



Revival Fellowship Holland

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Revival Fellowship Europe Monthly Report May 2003

Greetings to everyone.

It has been another great month with many activities keeping us busy. Plenty of visitors came to meetings and we witnessed 12 people being baptised by full immersion and filled with the Spirit, speaking in tongues.

We are very pleased to announce the birth of Anna, a daughter for Arend and Stania, born on the 22nd.

Pastor Piet and Netty have left for Australia, for a four week visit to various assemblies, and to attend the convention in Sydney.

Wim, Hortence and Merlyn left for their homeland of Suriname, which is on the North East coast of the South American continent, for four weeks, armed with a pile of pamphlets and much enthusiasm, to preach Gods word there. It is exciting to hear that people are responding well and are being born again.

Karri-Matti and his family visited from Stuttgart for a weekend of fellowship and it was also good to see Gisele and Alain, travelling from France for some fellowship with us.

It was good to hear all the news of Otto and Tineke's trip to Australia. It is a privilege to be involved in the work of God, knowing wherever you attend a Revival Fellowship meeting, even if it is on the other side of the world, in a different culture, that people do the same, speak the same and believe the same.

Just a reminder: our Summer Camp is approaching fast so if you intend to come, contact us as soon as possible as it is filling fast. The theme comes from **Ish 55:11: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.**

Heard From the Platform:

- ? Religion does not make us complete – the Holy Spirit does.
- ? God wants to see that we are prepared to leave our old lives behind.
- ? God is alive, our faith is alive and our prayers are answered!
- ? From the very beginning of creation, God has desired a relationship with mankind.
- ? Many good works are done in the name of God, but what does God want?
- ? Gods word (the voice of God) is perfect and does not need adding to – do it and you will be blessed.
- ? Religion has failed at representing God on earth – so it is up to us.
- ? How happy you are in the Lord is dependant on you leaving your old life behind.
- ? We are called to give hope to the world.
- ? The solution to all your problems are at the basics of the gospel – don't make things complicated.
- ? Why don't people just do what the Bible says – it is so easy!
- ? You must be born again – there is no other way found in any Bible. This is good news!
- ? Every day a bit more of God and a bit less of yourself.
- ? You are either caught up with the things of God, or the things of yourself.
- ? You grow the fastest when you are willing to give.
- ? The hope of God does not disappoint, the hope of the world does.

What Else Has Been Happening

Holland

Outreach

We started the month by holding a day-long outreach from the hall. We divided into groups and went into the 'highways and byways,' witnessing and inviting people to view the Prophecy Boards and to hear more of the gospel. There was a steady stream of people coming in throughout the day. As a result of this outreach, three people were filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, and there were a number of new people at the following meeting.

Speaking in Tongues

Unfortunately there is much of confusion about this subject, which is totally unnecessary as the Bible is so clear concerning speaking in tongues.

1. It is the sign of receiving the Holy Spirit; **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.**

2. By praying in tongues, or in the Spirit, we build up our faith; **But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Jude 20.**

3. In the church it is a sign for the unbeliever when used in the spiritual gifts; **Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not. 1Cor 14.**

Speaking in tongues has not ceased as some believe and is not a optional extra; **Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Rom 8:9.**

Kids Camp

It was that time of the year again when our children, aged 7-12, held their camp. They all look forward to this with much excitement! This year it was held at a perfect location set in the midst of a forest. There were 14 children and 7 leaders (all feeling their age afterwards). We had a great time and it was good to see the unity among our young future as they played and worked together. Rosters were set up for duties such as setting tables, cooking, serving, and doing dishes etc. Jamie gave a talk about the Last Days and what we can expect from the world – nothing good. Ronny, who only arrived from Australia that morning, gave a presentation about his time there. Others led the chorus sessions and shared testimonies. We had daily meetings, prayer times, a seekers meeting for two girls who have not yet received the Holy Spirit, items, an organised games afternoon and of course a campfire with plenty of goodies to get sick on! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed

themselves. Our intention is to encourage the children even more to realise how crucial it is for them to continue walking with the Lord, knowing that they too are an important part of the body of Christ. We all have talents - our children too!

Numerics

The Bible is Gods Word and we believe this to be true. There is a numerical pattern running through it, called Numerics, which goes to prove that this is no ordinary book. The chances of these numerical patterns coming to pass by chance are so small that we must conclude that the Bible is the inspired work of God.

Prayer and Fast

We enjoyed a wonderful weekend of praying and fasting – taking time to place our needs, and those of others, before the Lord and gain victory!

We enjoyed house meetings on Friday night and came together on Saturday afternoon for more prayer, the operation of the spiritual gifts and to be edified by three talks:

Johan spoke about trusting the Lord with all your heart, Prov3:5. We worship a God (the only God) that provides answers. He gives us the victory in every situation and we need not fear what the world puts in our path as He does not leave us. We have to trust in Him and when we do, we can overcome the world.

Ben spoke about relationships. The centre of a good team is the Lord and the priority of a good relationship is to place the Lord as number one in your lives. The Lord knows your desires and what you need in your life so there is no need to strive after these things.

Pastor Piet spoke about what gives real joy. We came to the Lord because we did not find it in the world – so there is no point in going back there to look for it. It isn't there! The world places pressure on us to conform, but work, career, possessions etc. have nothing to do with the Lord. We received Gods love through the Holy Spirit and a hope that does not disappoint. There is nothing in the world that offers this promise.

Signs and Wonders

We read in the Bible many accounts of healings and of peoples lives being changed fantastically through the power of God. We have been given this very same power when we received the Holy Spirit and what happened 2000 years ago is continuing in the lives of Gods' children today. God is faithful to His word and we see His promises being fulfilled daily.

We enjoyed a night of hearing testimonies from brothers and sisters of healings and lives being transformed. If these things are not happening in the church, then there is something wrong with the church! God is working in our lives when we do what is asked of us.

Kids Night

The children held their annual Kids Night with their usual enthusiasm. First, the little ones from the Sunday school performed a skit and song. This was followed by various items by the older children from the Bible Class. We heard about Kids Camp, watched two skits made by themselves and listened to songs and testimonies. Their enthusiasm was very evident and everyone had a great, relaxed, fun evening. The children waited on us afterwards with pleasure, concluding a very successful night.

Hungary

Hi to all the saints all around the world.

On the 1st of May we had our very first Concert, which was open-air in the City Park in Budapest. May Day is a public holiday here and there were other events which attracted people to go to the park. We went there to get that flood of people witnessed to. In the beginning we almost had a problem because some people found us too noisy and were worried that the Prime Minister couldn't be heard in the tent nearby. A brother said that he needed to hear the gospel too!

The weather was great, except the wind, we couldn't place the new prophecy boards the way we wanted, so we just put them around a tree. I have no clue how many people were witnessed to as there were a couple of thousand people in the park, but we got quite a few contact numbers and there were 6 new people at the meeting from the concert.

Special thanks to the Dutch brethren who supplied the technical equipment and help make noise (well, they were actually singing) and the help with witnessing. We are still expecting more revival as the result of the concert and we know that our labour is not in vain.

That's all folks now! God Bless, your brother in Christ,
Krisztian.

Czech Republic

Dear saints,

Greetings to you all in the name of the Lord!

May has been quite a good month, praise the Lord.

We had one baptism.

We had an outreach in Prague, just like last month.

One person turned up at the fellowship that we had afterwards. It was really good because this person is Spirit filled and baptised, willing to be in the right place. We will see.

We had the wedding of our brother Lada and sister Jana. They were married before they came to the Lord, then divorced, but praise the Lord. He can do anything. Things that are impossible with men are possible with God. He can make the crooked way straight. Janas' daughters were at the wedding with their partners and they could see the testimony of the saints very clearly. We will see what happens next.

That's all from Czech for now.

We are all well and rejoicing in the Lord.

God bless you all,

Jana.

Germany

Stuttgart

We had a busy month, which started by visiting saints in Dortmund. The monthly meeting with the Aichenzell saints was held in Wasserkuppe. The month ended with a 3 day prophecy display in Stuttgart city. Many saints came from Holland to support us, Swiss saints were here and the Saints from Nürnberg, we also had visitors from Australia as Hilde's daughter Inge, Wlada, Daniel & David came as well. Great thanks for everyone who supported this weekend by being in here or praying for us.

It was a great success: three people received the Spirit and two of them were baptised. PTL.

Greetings,

Ritva

Testimonies

Three years ago I was working in a shop in Australia. It was there that I first heard the gospel from a colleague. He shared testimonies, and told me about speaking in tongues, healings and what God can do.

In the beginning I found it strange. I was told that with God, everything is possible. What spoke a lot to me was prophecies and seeing history written in the Bible. I was using drugs and drinking but felt as

though I wasn't really living – as though something was missing. I went to a few meetings where I saw people were different - happy, not like the world. I thought about what I had to do, but I had too much pride and love of the world to choose for God. I also had a fear of the return of Jesus as I knew that I was not right in the eyes of the Lord.

I first heard the gospel 14 years ago in Australia, where I was living at the time with my family. Like most French people, I had been raised a Catholic, although it meant nothing to me. I never heard that I had to do something for the Lord or that I could experience Him in my life. I was witnessed to for six months and asked many questions. I wanted proof and was told I could have it. I decided to go to a meeting where I was moved by what I saw. My husband, Alain, told me to check out other churches before making a commitment. The people I met from these churches never told me that I could have evidence from God, only that I had to give my heart

Twenty weeks ago I repented, was baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. All fears left me. I returned to Holland where I feel at home, fellowship with brothers and sisters. I am at peace and have a fantastic life with God.

Laurens Harberts, Holland.

to Jesus. I never went back there. I eventually got baptised by full immersion and the next day I was filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Lord has changed me completely. I used to be very proud and I have learned to be humble. I have become a better person, understanding the way of the Lord, experienced healing and have a purpose in life. My husband and two children have also come to the Lord. I thank Him and hope I will always remain a good student and keep listening to Him.

Gisele Artus, France.

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That's all for this month.

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