

# Revival News



## European Monthly Report

October 2019



**Autumn camps were held this month in Ireland and Czech Republic, as well as Kids' camp in the UK.**

The themes of the Autumn camps were "Brand New" and "By the Grace of God", and both events were well supported by saints from near and far. The UK Kids' camp took place in Kent with some friendly competition between teams Alpha and Omega. Read more inside this report!

*Top left: Czech Above: Kids' Camp Left: Ireland*

### Coming up, looking ahead:

**Winter Camp Holland:**

**Dec 25/19—Jan 1 /20**

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**Winter Camp UK:**

**Dec 25/19—Jan 1 /20**

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**Spring Camp Hungary 2020**

April 9—13

**European Convention Rotterdam NL**

May 21—23

**UK Convention London**

May 29 — 31

**Summer Camp NL July 25—Aug 1**

**Summer Camp UK Aug 8—15**

**Surinam Camp Sept 18—23**

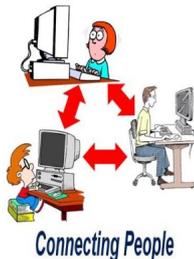
**Irish Camp Oct 21—25**

**Czech Camp Oct 28—Nov 1**

**Server News, October 2019**

All the talks, songs and other items from the recent autumn camps 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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# Editorial: Saved by grace

We might have heard people say: “We are saved by grace, not by works” Often this is a roundabout sort of criticism of people who are actively “working” (in their view too much) for the Lord and the fellowship. Now, it’s obvious we cannot fit this way of thinking with this parable of Jesus.

*Mt 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man [that is] an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.*

*2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.*

*3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,*

*4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.*

*5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.*

*6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?*

*7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.*

*8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.*

*9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.*

*14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?*

*16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen*

So... **Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:**

Many years ago we witnessed to the sister of a Uniting Church minister. She came and got baptised and received the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in Tongues (The ability to pray in the Spirit, John 4:24).

When we contacted her a few days later she had been talking to her brother, the minister, and he had convinced her that all this was not necessary because “we



are saved by grace” (Presumably he believed that baptism and speaking in tongues was actually “working”) (Striving?).

So, his conclusion was that being saved by grace means that we **don't have to do anything**, just believe and live in some sort of total passivity.

This is a terrible misunderstanding of what the Bible actually teaches, it makes for passive people and even spirit filled people can get to a state of passivity, which will be the death of Revival.

So, what does the evangelist mean when he wrote this?

The word “Grace” come from the Latin word “Gratia” – meaning “favour” either received from- or extended towards another person.

In the Dutch language the word “Gratis” is used meaning receiving or giving something without payment being required. In shops, the word **Gratis** pulls in lots of people.

Now, having received this (Gratis) gift, it is now up to the receiver to **use** it as he/she sees fit and to **maintain** it in good working order. Working in the vineyard.

**Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

So, which works are not going to do any good? Paul the apostle asked the Galatians:

**Ga 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

Now it becomes clear, the word “works” refer to trying to get salvation by Works, that is the Works OF THE LAW, is not possible. AND...

*Ga 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

*Ga 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*

*Ga 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

*Ga 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*

We see here that Paul is talking to people who wanted to keep the law as kept by the religious Jews, the myriad commandments as practised by the Pharisees, lawyers and scribes.

Simply put, nobody could earn salvation by keeping these laws, the works of the law. (Gal 2:16)

Salvation became only possible by being born again

AND THAT was a demonstration of God's grace. (Rom 5:8)

**Ps Piet Visser.**



## Heard from the platform

- Transition is about moving forward
- Our destiny is greater than our storm
- What God says is enough
- Make use of what you have
- A house built partly on sand will still fall
- Pray for others, but also pray for your own spiritual growth
- What you did yesterday won't save or condemn you; it's what you do in the end that counts
- We all play an important role in each others' lives
- Be forgiving—God will do the same for you
- We don't live off the work of others, naturally or spiritually
- If you stop doing, you stop the victories

# Revival Across Europe

Baptisms in October: 1 in the UK, 3 in the Netherlands



Holly (left), Medway UK



Michat, Rotterdam NL



Juliette, Almere NL



Tamas, Almere NL

## Surinam report



At the beginning of the month we visited our new sister Sjifra for follow-up. During the follow-up, we were given the opportunity to share the gospel with a number of family members. Her sister and aunt decided to pray for the Holy Spirit and after receiving it they also decided to be baptized. It took almost two hours for the baptismal bath to be filled, but that didn't stop them from wanting to be baptized.

Sergio was also baptized. Sergio received the Holy Spirit during a Sunday meeting and was baptized the same day.

This month we again tried to hold a meeting at Four Children. We had visited the day before to encourage the brothers and sisters to come to the meeting. However, when we arrived the next day (Sunday), everyone had canceled again. We were disappointed, but we had a constructive and fun fellowship along the way.

**Brother Guillaume, Surinam**



# Czech Camp

The Czech Camp was amazing again this year. 120 saints rejoiced and grew together, while hearing talks on the theme of "By the Grace of God". There were visitors from Australia, England, Switzerland, France, Holland, Hungary and of course, the local Czech Fellowship. The camp started with a pre-camp outreach in a near-by town, just before the camp started. We sang choruses and invited people to the following day's creation presentation at camp. One couple received a pamphlet at the outreach, came to the presentation and stayed for a discussion.



We were all busy being a good testimony for the new, beautiful campsite, and even some of the employees came to listen to a meeting. The camp took place in the mountains, so many saints took the opportunity to go for walks and share testimonies...and sausages on the fire!



The talks challenged us to reconsider our ideas about grace, and to take it out to people who we witness to. Show our appreciation to God!

### Heard from the Czech Camp platform:

- When you've got more givers than takers, you get revival!
- Even our own ability to do good is from the Lord.
- Emotions will mess up understanding.
- The result of grace is appreciation - what can I do?
- Your solution for everything in your life is to try to understand the greatness of God!
- Don't chase the right thing for the reward it brings - doing the right thing is the reward itself.
- Grace is not for you! It's given to you for other people!
- Happiness cannot be the goal - it's a result of doing something right.
- Don't pray for the results, but pray for what gets you the results!
- Seek for tools to help others and to facilitate revival.
- If you don't get involved, you put your salvation at risk!
- React in a way which pleases God.
- Busybodies look for something which supports their perception.
- Confusion always comes from the devil.
- Who are you, really? Your motivation shows it.



# Ireland Camp

Our Autumn camp commenced on Wednesday 23rd until Sunday 27th October in the countryside of Wicklow. We hired 6 holiday homes to accommodate about 42 saints from: Ireland, England, Holland and Hungary.

Our camp theme was "Brand New".

Throughout the week we heard really uplifting and inspiring talks, heart felt testimonies, songs and some skits too. All testimonies, talks and items are available on [www.revivalmeeting.org](http://www.revivalmeeting.org).

During our recreational time, there was plenty of time for more fellowship in the comfort of the holiday homes or to time to explore the woodlands, drive to the local village and even an art class took place, it was a relaxing time for all!

Our camp this year began quite differently as we received news that our brother Barry passed away on the day camp began. Barry had battled with cancer over the last 4/5 years. The funeral took place on the Saturday during camp in Newry in Northern Ireland. We left camp with about 20 saints to travel up there. Brother Anthony led the service which went really well, the Lords hand was evident on the whole day!

We met Barry's family and they were really touched by the support. Praise the Lord.

In conclusion a huge thank you to everyone who made the effort to come to support our camp, it really was a memorable camp for many reasons.



## Brother Barry (Dublin) passed away on Oct 23, his testimony...



Barry grew up in Northern Ireland as a catholic. (He was a twin.) He studied teaching, one of his subjects was Theology and had taught religion among other subjects. He actually didn't believe in what he taught and was disillusioned, spending many years seeking the truth in many alternative places. In 1993 He finally heard the truth in Northern Ireland and became born again.

One of the biggest things he had to overcome was his addiction to smoking, being a heavy smoker most of his life. One day he prayed earnestly and leaned on the scripture: Mark 11:23: "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

He was delivered instantly. He moved to Dublin a number of years ago to be near the fellowship and had made a life here. We have lots of fond memories of Barry and we know he will be missed.

# The Revival Fellowship in:

## Almere, NL

This month 2 people were born again! Thank God for His mercy and patience in these last days!

We started off the month with an evening of questions and answers night. In groups, digging into our Bibles, finding answers for various questions was great and very inspiring.

Anthony and Shanisa came back after their wedding in Surinam, and we celebrated with them during a dinner night.

This was a nice opportunity for visitors to hear how God works in our lives. We shared testimonies and items from which people could see and hear that we are not religious but seriously busy with the word of God. For this reason the evening's theme was: "Experience the power of God."

Another evening Ps. Rene gave a presentation about the last days that surely made us realize that we are now very close to the time of Jesus's return!

We had a visitor to our annual badminton competition. We could see the eagerness of the brethren in battling for the cups that eventually were won by brother Arno and sister Niké. We wish that people would seek to get saved just as hard as they fought for an earthly prize! :-)

The same evening we enjoyed pancakes and a presentation about speaking in tongues.

Outreaches took place every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on the last Saturday of the month where many people heard the Word of God. We keep on looking for people who want to hear the Truth!

## Dordrecht

We started the month with opening up our Bibles and finding the answers to our questions at our Q&A-night.

Some inspiration from our evening with mini-talks:

- When we're walking with the Lord we can experience something greater than



Almere badminton champions!



Working bee, Dordrecht

happiness: contentment. We can be content despite our circumstances.

- Let's rejoice in knowing and understanding God, herein God delights (*Jer. 9:23-24*).

- Rely on your spiritual mind (the Holy Spirit) fully, and not on your natural mind (*Prov. 3:5-6*).

At the end of the month a few brethren attended the camps in Ireland and Czech. Wonderful to hear about the uplifting time they had. One sister shared in her testimony what she had learned at camp. She learned a lot from one of the talks about the story of the good Samaritan. He didn't judge or condemn the person that needed help. Or question what he had done to end up in that situation. He simply helped. It encouraged her to be the same. We don't need to know everything, we need to have a serving mentality and simply help others on the way.

The last Saturday of the month we had another fun night with board games, pancakes and a movie about God's creation.

## France

This month we enjoyed having visiting saints from the UK and New Zealand, as well as a really encouraging skype meeting with Switzerland. It was great to see the new brethren in both assemblies! Another new 'arrival', Edouard & Meg's baby daughter Calista, attended her first Sunday

meeting. She'll soon be joined by Pretty & Bright's son... stay tuned for next month's report!

Sister Pretty shared how God has worked miracles since she and Bright were baptised into God's family last month. Before being invited to a meeting they had nowhere to live, had moved countries several times in the last few years and were expecting their first baby without knowing where they would sleep each night. After being born again, the fellowship near and far prayed for their situation. Pretty was hospitalised for a health scare, which didn't seem positive at all...but God had a plan! She and baby were fine after all, but due to the circumstances the hospital arranged an apartment for the family. Now they have a place to live, and everything they need for baby. Bright noted that the weather stayed fine until they got the apartment—since then it's been cold and raining! Praise the Lord for His loving care.

## Hungary

4 people got Spirit filled here in Hungary this month.

We started with a program for the younger generation followed by a bible study. This was followed by an outreach in Budapest and then an evening of testimonies.

The youngsters put together a program where four subjects were presented to the audience the themes of emotions, teamwork, money and climate change



Angers, France



Hungary

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according to God. Today's world twists everything up but God makes these topics easy to understand.

The month finished off with a camp in the Czech Republic where some 50 saints from Hungary went to share the theme of By the Grace of God.

We had a number of people who came in off the street and prayed for the Holy spirit. The prayer room was a busy place as we opened the word and prayed with them to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Two received and we are following them up to be baptised.

One sister returned from living abroad and has decided to stay in Hungary and do the work in the Lord here. She has been mightily blessed spiritually with the decision and now has a job for which she is truly grateful.

A sister really praises the Lord that the funds somehow came together to be able to go to the Irish camp and support the saints.

Another relatively new sister was able to go to the Czech camp after life's circumstances changed. She loved it and being able to attend meetings regularly.

## Medway

Lots of people headed off to camps this month: Ireland, Czech and a good number to the kids camp which is held here in Kent. It's about 1 hour away near the coast, though we reckon if you listen carefully you can hear them enjoying themselves from Gillingham - very noisy, nothing quite like it, our kids have a great life in the Lord.

We had a concert night with a good variety of songs and poems, a few visitors and a baptism.

Toward the end of the month we baptised a lady called Holly, she has since received the Holy Spirit.

We continued our series of first Friday of the month going through the book of Revelation. October's instalment got us up to chapter 11 — could be that the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ will have come and gone before we get to the end. They are pleasant nights with good food and fellowship, so no rush.

## Poole, UK

The month started with a questions and answers night which gave us all an opportunity to study the Bible in more depth and learn something new. There's always something exciting to learn from the word or perhaps something is made clear!

We had quite a few saints go to Kids camp in Kent while some others went to Czech camp. All came back with lots to share in the fellowship. One of our brothers commented that camps are always a great 'feeding' place where we hear lots of testimonies, talks and even meet saints from different walks of life and hear the same gospel preached. How privileged we are! Our usual outreach in the local area is always well attended and observers continue to come to our meetings. We heard a testimony from a sister, saying last month she twice had a very bad pain in her right side in the early hours of the morning. The Lord completely looked after the situation and after the second episode she no longer had the pain again. There was a presentation evening based on the theme "The first 6 trumpets" in Revelation. We saw how this has been fulfilled through history during the Roman empire. Good to learn and see how it fits! Our early Autumn walk through Branksome woods along the

stream, was chilly and wet but we all had a great fellowship in the end!

## Rotterdam

As there are some healing needs in our fellowship, we have been diligently praying for one another.

*James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

A sister, through circumstances, went through a tough time. In time of great need she received a phone call from another sister, who was able to lift her up and encourage her spiritually, which enabled her to overcome her problem. We truly are one in the spirit of the Lord.

We also learnt about God's grace. Grace is a marvellous gift from God to us; worth looking into yourself! Have a look at how almost all the letters in the New Testament are closed off: the writer bidding the reader God's grace. *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (Phil 4:23).*



## Switzerland

We had some visitors from a Pentecostal church and the last reformation church at

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our meeting. It was so clear, the privilege we have to know the Truth and be busy with the true word of God. Others might think they do the same as we do, but in fact it's just the opposite of that what the Lord really asks.

We had a skype meeting with the saints in France. As always, we really enjoyed our meeting sharing testimonies, choruses and talks. Both talks were about the Lord's return and that we may not



Sarah, André & JJ, West London

have that much time left. Be prepared today! Praise the Lord, we have the opportunity today to use technology to connect with our brothers and sisters from afar.

Since we have been busy with some visitors and new people we heard a talk about "Why we hold meetings the way we do". Everything we do at our meetings can be read about in 1. Corinthians 14. Every aspect of our meeting is important and serves a purpose and we as God's children do it exactly the way he instructs us to do things.

We also heard a talk about separation and the importance of being separate to this world and also people in this world. We are here to preach the gospel to the lost sheep, mentioned in Luke 15:4. We have an important message to share and so it is important for us to influence the world and not let the world influence us.

## West London

We welcomed a new member to our fellowship: Josiah Joshua Vaughan-

Jordan, newborn son of Sarah and Andre. Happy smiles for all.

Sister Brooke testified of what God has done in her life: she has two children when she was told she would not be able to. Brooke suffers from MS but the fact that she can speak and stand today sharing her testimony when her condition was so severe three years ago, is something she is grateful for. She is also thankful for the stable and good family life she has when her own was so chaotic as a child. She knows there is more to come and looks forward to God's return. Our sister Hanan who is 11 testified of how grateful she was when she received the Holy Spirit. She soon took it for granted but then when she started using it again, miracles started to happen! We had a very thought provoking and inspiring workshop evening where we discussed a few educational topics: tools for bringing up children, our understanding of grace, and the wow factor. All had the opportunity to share in their thoughts and come to an understanding of those subjects, looking God's word.

## Testimonies

Hello brothers and sisters!

I'm Gideon and I'm now 16 years born again.

In my childhood I lost my mother which was very hard. To cope with my emotions I listened to heavy metal and led my life accordingly. I was the lead singer in a couple of metal bands.

In my twenties I started to consider the possibility of God's existence.

After many years of praying, reading and searching, I finally found God in the Revival Fellowship and my life completely changed. I no longer needed or wanted to live my life the way I did before I found the Lord.

Now I can honour God with real music. I experience God daily which is a big support for me. I received a family of my own from God which is not always easy, but with God there's always a solution!

The last couple of years I had different jobs, but God always took care of us financially. Recently I rediscovered the power of prayer when it comes to living spiritually instead of naturally. I'm very thankful that God forgave my sins and made me a new creature to serve Him!

**Gideon, Dordrecht**



In 2000 I was born again from water and Spirit. It was after asking a question, that I had had for a longer time, out loud. Not knowing if there would be an answer.

A new neighbour came and told me the gospel. It sounded good, but I didn't respond to it straight away. It was after being prayed with and being healed from diabetes and foot fungus, that I came along. The meeting was too much for me. In that time I suffered from borderline personality disorder, pains and depression. I often thought of ending my life, because I couldn't live a productive life. I was anxious in many situations, especially crowds.

Straight after the meeting we prayed for the Holy Spirit. I was relieved that I received it because I had been speaking in tongues before and I thought I was mad. Afterwards I was baptized, because I could see that I needed to.

By the power of the Lord a lot has changed. I got filled with love, happiness, peace and an understanding of God's plan. I know that people in the world also have children, but because of my illness I wasn't able to bring up children of my own. Now I am. My life is filled with fellowship, preaching the gospel, doing all sorts of things for the Lord. The Lord is my life and my life is the Lord.

**Yvette, Dordrecht**