

Revival News



European Monthly Report

May 2017



Euro Convention, Rotterdam, May 25—28



Pastors and leaders meeting



Our international Euro convention was a great success, some 300+ people attended and the end result was some 17 baptisms. We went through 55,000 leaflets in letterboxes and street outreaching. The Ahoy convention center is well known and a great location. To be repeated next year, May 10—13. Make your plans now to join us there.

Coming Events:

Swiss Outreach

1 July 2017

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Euro Summer Camp

29 July - 5 August 2017

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UK Summer Camp

13 - 20 August 2017

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French Outreach

8 - 12 September 2017

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The video files of the Euro convention are available for download.

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Editorial: Seeking immortality.

I came across the following in a book I am currently reading.

Start quote:

There was a time, now difficult to imagine, when human beings did not feel the need to share their every waking moment with hundreds of millions, even billions, of complete and utter strangers.

If one went to a shopping mall to purchase an article of clothing, one did not post minute-by-minute details on a social networking site; and if one made a fool of oneself at a party, one did not leave a photographic record of the sorry episode in a digital scrapbook that would survive for all eternity.

*These days, in the era of lost inhibitions, it seems no detail of life is too mundane or humiliating to share. In the online age, it is more important to **live out loud** than to **live with dignity**. Internet followers are more treasured than flesh-and-blood friends for they hold illusive promises of **celebrity, even immortality**.*

Were Descartes alive today he might have written:

"I tweet, therefore I am"

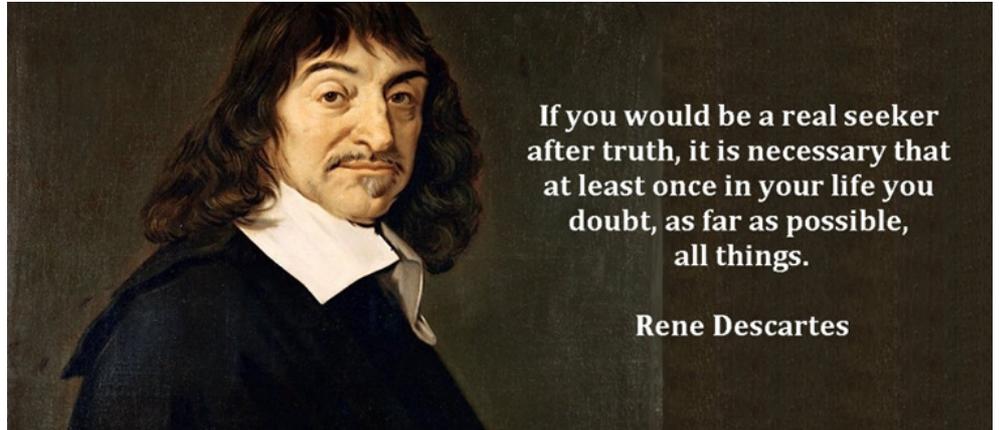
End of quote.

Freely translated this says: *"I doubt, therefore I think, I think, therefore I am."* This main thought was clarified in his 1637 treatise "Discourse on Method", and in his 1641 Meditations. Descartes describes the intriguing and disciplined **thought experiments** he used to arrive at the idea we instantly associate with him: I think therefore I am.

Only, when we start to doubt all these things and get totally disillusioned with the empty promises can we proceed to find the real purpose of life and find real immortality. It's a process the Bible calls repentance.

So, contrary to popular thoughts, true Christianity makes a lot of sense.

All the other things can be bundled



If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things.

Rene Descartes

From this foundational thought, Descartes finds proof of the existence of a God who, possessing all possible perfections, will not deceive him, provided he resolves **"never to accept anything for true which he did not clearly know to be true; that is to say, carefully to avoid precipitancy and prejudice, and**

together as "religions", even the digital religion. It will never achieve what people want.



Ps Piet Visser

to comprise nothing more in his judgment than what was presented to my mind so clearly and distinctly as to exclude all ground of methodic doubt."

So, are we lost yet?
What on earth is he talking about?

I believe it's about people looking for immortality. Some in sport, some in music, some in

religion and some on the internet in this digital age.

We see people running around, in Holland on the bicycle, behind the steering wheel of their car, constantly "connected" to "something", real or imaginary.



So, who was Descartes?

René Descartes (March 1596 – 11 February 1650) was a French philosopher, mathematician and scientist.

One of his most famous thoughts was expressed as:

"Dubito ergo cognito, cognito ergo sum"

Heard from the Platform

- Don't be surprised - Jesus can do anything!
- Covetousness is God's enemy.
- Daniel 5:27 How much do we weigh spiritually.
- Think about how good our future with the Lord will be.
- Thanks precede victory.
- Don't give in to the challenges.
- Believe, trust in the Lord and prosper.
- Do we just have a Christian lifestyle or do we lead a Christian life?
- Of how much value are we to God and to those around us?
- The world offers us many distractions, all in order to keep our minds in numbness.
- If you believe, God can do it NOW!
- Our actions now, determine our future.
- We are guilty until we are made innocent by the blood of Christ.
- We are equipped to do this work wonderfully well.
- Labouring for God is not hard.
- Wealth can cloud our vision.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to have compassion without being a respecter of people.

Revival Across Europe



Louise, Almere, NL



Janice, Almere, NL



Alex, West London, UK

The Netherlands: nineteen people were born again

England: three people were born again

Hungary: two people were born again

Ireland: one person was born again



Dordrecht, NL



Convention, NL



Eddie, Almere, NL



Arnold, Almere, NL



David, Liverpool, UK



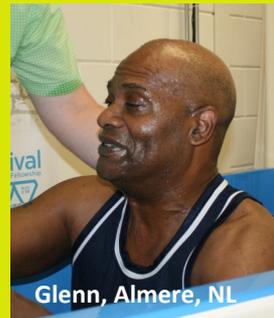
Convention, NL



Feri, Hungary



Bea, Hungary



Glenn, Almere, NL



Convention, NL



Convention, NL



Marcel, Switzerland



Margaret, Ireland



Elijah, Poole UK



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Rotterdam, NL

The Revival Fellowship in:

Dordrecht, NL

The month started with a prayer and fast. On the Saturday we came together with the other assemblies to close off this time. Brother Arno spoke about how the apostle Paul held nothing back and was confident. We should not be afraid to ask ourselves: Have I given the other person everything possible, when it comes to me supporting them?

This was also the month of our annual convention. A lot of preparation and hard work had gone into it, but it was all very much worth it. Many brethren from across Europe and England attended. It was great to spend time with one another and go out onto the streets to bring our message to the people. It was definitely a team effort.

An extra bonus of the convention was the visit



Pr David and Sue

of Pr David Kschammer and Pr Peter Miller from Australia (and their wives!). They were kept busy giving talks in the three assemblies. Pr Peter gave a very encouraging talk on being part of the work of the Lord. Labouring for the Lord is not hard as He has equipped us to do His work wonderfully well.

But to convince others, we must first be convinced ourselves.

Rotterdam, NL

Euro convention in Rotterdam was great. It was awesome to go on outreaches together with brothers and sisters from all over the world. All of their support was greatly appreciated. The combination of outreaching, fellowship and meetings was a great; we saw 13 people getting baptised, the 14th person getting baptised the following Sunday. Many more heard the gospel and saw the testimony of the saints.

Almere, NL

Greetings to all! This month five people were born again. One of them was returning home when he came across our Friday night outreach. He was very interested and was spirit filled that Saturday. The following Sunday he brought his wife and daughters along with him. His wife also received the spirit and they both baptised after the meeting. Exciting! Two of the people baptised came from family of brethren. One man heard the gospel in Frenk's taxi. It is fantastic that the gospel goes out to people we know and don't know (yet)! We had a busy month which included a presentation about the book of Revelation, which increased our appetite for knowing more about the Bible.

We were certainly uplifted by the convention. It helped us (re)focus on why we are on earth: to save souls! It was good!!

We are looking forward to the coming month and will keep you posted.

Yorkshire, UK

Hello from Yorkshire. May has been a blessed month of activities. We had a fellowship walk around Lotherton Hall followed by a meal. Some of our fellowship were blessed with attending Rotterdam convention, where it is always great to catch up with old friends and make new ones. It's good to hear testimonies from brothers and sisters, as it helps us understand that God is moving all over the world. There was plenty of witnessing and baptisms making it a blessed time. Our fellowship is having many visitors at our meetings every week, so please pray for our growth, praise the Lord. We welcomed Paul, Agata and family from Liverpool. We really appreciate visits from brethren, so thank you for supporting us.

Poole, UK

Greetings to all our brethren across the world. May has been a month with lots of welcome sunshine and the saints have been out and about enjoying the weather. The month started with a visit to Swanage (a local seaside town) where we

Euro Convention Rotterdam



The Revival Fellowship in:

enjoyed a picnic, team games, stunning scenery and great fellowship. We also had a musical outreach in Bournemouth town centre where many people were willing to talk and enjoy the choruses provided by some of our brethren. We were joined for the weekend by Pr Steve and Marion from Medway. We were pleased to have the visit and their fellowship.

A man called Elijah, who is already spirit filled and has been coming along for a number of weeks, was baptised.

While a couple of saints were attending the convention in Holland, some of us enjoyed a visit to Tyneham - ruins of a village in the Purbeck hills which was requisitioned by the army during the Second World War. We again enjoyed a great time of fellowship.



It has been great to see some of the newer saints really take hold of the word and begin to be more settled and involved in the fellowship and the things of the Lord.

Medway, UK

Greetings from Medway. There was much to enjoy in May. We turned one second Sunday meeting over to a dedication for baby Harley, praying that he will always want more of the Lord. We had a visit from Pr Mark Lindal from Canada who brought great testimonies from there. He was very encouraging.



A number of people gave their testimonies for the first time during the month. It was so good and there is nothing quite like the thrill you get from hearing these tales told for the first time. On Saturday nights,

we have been getting hold of recorded testimonies from abroad (there is so much good quality video around these days), then showing a handful of testimonies that are new to us. Different brothers present these and they get to trawl through the hundreds available. A nice job to have! Bye for now.

France

Bonjour from the saints in France! This month we had fellowship with our brother Louis who came down from Paris for a weekend. It was a real blessing to spend time together, get to know him better and enlist his support for our outreach and picnic activity! Louis was born again in Cape Town, then moved to Portugal and has been living in Paris for two years while he has treatment for pancreatic cancer. It is inspiring to hear all the miracles the Lord has

done for him during that time, and to see his positive and faithful attitude even after 12 operations, chemotherapy, and being away from his wife and children for such a long time. In Paris he was invited to prepare a movie and discussion evening for other patients on the theme of 'hope', which goes to show his testimony and big smile have made an impression those around him! Even if we don't understand why we go through tough times, our hope is in the Lord.

This month Léo experienced a sun allergy, getting a raised red rash on his arms, legs and face. But even though it looked bad, he never had the symptoms of discomfort normally associated with the rash, and after prayer it disappeared before he had time to take the medicine the doctor prescribed.

Meg had difficulties with a class of adults she taught, who were disgruntled and complaining - the other teachers complained about how rude these students were and all the staff avoided this group! The manager wanted to confront them and 'teach them a lesson', but after prayer Meg decided to leave the situation to the Lord and not try to solve the situation in her own strength. The next day the atmosphere in the class changed completely, the students started to be more respectful. When the woman, who had complained the most finished her course, she said: 'I'm so happy, I've learned so much!' It was a complete turnaround. Praise the Lord He fights our battles.

Switzerland

Greetings from Switzerland. At the beginning of the month we had a prayer and fast. We heard a talk about "living what we preach" and shared testimonies at our house meeting on Friday.

A sister prayed about heavy turbulence during a flight. It completely stopped and the rest of the flight went very smoothly.

A brother prayed about a work situation as one of his co-workers fractured his ankle and wasn't able to return a while. This meant that he would be by himself at work for several days, but the Lord blessed him and his work went very smoothly.

We had a few people coming in to see what we are about. After receiving a pamphlet at an outreach, a man came to a Saturday meeting. We heard a presentation about creation and he was very interested and came to the following Sunday meeting and got born again. He is still very happy and enjoys coming to meetings. It is always amazing to see how God changes peoples lives and gives them a happiness that no one else can give.

At the end of the month we went to the

Convention in Rotterdam where we spent a great weekend with saints from all over the world. It was very encouraging to hear all the different testimonies and great talks and to see quite a few people being born again.

On the 1st of July, we will hold our Swiss Outreach. We would be very happy to see you come and offer support. Please let me know if you decide to come.

West London, UK

Greetings. This month we've had quite a flow of visitors, mostly following our street witnessing.



One man, a Muslim, received the Holy Spirit but we are yet



to see him get baptised. Another man, Alex, was baptised but is yet to receive the Spirit. He has been coming to most activities and meetings since so we hope he receives soon.

Our young sister Jasmine gave her testimony, saying

how since she was born again, she is no longer confused. She is happy and rejoicing in the Lord and hopes

that her brother and sisters will also receive what she has.

This month we had a walk in Bushey Park. Great fellowship and a good way to get to know some



THURSDAY 29TH JUNE TO SATURDAY 1ST JULY

We are celebrating 15 years of the Revival Fellowship in Medway

We started in 2002 when we held a big tent outreach people where saved and great healings took place. Now, as an excuse to do it again, we are celebrating our 15th anniversary.



Come and join us we can accommodate any that come, like we did in 2002.

Pr Jock and Helen will be attending, bringing nearly 120 years of experiences and knowledge to

Big Tent Revival

Meetings twice a day in the heart of Gillingham

Outreaching, gospel meetings and fellowship into the mid summer evenings

We can find you a place to stay

Celebrating 15 years in the

**Medway Park Leisure Centre
Mill Road
Gillingham**

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The Revival Fellowship in:



of our new ones that came along. Some of the saints carried on to more fellowship. We also had a prayer and feast at Pastor Yomi and Cecile's house. We had prayer sessions, a time of sharing scriptures and food in between. We had Pastor Marc from Canada visiting and all enjoyed meeting him over the weekend.

Czech Republic

Greetings, saints! It was a quiet month, but once again we realised that there are still people out there looking for the truth. We had several good



outreaches, and got some contacts to work on. We also had a Prayer and Fast, with encouraging talks. During the Friday evening talk, we heard that the world is watching us and waiting for us to lose God's power, like when Moses' face stopped shining after seeing God on Mount Sinai. We need to stay strong! Another brother reminded us that we're not important for the world, but for God (don't mix it up!). And a last thought: God never said that He'll change our brain, but our heart! Many thanks to Levi, Jane and Nigel from the Philippines for their visit to Czech. Iron sharpeneth iron!

Hungary

Greetings from Hungary where we had two people born again in May. The month started with a personal witnessing weekend followed by a prayer and fast. From the platform we heard how praying is something we should never stop doing, how innocent faith is a beautiful thing, how we should never become lazy in the important things of God, how some lessons take time to learn. Do we consider why good and bad things happen, and what is our reaction to them? In every situation we need to seek God's glory. How we can't have favourite leaders in the fellowship and how unity glorifies God. We had a presentation on family values, showing how children try to shame, bribe and even threaten parents to get their own way, and what we can do in the fellowship to help our children learn the right approach to life. Finally there was the convention in Holland where a number of the saints attended. A big

thanks to all the people involved. Some were not able to go because of school exams, but asked the teachers to change the dates of the exams so they could go and they agreed to. One brother had hiccups for 10 days. During this time he wanted to give a talk to around 60 family members and friends about the Lord and the hiccups stopped so he could do so. Then they started again afterwards and at the Sunday prayer line the hiccups disappeared for good. A brother and sister in the Lord are to be married and wanted to buy a flat. They looked at one which they really wanted but it was too expensive and another couple had seen the flat and offered the higher price. The owner decided to sell it to our brother and sister for the lower price because she liked something about them! We praise the Lord for all his blessings.

Ireland

Greetings from Ireland! We had another exciting month. We had our recent observer Margaret get baptised, she is already spirit filled. We had a brother from Singapore visit us, Yan Shen, which we appreciated. During that week we went outreaching for the second time in the vicinity of a train station, somewhere different. We had quite a few interesting chats and one follow up. We also had a joint P&F with Medway. The theme was: "oh Lord our God how excellent your name is". It brought out some great thoughts, praise the Lord. Our brother and sister went to the Holland convention and came back extremely uplifted, it was a great time indeed. We look forward to bringing news of more adventures next month! Take care until then.

Liverpool, UK

Greetings from Liverpool. The post-rally follow-up work continues here and we are pleased to report that young David – who initially came into the hall looking to buy a Bible with his brother and got baptised at the Liverpool Rally – received the Holy Spirit. David had been seeking the Holy Spirit since his baptism and in his words "nothing was happening". However, when he and another brother were sailing on a lake at the



Young People's Camp, the idea came that perhaps they should pray, which they did. David spoke in tongues for the first time. Again, in his own words, "now I know what I'm supposed to do with my life". Great

stuff. We continue to see observers coming through and we expect to see some more fruit again soon, so watch this space. To finish, we'll share some thoughts that came out at this month's Prayer & Fast that had "Prayer" as the theme.

Luke 3:21-22 Prayer opens Heaven. The Holy Spirit is the response.

Acts 4:29-32 What an example of a prayer that God delights in! They were threatened because they preached the gospel, so they prayed for God to grant them boldness to speak more!

Daniel 6:9-10 Daniel was unconcerned about what was happening around him, but continued in prayer as always, knowing God was greater than any situation and any King's decree!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 If we stop breathing, we won't last long. If we stop praying, we won't last long either.

James 5:16 Through the Spirit we have a direct line to God. Use it and it will empower you to do His will.

REMINDER: You can view photos and videos from the Liverpool Rally by going to the photo album section on our Facebook page by searching for Revival Fellowship Liverpool. Enjoy!



Testimony



I grew up in the east end of London in a strict Greek orthodox family. We were made to go to church every Sunday year after year, but not once was the salvation message preached. I rebelled against the Greek way and embraced life my own way. I always believed in God and whilst growing up I got myself in some tough spots. I would cry out to God in desperation and knew He had His hand on me. I got involved in relationships, but by the time I was 40, I was by myself again. It was a difficult time and I battled through life trying unsuccessfully to make things better.

I was witnessed to and went to a meeting. In 2012 I entered the hall for the first time. The first thing I noticed was the peace and calmness of the people. I was in the prayer room and started to speak in tongues. It felt amazing. I then decided to get baptised. I had a peace

and calmness and my battling and striving with life disappeared. I have a lot to praise the Lord for. He chose me to be one of His disciples. When strife comes along, God is always there to help me. I can bring Him into every situation as I have a personal relationship with Him. I am truly grateful.

Angelo, England