

Revival News



European Monthly Report

July 2019



THE POWER OF GIVING

2 Tim 3: 1 This know also, that in the last days
perilous times shall come.

Matt 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the
dead, cast out devils:

freely ye have received, freely give.



IF WE WANT REVIVAL
IN OUR HOMES
IN OUR ASSEMBLY'S
IN OUR CITIES
IN OUR NATION
IN OUR WORLD
IT MUST BEGIN
WITH US

YOU & ME



Acts 20:35 / Ps 41:1 / Prov 19:17 / Matt 10:8 / 1Corr 9:12 / 2Corr 11:9 / Hebr 13:1-3 EU Summer Camp 2019



At the end of July, up to 300 Brothers and sisters, from some 10 different countries, gathered together for our Summer camp in the Netherlands .

The theme was 'The Power of Giving', and we were encouraged to apply this in a number of different ways. A highlight of camp was the one hour prayer session, on the Friday afternoon, for several healing needs amongst the saints.



As well as having great times enjoying talks, testimonies, songs, skits and just being together, it was also an opportunity for revival, with 4 people being baptised during the camp.

*Above: Camp photo
Left: Camp banner, Translators,
And the (unusual) meeting hall!*

Server News, July 2019

All the talks, songs and other items from the Summer camp are now added to the re-acts server for download.

Lots of other stuff is also available from our own server here in Holland.

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Ps Piet Visser



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Coming up:

Ireland Camp

October 23—27

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Czech Camp

October 25—29

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Winter Camp Holland

December 25—January 1—2020

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Editorial: Black Days in the History of the Church

I am not referring to the times of the terrible massacres of Christians over the ages. There are worse things to remember. You may ask, like what?

I am referring to the times in history when the **two pillars** of becoming a Christian, Baptism and Receiving the Holy Spirit, were attacked, undermined and eventually, more and more, discredited.

So, number 1: Baptism:

From 350-450 AD the baptism by immersion as an adult, slowly but surely replaced with the sprinkling of babies. The origin of this practice goes back to Babylon and was slowly but surely integrated into "Christianity".

At the 13th council of Cartago, 416-418 BC, chaired by Augustine it was decided that baptism by immersion was for adults and the sprinkling of babies was equally valid. This went further, a statement was made that anyone who denied that Children were saved by this practice was to be cursed.

Wiki says:



This was the beginning until this very day, proponents of the Biblical baptism by immersion as an adult are seen in the conventional churches as followers of a sect.

Number 2: Receiving the Holy Spirit, with the universal sign of having received the ability to pray in the Spirit (John 4:24)

This was gradually replaced with, among other things, the offering up of the sinners prayer.

Wiki says:

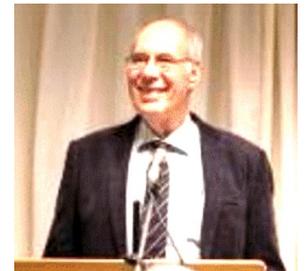
The Sinner's Prayer (also called the Consecration Prayer and Salvation Prayer) is an evangelical Christian term referring to any prayer of repentance, prayed by individuals who feel convicted of the presence of sin in their lives and have the desire to form or renew a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. It is a popular phenomenon in evangelical circles. It is not intended as liturgical like a creed or a confiteor, but rather, is intended to be an act of initial conversion to Christianity. While some Christians see reciting the sinner's prayer as the moment defining one's salvation, others see it as a beginning step of one's lifelong faith journey.



And so it was that the two pillars of salvation eroded until this very day the true and full salvation message is hardly to be found anymore and the true labourers are very few indeed.

What are we going to do about that?

Ps Pieter Visser



It generally goes something like this:

"Lord Jesus, I need you to come into my life and I accept you as my personal saviour. I thank you that you want to forgive my sins and give me eternal life. Will you please rule my life and change me to what you want me to be, Amen".

This practice was started by Charles Finney around 1835 and continues by Moody around 1860. Around 1900 it was further promoted by Torrey and he added the idea that the reciting of this sort of prayer made people "receive Jesus". In the 1920-30th, a chap called **Billy Sunday** went all the way with this in his spectacular crusades. He was the one who promoted the Finney-Moody method and added some "Famous" fights with the devil on stage. Billy Graham was "converted" at one of his crusades.

Heard from the platform

- Face Everything And Rise
- Spiritual overrides all
- Natural thinking is a lack of faith
- Not if, but when
- Are we looking for laws, rules or God's thoughts?
- Do we desire to know His wisdom?
- Stay repentant: to stop repenting is to stop your walk
- Knowledge is nothing without understanding
- You can never lose out by giving
- If you want to know who you are, get to know God
- No change, no future
- Our #1 enemy is our self
- Jesus did the unusual, so should we
- The only way to move forward is to walk in the Spirit
- When we're motivated by love we can do super-human things

Revival Across Europe

Baptisms in July: 2 in Hungary, 5 in the Netherlands, 1 in the UK



Adrienn, Hungary



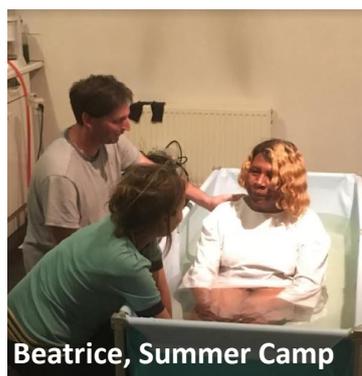
Norbi, Hungary



Monisa, Rotterdam



Sylvana, Summer Camp



Beatrice, Summer Camp



Sharlen, Summer Camp



Sonali (Sharlen's mother)



Martin, Medway UK

Revival in Surinam: June & July

Last month we told you how one of our visitors had received the Holy Spirit but didn't have permission from her mother to be baptized. Her mother lives in Sint Maarten and wanted to be present when she was baptized. This month we had a youth evening during which we prayed together for the situation. Praise the Lord, she got permission to be baptized. We have a new sister named Shanon.

Similarly, one niece visiting the Vliet family here had received the Holy Spirit in the Netherlands, but didn't yet have permission from her parents to be baptized. She prayed for the situation and when she was in Surinam she was allowed to be baptized.

Two visitors received the Holy Spirit and one was baptized. Another new brother, Radjesh, heard the gospel while printing the flyers for the outreach. He attended a meeting the following week, received the Holy Ghost and chose to be baptized the same evening.

It's a very nice development that more and more different brothers and sisters are participating in the spiritual gifts. We can really notice that we are growing as a Fellowship.

We also are facing challenges. We received a letter that the monthly rent of the meeting hall will significantly go up. A price that we can't afford. We are in prayer for the situation. And we ask everyone to pray with us. We expect a miracle.

Brother Guillaume, Surinam



Gaitree's baptism



Indira's baptism



Sierra Leone visit : 22nd July — 5th August



Ps Meshack, Klaasje & Bert with Ps Paul Patrick Thomas, July 2019

Since December 2017 the Gospel has been preached and received by many in the greater area of Freetown the capital of Sierra Leone. Last year November a village named **Taiama (located in central Sierra Leone)** was also visited and many were baptized. In one of the first days we met a new sister called Miata, she was born again in May of this year. After the communion meeting, she asked Klaasje if we could come and visit her parents to preach the gospel to them. Of course, we were very willing to visit and as a result Miata's parents (Rashid & Joyce) and two other men were born again that day.

In the assembly in **Taiama** up to 35 saints are regularly visiting the communion meeting. The brothers and sisters were very eager to learn and understand more about the things of God. Some visitors came, one was baptized and received the Holy Spirit straight after the meeting. During this visit several received the Holy Spirit and 5 were baptised.

We were very much focused on teaching, the same as the apostle Paul was advising Timothy:

2Ti 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Bert and Klaasje Schenk



Baptism of Joyce



Baptism of Rashid



Answering questions in Taiama

Testimonies



5 years ago, after I had prayed to God for an answer, I was witnessed to by two sisters. The next day I went to the meeting. I was blown away by the testimony, spiritual gifts, choruses and talks. Then I decided to get baptized and to pray for the Holy Spirit. After being born again my life changed drastically. Beforehand I was suicidal and depressed but now

with the Holy Spirit within I never feel alone anymore. It guides me closer to God everyday. In trouble or distress I know whom to turn to. I got married in the Lord and when I was pregnant with our son there were many complications. Once I was in such pain and had heavy bleeding that the doctors in the hospital thought my placenta was damaged. It was a weekend of prayer and fasting and instead of worrying I was able to listen to testimonies and talks and to sing choruses. The next morning the pain and bleeding had stopped, my placenta was fine and our baby was doing great!

Priscilla, Almere, Netherlands.



I heard the Gospel in 2015 when I was working as an au-pair in the Netherlands. I grew up in the Orthodox background. However, I always wondered why there were so many religions and which was the right one. I knew that there was a God and often prayed with my own words. But I'd never heard about the Holy Spirit and importance of being baptized by full immersion.

When I came to Holland, it wasn't easy for me. I faced some problems and difficulties. I ended up with a slight depression. I was unhappy and upset with everything around me and I couldn't find the solution so decided to pray to God. After the prayer in a few days I met a sister in the street who gave me an invitation to the meeting. When I came to the meeting, I felt at home. People were so happy and their eyes were pure and bright. I was shown the salvation message from the Bible. In a few weeks I was baptized by full immersion and two months later I received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I was completely healed from depression, my heart was full of love and peace. I praise the Lord for everything He has done in my life, His protection, providing with a job, giving me a big family, and miracles in my new life.

Anastasia, Ukraine.

The Revival Fellowship in:

Medway, UK

We have been 'making hay while the sun shines'. July was busy busy, a good start with a Saturday prayer and fast, then we had an assembly weekend away in Doddington situated in the heart of beautiful Kent. As well as enjoying fellowship we hired the local village hall, had a presentation on the Saturday on the Bible the British and the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade. Sunday meeting there too, we made good contacts in the village and some saints brought relatives for the weekend. We have very much enjoyed time with old Medwodians, Georgia and Harley and Phil who spent years with us here before leaving for Australia. The month ended with the wedding of Triona and Paul up in Dudley, a love feast, the fellowship in its finery, the word and the testimony making an impression on the many friends relatives and staff at the venue. The next day we baptised Martin who received the Holy Spirit in the water. He was witnessed to at the school gates, we have had a few come along that way.



Almere, NL

Our children learnt and heard a lot at our yearly kids camp. They got the chance to get to know one another better in the Lord. A young brother got inspired that an even younger brother after he had been asked to lead the choruses dared to do it while he did not. Next time he will do it without hesitation. Many of the children got motivated to read the Bible and pray more



at home as well. They all liked the campfire where testimonies were shared and unity was strengthened by prayer. This camp gave them even more trust realizing when you do believe that God truthfully gives answers. Another young brother shared that he knows that God does not lie and that is why you can fully trust Him.

A week before camp two brothers visited us: brother Csongor from Hungary and brother Brian from Adelaide.

It was nice to hear news from other parts of our worldwide fellowship.

One lady got baptised right before camp on Friday in the garden of Ps René. While she was praying for a healing of a migraine before the baptism she received the Holy Spirit and was healed of it. Straight after the European summer camp two ladies got baptized. They'd already received the Holy Spirit and got baptised in their churches but they could see the difference and wanted to obey the black and white TRUTH. A few small testimonies: a sister got healed of trauma's from her past, a brother got healed of a painful knee, a child got healed of a painful corn.

Czech Republic

This was an active month! It started with an Illusion Night activity, where we constructed different optical illusions. It was easy to relate these illusions/tricks to Biblical analogies. We learned not to be deceived by outward appearances and temptations, but to be led by the Spirit of truth.

Our Fellowship also held our annual Garage Sale and Open Day, where we were able to speak to many people about the Lord and invite them into our hall. We gave them a tour of the hall, and several people were particularly impressed how our children



learn about the Lord in the Sunday School. It was a perfect opportunity to introduce them to who we are and what we believe. At the end of the month, we went to Holland for an amazing Summer Camp, and all went home enlightened and encouraged to give!

Thanks to our visiting brethren this month: Tom and Robyn from Australia, Jana and kids from Liverpool, Krisztian and Zsofi and kids from Hungary.

Poole, UK

July has been another busy and enjoyable month for the Saints in Poole with a prayer and fast, outreaches, visitors and enjoyable fellowship days out. We really enjoyed visits from Meg, Edouard and Leo from France and Pastor Steve and Marion from Medway and thank them all for their enjoyable and uplifting fellowship. Edouard gave an interesting presentation on the distractions of the world and why we need to avoid them. It has been great to hear the testimonies of our young people with both Junior and Naomi testifying of healings they had received after prayer. One of our brothers talked about the blessings he received when, last year, he decided to humble himself, get baptised and receive the Holy Spirit; the Lord provided him with a job and healed him from recently diagnosed depression. We all enjoyed an evening of Bible study with over 50 questions to answer and discuss them individually and it really helped us all to research and study the word of God. We also had a couple of observers attend our meeting which was good. Last weekend we went to the New Forest for a picnic, walk and swing across the river. Great conversations and fellowship were enjoyed throughout the afternoon and luckily, no-one got wet! That's all from Poole this month – bye for now.

The Revival Fellowship in:



Sister Ruby trying to reach the other side! Poole

Rotterdam

July was a very hot month, but that didn't stop us from sharing the gospel in the high ways and by ways. A sister shared that she feared a meeting with her boss. She put it to the Lord and the whole situation turned out blessed. We are the head and not the tail, God is ever so faithful in big and small needs. Another sister was blessed with a job which is challenging but not stressful. This way, instead of 'taking her work home', she can be there 100% for her family after finishing work. Euro camp was a highlight and a time to carefully listen to what God had to tell us. "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matt 10:8. We can be givers in many aspects. Givers of our time, our prayer and devotion, our love and care and givers of the Word and our testimony. As Ramon said at the very first camp talk: if you have nothing to give, give your smile. And forgive.

Switzerland

We were blessed to have sister Ella from Dordrecht visiting us as she wanted to preach the gospel to her family she worked for a few years ago, and sister Ildi from Adelaide. We had a presentation night about Social Media: the positive and negative side of it. Stephan and Zsuzsa visited a Hungarian family in the north east of Switzerland after

a contact from a sister in Hungary. They showed some interest in the gospel and invited us. They had been 7th Day Adventist and they realized that, there is mankind in the centre, and the Lord is not present. We had a great time, the bible was open for around 4 hours. We were reminded, how privileged we are to

know the truth and to be able to answer every question from the word of God. Sister Susanne had knee surgery and has a beautiful testimony to share: *"I was operated on my right knee. Shortly after I realized that God had healed my left foot and knee from the pains of Arthritis! The recovery went really well too and a short while after the surgery I was able to do quite a lot of things already and I was able to go to camp and the whole trip went really well too. Praise the Lord."* We had a man walk into our hall who is already born again and looking for a church, he really enjoyed the meeting.

Liverpool

A great month. We had a BBQ with 5 visitors and we're excited, expecting some revival. Sister Linda was healed recently: *In 2017-2018 I started to have very severe pain in my knee. The doctors diagnosed Osteonecrosis, where the blood supply comes away from the bones and joints, causing crumbling bones and disability. I fell twice because my knee just gave in. I prayed but didn't get any answers. I thought, only God can heal this, because it was inside the bone. Then one night I really cried out to the Lord in fear and boldness "Lord, you promised you would heal me". From then on it started getting better each day. I went to see the surgeon who told me*

I needed a full knee replacement. The day of the appointment, I woke with no pain in my knee and walked without a brace. The doctor manipulated my knee, showed me the previous scan with the crumbling bone and then said "It looks like it's healing itself!" I told him what I believed and that I had prayed about it. At the next appointment 6 weeks later, my knee was still fine. I've asked for before and after scans, he said he'll give them to me at my next appointment in 6 months time. He couldn't get me out of his office quick enough! I didn't need surgery. Only through believing and trusting in God this has happened. Praise the Lord.

Dordrecht

During our testimony night brothers and



sisters shared what testimony has made the greatest impression on them during their walk. Besides testimonies of their own victories most of them mentioned how the testimony or encouragement of another brother or sister made a great impression on them. A brother mentioned how another brother encouraged him through difficult times and really went the extra mile to keep him close to the Lord, because of that he's still in the Lord today. Another brother was inspired by the boldness of a sister who prayed with laying on of hands for someone who was instantly healed from a throat infection. From that moment on he



The Revival Fellowship in:

also started to pray for people and saw great miracles happen. A brother shared that when more and more young people from his generation fell away, looking at the testimonies of the brethren he grew up with who stuck around encouraged him to continue walking with the Lord. This reminded us of the great influence we have on one another, sometimes even without realizing it ourselves. Let's keep on being a blessing and inspiration for one another and go the extra mile!

The children from 7 to 12 years old had a great time at our annual kids camp this month. They did lots of fun activities, held their own meetings and were involved in performing items, being chorus leaders, giving testimonies or talks.

West London

This month we had visitors at our Wednesday and Sunday meetings, some new ones and some still waiting to complete their salvations. We also had brothers and sisters visiting from Australia and France.

A sister testified of how the only money she had left was £10. She had two job interviews to go to but could not go to both. She chose the one she could afford to go to. After the job interview, she was offered the job on the same day! She is still in that job today going from strength to strength.

A brother testified of how he had been suffering from persecution at work for six months. It was a very challenging time but he knew the Lord was his strength and would deliver him if he just trusted in Him and did not take matters in his own hands. He had to go through two investigations and was delivered during the last one. Praise the Lord.

Our God is a miracle working God. Let's keep sharing the victories.

Hungary

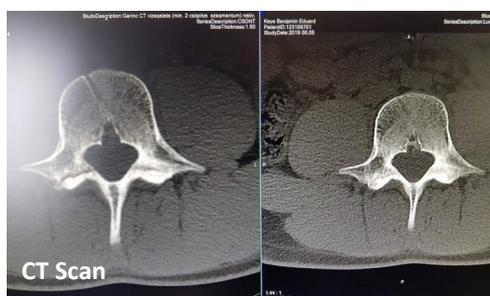
We had 2 baptisms and one lady received the Holy Spirit in this month. One of them is a young man, who was already baptised in another church, but he had not received the Spirit yet. He had lot of questions, but he didn't get answers in that church, so he stopped going there. He still wanted to follow the Lord, but he didn't know how without the Holy Spirit. He met a group of our youngies in his workplace which is a restaurant. Two sisters told the gospel to him. A few months later he called them, had a long discussion with a few saints, came to the hall and received the Holy Spirit. Before the summer camp he got



baptised. A sister's mother came along to our Mystery Dinner night. A few months ago she received the Holy Spirit at home when she was praying with her daughter, but refused the fellowship and baptism. But she changed on this dinner night: she had a nice conversation with the saints, they prayed together in tongues and she became open to baptism. One family lived in a small flat, they prayed for a bigger one, and were then able to move to a house with a garden. A brother got ill before our prayer and fast. He was very weak, and thinking whether he should fast or not. He prayed about it, was completely healed and could go to the meeting.

Beni's testimony

At the end of May Beni suffered a back



injury during a basketball game.

- It turns out that due to his amazingly fast growth - 6,6ft age 14 - the LIV vertebra suffered a stress break on both sides. (Pedicule—vertebral arch).
- He had a lot of pain, but now only

occasionally, when he is on foot for too long.

- For 6 weeks he has to wear a brace and spend his days mostly laying down. (This is the hardest part for him.)
- Doctors haven't got much experience with this kind of condition, they want to give the body a chance to heal naturally, and check on it in 6 weeks time.
- We were told it is a "Mighty blessing" that his vertebra did not fall forward, he could have easily been paralyzed. Laws of physics failed again!
- We pray, that the Lord keeps blessing the healing process. Further treatment will be decided on basis of a CT scan at beginning of August.

CT scan (left) has shown the one side of the vertebra is fully healed, bone structure stronger than before injury.

Other side healing is a bit slower due to the fact that we use our body asymmetrically. 6 more weeks in brace mostly laying flat. The doctor confessed he anticipated this case would end up in the operating theatre. One can't NOT use this part of your body, therefore rebonification process was unlikely.

Beni and his family are extremely grateful, thanks every one for your prayers and support. We praise God for His grace and Power in our daily lives!



Summer Camp in the Netherlands

