I received the spirit I just coasted along with life most of the time. I was never tempted in high school by drinking or other worldly things, because I knew they were futile. So when I had problems or needed help with school, I prayed and God would always answer.

When I went to university I began to grow in the Lord and understand His big plan. I started to read the Bible more, and found the words full of life and meaning. After my first year of university, I found I needed the Lord

more than ever. Several events happened within a year that caused me to rely on the Lord more. I praise the Lord that He was there when I needed a rock to stand on. The Lord brought me through university, and this was the time when I got a clear vision and understanding of my position in Christ. The Lord got me a job, but one morning I found out the company could no longer keep me on. This was part of an amazing set of circumstances and blessings that the Lord provided, so that only a week after I lost my job, I left Perth with another brother for a 7-month trip around Australia. This really got me out of my comfort zone and it was a very uplifting time.

The trip was amazing, and really opened my eyes to realise what the Lord had done for me and where He has put me. It made me want to serve the Lord more. It was exciting to be able to preach the gospel in so many places. I was able to lay hands on people, and see them healed instantly on several occasions. I met many brothers and sisters, and saw an amazing unity of the Spirit around the country. I was also healed of glandular fever after hearing an inspiring healing talk in Cairns. Since then, as I have looked to the Lord, he has guided my footsteps. He has blessed me with work, and a chance to be used more in the church.

### Michael Haydock

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That's all for this month.

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