

Revival News



European Monthly Report

September 2017

At the beginning of September we held our annual outreach and presentation weekend at the Hotel de France in Angers.

We had great support from Dutch and British saints, and managed to hand out a few thousand invitation leaflets to our 'Basics of Christianity' workshop evening. We had a packed Sunday meeting with 3 visitors and a baptism, our new sister Chantal. Chantal was already Spirit-filled, and had been praying for the Lord to show her where to find the Truth after going from church to church and getting very confused for many years... she received an invitation at the Saturday morning outreach and came to the meeting the next day. Since then she has brought visitors with her to nearly every meeting! She is so excited to have a fresh start on a firm foundation, based on the Word of God. Over the outreach weekend she saw the testimony of our family in the Lord - it doesn't matter which country or background we are from, we're brothers and sisters who really care for each other.

Thanks again to everyone who made the effort to come and support the outreach, and to those who supported us in prayer.



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All the video and audio files of the Wasserkuppe and the Bath camp are available for download.

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Editorial: They are just the same as us. (we are just the same as you)

Quite often we hear people say this sort of thing. Also, from our own ranks, people are sometimes persuaded that others whom they have come in contact with, are the same as us, The Revival Fellowship.

The question can be asked, do we all need to be the same, and/or, do differences matter?

So, let's look at some basics.



This is a group which seems to get some sympathy, even from some of our own members. Let's see the next pictures of their practices.



Next:



The question is asked: "Did she get tongues?"

Surely the question should be: "**Did she receive the Holy Spirit?**"

This is a significant difference and, again, highlights the main problem we have to face. Again we see that, even though

speaking in tongues is acknowledged as a sign of receiving the Holy Spirit, the real belief is that people CAN have the Holy Spirit, without the God given ability to pray in the Spirit, which is the same as speaking in tongues. (John 4:24 / 1Cor 14:14)

Next:



This is a picture of a man telling a shopkeeper about his forthcoming visit to Brazil, see what he says.

The pre-occupation about demons is often another difference we have with other groups. When I was in West Africa a few years back I got into a discussion with a local Pentecostal pastor and I asked him to tell me how he knew that people are possessed and what the symptoms are.

So he started listing a number of symptoms he associated with someone being possessed by a demon.

It was not difficult to point out to him that all the symptoms he mentioned as evidence of demon possession are actually mentioned in Gal 5: 19-21 as "works of the flesh" and not the evidence of demon possession!

Talking like this and, indeed, writing like this will get us the reputation that we are "legalistic".

This generally has a negative connotation which is not right. The dictionary says: "*Strict adherence, or the principle of strict adherence, to law or prescription, especially to the letter rather than the spirit.*"

The last bit gives legalism a negative flavor.

Jesus said in Jn 6:63 "*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life*"

So, being legalistic is life, if we use the words of Jesus.

Simply put, being legalistic is not right or wrong in itself, it is determined about **WHAT** we are being legalistic **ABOUT!**

Again, the words of Jesus:

Mk 7:5 *Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?*
6 *He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.*

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

So, sometimes differences are minor and not really worth worrying about. Other times they are dangerous and simply spell **ANOTHER** Gospel which will lead people astray altogether.

These days, with, so called, social media and the instant communication channels we need to be on our guard more than ever. If we have a close look at the picture left-top we see that this Facebook post was shared with 155 others.

Maybe some of us got it as well. Perhaps time to clean up our "friends" list?

Have fun,
Ps Piet Visser



Heard from the Platform

- Make sure our wisdom is not earthly
- Without looking to God, there can only be chaos
- Don't play games with God
- The Lord just wants us to move forward
- We never have to doubt the integrity of Christ
- All that Christ said was always spot on
- Don't forget who you have become!
- We have been made to seek God
- The certainties in this world are changeable
- All our religions did not lead us to the truth
- Finding the Lord is one thing, doing something with it is another

Revival Across Europe



Hungary

The Netherlands: two people were born again

France: one person was born again

England: four people were born again

Hungary: six people were born again

Ireland: two people were born again



Chantal, France



Thomas, Ireland



Evelyn, West London, UK



Józsi, Hungary



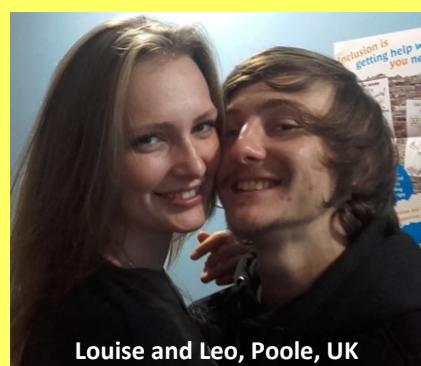
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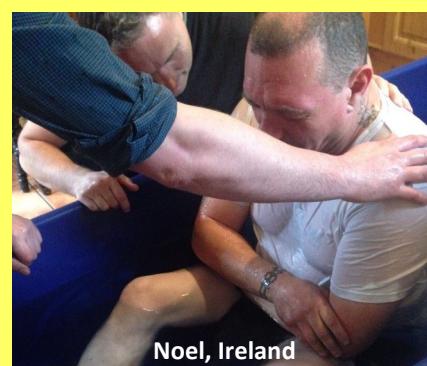
Neil, Poole, UK



Anna, Poole, UK



Louise and Leo, Poole, UK

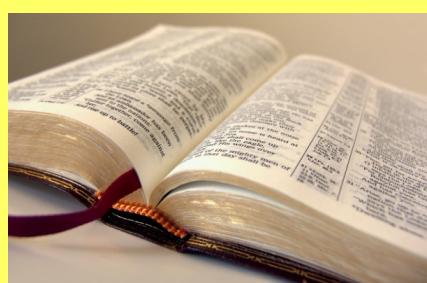


Noel, Ireland



Justina, Rotterdam, NL

He that believes and is baptised shall be saved;
Mark 16:16



The Revival Fellowship in:

Dordrecht, NL

We had a Prayer and Fast this month and got together with the brothers and sisters from Almere and Rotterdam on Saturday for a combined meeting. Ben gave an encouraging talk about how change only comes when we want to change. If we want to progress in our walks with the Lord, change is a necessity. There is so much to gain if we are willing to change! It was a beautiful Autumn day and it was great to witness Michael and Lisa speaking



out their willingness to be totally committed to one another. Several brethren from the UK attended and there was a surprise visit from two of Michael's sisters from Australia.

Viola came back from a visit to Ghana. She was there to attend her grandmother's funeral, but she also took the opportunity to visit the small group that started there recently. The brothers and sisters were very happy to see her and got a lot of encouragement from her visit.

Rotterdam, NL

A prayer request went out for a man who was suffering from pancreatic cancer. According to the doctors, he only had a few months to live. After prayer the doctor was confused because the scan showed a remarkable change, not common to this type of cancer. The tumour is now so small that it couldn't even be measured, and there is no sign that it has spread.

A brother was healed of a backache during an outreach. A sister wanted to pray for someone at work and after prayer the occasion arose! We're grateful that we can always rely on the Lord and that His word never goes out in vain.

Almere, NL

Dear brothers and sisters. The month went by very quickly. We had visitors at most of our activities, some of whom received the Holy Spirit, but were not yet baptised. We continue to invite people in so they can become part of the Body of Christ.

During the evening of signs and wonders, Marja told us about the healing of her

knee after she fell on concrete stairs, Maarten shared how praying in the Spirit keeps him going on and changing, Paula shared about being protected at work, Joya told us about all the answers she got and how much she learned after being born again.

At the evening of short talks, Ivar encouraged us to step out of our comfort zone and act with confidence to see results. (Isaiah 41:10) Anthony spoke about how a worker does those things which are needed, not because of the reward. (Matt 20:1-16) Evert spoke about how fearing the Lord comes from having a deep respect and awe for Him (Prov 9:10) Furthermore we heard news about the worldwide fellowship. It is a great encouragement to see all the examples of



Ireland

Greetings from Ireland! During the month we joined West London with their combined P&F; the theme was 'Watch and Pray'. It was great to be part of it and uplifting for us all.

Towards the end of the month three of us went to County Kerry where Ed and Lisa and family live (it's about 3 hours drive from Dublin). On the Friday they had invited four friends to their home to hear more about God. That night three of them were shown the salvation scriptures in the Bible and one by one they prayed to receive the Holy Spirit! One man, Thomas O'Brien received the Holy Spirit. The next day we had a small house meeting with the same people in attendance; it was really exciting! Anthony spoke about "the Bible vs Religion". Thomas was pricked to get baptised that day; despite the bad weather and the fact we had to go to a local river (which was pretty gross). It was

reminiscent of the scripture Acts 8:36 "...See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptised?". It was a wonderful weekend, Praise the Lord. That following Wednesday, Zoltan from Hungary was in Ireland on

a business trip. He drove to Dublin to come to our Wednesday night house meeting. He gave the talk that night on the 'return of Jesus'. We had the new people from Kerry skype into the meeting together with our brethren, the Allen's, in Waterford (about 2.5 hours away). Technology can be great for such purposes as it brings us all together in one place!

We decided to return to Kerry straight away for a follow up. Dan & Alex came to visit that same weekend, so five of us drove down on the Friday. We had another small house meeting on the Saturday and there were five observers in attendance. On this occasion we brought the baptism tank! Another man who has been to a few of the house meetings, Noel Healy, got baptised and prayed again to receive the Holy Spirit. We hope to bring more exciting news next month.

Our Autumn camp is fast approaching so we are also in the middle of preparing for same!

Exciting times. Until next time.

West London, UK

Greetings from West London. We have seen a few visitors to our meetings, personal follow ups are ongoing and we had a lady called Evelyn get baptised and receive the Holy Spirit. Evelyn was witnessed to by a sister in North London who knows her personally. She was very happy and full of smiles afterwards.

One of our activities this month was a combined prayer and fast with North London and Medway. The theme was "Watch and Pray" and we heard to be



prepared and not be taken unaware by danger, to not be wasting our energy on things that we shouldn't and that overall, what we love most will win. One of the testimonies we heard was that of



Sunday Meeting, West London

The Revival Fellowship in:

our brother Nahum. Our brother comes from Eritrea, a country in east Africa, and has an Orthodox background. When he came to the UK, he suffered from different addictions (alcohol, smoking, etc.) and he had problems with relationships with people like his neighbours and his work colleagues. He was witnessed to by a friend, Emias. He was baptised and received the Holy Spirit in May 2016. Since then his life has changed. He was healed of all his addictions and of dermatitis which was a result of his addictions. He is now happy and very grateful for his salvation. Until next month.

Liverpool, UK

Greetings from Liverpool. We welcome the O'Brien's who have moved here from our Dublin assembly.

We enjoyed a Mark 16 testimony night where we heard some very encouraging things: Granville smoked from the age of 14 and by the time he was born again at the age of 34 he smoked 60 cigarettes a day. At the moment he realised that he couldn't imagine Jesus preaching the gospel with a cigarette in one hand and a pint of beer in the other, he never desired to smoke again. 60 to 0 cigarettes in just one day and no withdrawal symptoms whatsoever.

Whilst visiting our Czech assembly, Jana suffered a severe bout of flu (influenza) and couldn't even sit up straight let alone get out of bed. However, she really wanted to attend that day's Prayer & Fast meeting. She mustered every bit of strength to make the 10min journey to the meeting and in that time all her symptoms completely



disappeared. Tom suffered terribly from a hay fever allergy but initially thought it would pass and so just put up with it. Over time though it steadily grew worse to the

point where he couldn't cope with it anymore. The very next day after seeking

the Lord in prayer, he sensed it was coming on him again and said 'No Lord!' From that very moment it has never returned. He has now been hay fever free for nine years. Thank you to all our visiting brethren recently as it has been more appreciated than ever recently. We have a faithful God and a wonderful fellowship.

In finishing, here are a few thoughts from our combined P&F with Yorkshire:

VICTORY: *Judges 7:15-22.* There were 300 trumpets, 300 pitchers, 300 lights and only one sword. Every man had what was needed to gain the victory here. When we are born again we must all proclaim the truth (blow the trumpet), get rid of our earthly shell, the flesh (break the pitchers), let the Spirit of God within us shine out (held the light) and use only the Word of God to fight any battles we may face (the sword of the Lord). This is our way to victory.

FASTING: *Esther 4:15-16.* It's good to fast. It not only opens doors, but weakens the flesh and strengthens the Spirit. Our attitude is key: our time is now and we are not to use fasting to be seen of men, but rather to be seen of the King (God).

PREPARATION: *Acts 14:21-23.* Fasting helps us endure tribulation whilst moving us by the Spirit to be about the gospel and help us build the future church.

REVIVAL: *Acts 2:41-47* Of all the thousands that heard the gospel, the original 120 were the core who received the Spirit and with the Holy Ghost caused a breakthrough in the gospel where thousands more were added. We are to each others about revival, as it is the intention of God to have revival.

SUBMIT: *James 4:7-10.* Submit to God means 'to arrange under'. Arrange everything under God. Particularly ourselves. If we don't turn to God ourselves, how can we possibly arrange the rest our lives around Him?

Yorkshire, UK

Hello from Yorkshire. The month started with a visit to Hollingworth Lake for a picnic and day out with the Liverpool brethren. It was great to welcome members from Poole to our Sunday meeting.



We had prayer and fast in Liverpool, with uplifting testimonies and talks.

We continue to have weekly outreaches and have visitors every week.

Mike and Helga Murray visited from Adelaide. We are thankful to all those who payed us a visit. It is a blessing and uplifting for our little fellowship.



Poole, UK

Greetings from the fellowship in Poole to all our brethren. The month started with the Suka family spending a few days with us. During the Sunday meeting we had a visitor, Neil, who had received a leaflet a few weeks before. After chatting and sharing a few scriptures, he decided to get baptised and received the Holy Spirit in the baptism tank – praise the Lord!

A young couple were witnessed to on Wednesday and stayed to listen to the talk. After we had packed everything away, they both decided they would like to get baptised so at 10:00 pm we went down to the beach and both were baptised in the sea. (it was cold!) They are both still seeking for the Holy Spirit.

We also had a prayer and fast with the theme, "Revival". We heard how Revival is all about "Faith and Action" and "Keeping the Vision".

A young girl called Anna was convinced by what she heard during the Sunday meeting and was baptised afterwards. She is now seeking the Holy Spirit and continues to come to meetings. We were also delighted to have Dan, Alex, Nathan and Chelsea visiting.

On the last Saturday of the month, we spent the day having a walking tour of Winchester. Ps Jim told us how Alfred the Great defended the Anglo-Saxons from the Vikings and about how much of

The Revival Fellowship in:

Winchester's history can be linked to Bible prophecy through the 1066 Battle of Hastings the arrival of the last of the 10 tribes (Normans) in Britain – it was a very interesting and informative day of fellowship.

It has been a very busy and productive month but for now, that's it from Poole.

Hungary

Greetings from Hungary where we had six baptisms this month; four at the same time, as Krisztián's family (who were spirit filled last month) got baptised in a swimming pool at exactly the same time. The Lord gave us many blessings this month. A sister had a problem which needed a lawyer to sort out, so she prayed earnestly for it to be sorted before the set appointment and that is what happened. She is grateful to the Lord for solving her issue without the help of man.

One sister was in Lake Balaton with her husband when she lost her wedding ring. She stood still while the husband searched, praying for 10 minutes while he searched for it, but no luck. Eventually she stepped slightly to one side and felt the ring under her foot. She is very happy.

One couple decided to let their grandmother move in with them so they could look after her. She had received the Holy Spirit years ago, but said she could no longer use it. She does now and they now pray together every day and all three are very happy with the decision. She also attends meetings every Sunday. Another brother was having financial troubles and after prayer received a new job for which he is very happy.

The wedding of Zsolt and Melinda was attended by many brethren from abroad as well as over 40 guests.

Four brethren visited the Romanian brethren and on the way home got caught up in a hurricane which claimed eight lives and injured 166 people. The windscreen of their car was broken and there was other minor damage to the car, but the saints



were all ok and managed to drive through it safely. They all praise the Lord for His protection. The wedding saw guests

from many countries come and great unity was seen by all. Then we had a presentation on the wonders of science that can glorify the Lord, and this was followed by an outreach to finish off a very busy month.

Switzerland

Greetings from Switzerland. We had a busy month, starting with a presentation about creation and how everything must have been created as there is a lot of evidence that the evolution theory can never be true. The following weekend we had a Skype meeting with brethren in Adelaide. Rudolf and Dimphna from Rotterdam visited. Rudolf gave a talk about "Building together" and how we are one body in Christ. Very encouraging!

We held a prayer and fast together with the Dutch fellowship and mainly talked about keeping motivated. The talk we heard at our house meeting was very similar to the talks we heard in Rotterdam, which once again proved that God is working within His church!

Ps Lee and Yarni visited us for a week and we had a great time together. Ps Lee gave a talk about how there is a first time for everything. If we are fearful we cannot see what's on the other side.

We held a Skype meeting with our brethren in France. Thanks a

lot to all the visitors that came and supported us. It was greatly appreciated!
The Swiss Fellowship



Czech Republic

This month we received a lot of spiritual encouragement, especially at the Prayer and Fast. Here are some thoughts from the talks: 1. Get our foundation right - if we build on the wrong foundation, we'll have to rebuild it anyway. 2. God's path is straight and easy - if we take shortcuts, it's always longer and harder. 3. God doesn't change when He's out of our sight, and neither should we. 4. Nobody can have our relationship with the Lord for us. 5. We know we're walking right when we have the peace of God inside.

We also had a wonderful time at our TTT night (tea, toasties and testimonies). In one hour, at least 132 testimonies were told! We gave two minute speed testimonies to rotating partners, in themes. Highly recommended!

Another highlight was the outdoor film night. We watched a previous Papua New Guinea rally, complete with amazing miracles and testimonies, including brother Anis who God miraculously restored after being brutally attacked with a machete! We stayed in the hall for a late night prayer session, with 3 short talks, resulting in a one hour discussion about prayer.



Testimony

I came to the Lord when I was 12. My father was very sick at that time and doctors couldn't help him much. He concluded that he had no other choice but to ask God if He existed and if so, to help him. So he said his very first prayer because he didn't believe in God back then. He said: "if you exist can you please help me because I want to be healthy". Not long after this he met a sister who witnessed to him. He visited the fellowship and got born again. He was completely healed straight away! I saw this

and from that moment I wanted to have the same thing as he received, because I could see that he was healthy. It was such a strong miracle to see. I followed the same steps as he took and was also born again. I am thankful that God is with me all the time throughout my life.

Adéla, Czech Republic