

# Revival News



## European Monthly Report

January 2020



**2020 is off to an exciting start. Inside January's report you can read about revival happening throughout Europe, the UK and beyond.**

**Brother Guillaume writes from Suriname:**

We have had a great month. At the beginning of the month we had three baptisms. Ruth, Theresa and Jeneraisa heard the Gospel from Brother Delano and Sister Meredith (who were still in Suriname at the time) and were baptized.

The last Saturday of the month we had our New Year's bbq. It was a very pleasant evening and we enjoyed the various testimonies, wonders and signs that were shared with each other.



The same month Robert and Marleva made the choice to get married on January 30. Robert and Marleva are a brother and sister with four children and want to be a good witness for God and for the people around them. Despite a number of family members who did not support it, they made the choice to marry because according to the Bible it is the right thing to do. Despite the fact that nothing had been arranged yet, the preparations went very well and a lot of fellowship members helped out to give them a beautiful wedding day.

**Server News, January 2020**

All the talks, songs and other items from the recent Winter 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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**Coming up, looking ahead:**

- Spring Camp Hungary 2020** April 9—13
- European Convention Rotterdam NL** May 21—23
- European Convention London** May 29 — 31
- Summer Camp NL** July 25—Aug 1
- Summer Camp UK** Aug 8—15
- Suriname Camp** Sept 18—23
- France outreach** Sept 17—20
- Irish Camp** Oct 21—25
- Czech Camp** Oct 28—Nov 1

# Editorial: The Early Church—part 1

## Introduction:

*This is part one of an historical overview, researched by ps Warren Sharrock from the North London RF assembly. He writes:*

The 'early church' starts with the second chapter of Acts in the Bible. It does not, however, conclude with Acts Chapter 28. We should expect, in history, to see the patterns and principles laid down in the Bible being repeated and adhered to in the communities of believers that come after its last words were written down. It is difficult to say where in history the term 'early' should be replaced by any other term, such as 'early mediaeval' or even 'Dark Ages', but I guess 380 AD when the emperor Theodosius made Roman Catholicism the official religion of the Empire is as good a date as any. Up to that point we can see a definite progression and continuity in the history of the early church, and although it is at times a turbulent period, it does bear many of the hallmarks of the structure and teaching laid down in the Bible. And it was during this same period that the definition and character of the Bible itself was established.

Just as the early Christian church was a collection of scattered and yet networked fellowships spanning the Roman Empire and beyond, so the Bible itself was made up of scattered and yet networked scriptures which had to be assembled, checked, verified and appraised. The Christian collection of the main and majority books we know as the Bible was generally accepted by the middle of the 2nd century AD. But it had not been formalised. There was some scholarly debate over the authorship of books such as Hebrews, James, Revelation, and 2 Peter, but the collection of scriptures we now know as 'The Bible', were already in the 2nd century being widely used by Christian communities across the Empire, and accepted as God-given. By the early fourth century AD Church councils were being convened by various 'bishops' or pastors from different fellowships to discuss doctrine, assess teachings and evaluate the writings we now refer to as The Bible. In 367 AD Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria drew up a formal list of the scriptures that would shortly afterwards be confirmed unanimously by the Western Church as The Bible. Just as the church itself was seen as

directly under the protection and control of the Lord Jesus Christ – making any office held within that church a great personal responsibility – so the scriptures allowed in the Bible were seen as 'God breathed' and directly inspired.

It is during this period that we continue to hear of a dynamic, God driven church, spreading the Gospel, enduring persecution, upholding the doctrine of the Lord, and defending the inviolability of the scriptures.

How do we know? And why, during this period do we also begin to see the rise of inconsistencies in teaching, along with 'heresies' both real and imagined? And finally, as the Roman Catholic religion gathers power on a broad political and social front, why do we hear less and less of a church that we would recognise as 'biblical'? And further again, why was that same 'official' church less in line with the one we saw established in the era of 'The Acts of the Apostles'?

Well, we know a lot about what was going on because of all the 'chatter'. During the period from the first to the fifth century AD, there was a significant amount of letter writing going on. It seems that the pastors of the different fellowships across the Empire kept in touch with each other in much the same way as Paul, Peter, James, John, and John wrote to different groups of 'saints' in different 'churches'. These letters are very valuable. They are not scripture, but they are 'Histories'. They discuss doctrine, they refer to the group of writings we know as 'The Gospels', as well as the epistles of Paul and other letters included in the Bible. They are very keen to keep a close check on the teachings of the Lord, and make sure that they are kept 'pure and undefiled'. Continuity seems to be a very important principle, and it is clear that these early church writers and commentators realised that it was vital that the 'Great Commission' (Mark 16:20) entrusted to the disciples by Jesus Christ, be carried forward by all the saints in all the churches that had sprung up across the known world in such a short time.

As Christ Himself prophesied, it was a time of great persecution, and false teaching. After the initial assault by the Jewish Sanhedrin, which was launched in

about 35 AD and included a very active 'persecutor' called Saul of Tarsus, the Roman imperial machine took over. Ten emperors from Nero to Diocletian actively sought to destroy Christianity. Stories of Christian men, women and children being sacrificed for sport and entertainment in arenas and market places throughout the Empire are probably not exaggerated. The rounding up, imprisonment and execution of Christians during these persecutions was systematic and at times sustained to the point of becoming an institutionalised campaign of terror.

*We will continue this at another time where we will see that nothing has really changed and that the living church still continues and operates the same way.*



Ps Warren Sharrock

## Heard from the Carrickalinga camp platform (South Australia)

- RULE 3: Just because we're led of the Spirit, doesn't mean we won't be in terrible situations
- RULE 2: You're dead, mate!
- RULE 1: There is NOTHING more important than where you spend eternity!
- The spoken Word of God has amazing power!
- If it's true, it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks, or even what I think
- Don't get sidetracked with other stuff (global warming, wars...) just stick to the plan which started in Genesis
- The devil wants to see blurred lines
- Vision comes from looking forward, not in the rearview mirror
- Are we prepared to lose what it takes to serve the Lord?
- Protecting our heart is a big deal
- God never asked anyone to do anything for Him without equipping them first
- If we think and behave spiritually, and make spiritual choices, we will win the battle!



# Revival Across Europe

Baptisms in January: 1 in Ireland, 4 in Hungary, 10 in the Netherlands, 1 in Poland, 3 in the UK



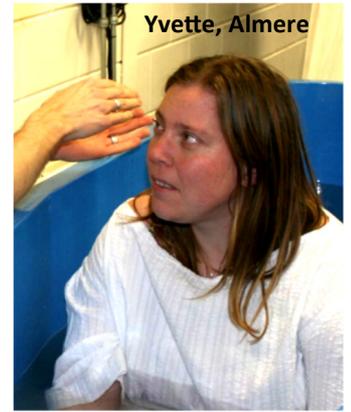
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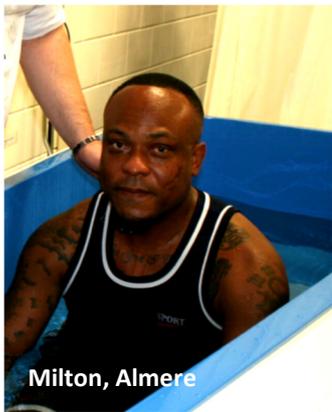
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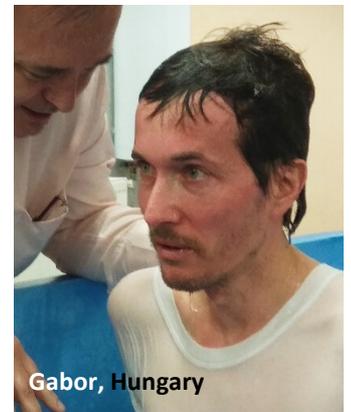
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Kees, Dordrecht



Gabor, Hungary



Sandor, Hungary



Miriam, Hungary



Tamas, Hungary



Cillian, Ireland

# The Revival Fellowship in:



Almere

## Almere, NL

With 4 people being born again this month we are looking forward to seeing more revival! A new year reception the first weekend of the year which many were invited to, resulted in one lady being born again.

From this year on we will be holding Wednesday meetings once a month at the houses of brethren. As preparation for the first one we had a lot of outreach moments in the neighbourhood of those homes. There were good results: 5 people in total were born again at the house meetings in Holland, of which 1 in Almere.

Praise the Lord, He blesses our actions when we are ready to change and do more to get out of our comfort zones and go for more harvest!

Some nice testimonies to share:

Amy (above right) had an instant healing and something she learnt out of it. She was at school and she got a very bad stomach ache. She went to a private place to pray and by the time she went back to her class, her pain was gone! At camp she heard many motivating talks mentioning that you shouldn't just pray to God when you need it but to maintain your relationship with Him by praying at all times. Ria was really sick (including vomiting etc) on the Friday afternoon. She was determined to attend the prayer and fast meetings in the evening and Saturday. After praying together with a sister who visited her in the afternoon, she was healed and could attend the meetings.

## Czech Republic

### Report from Tomas, Shelley and kids trip to Australia:

We were privileged to visit the fellowships in Adelaide in December/January this year. On the way, we stopped in Singapore and caught some post-camp visitors from India, China and Australia. It was fun testing out our abilities to



New friends in Singapore

sing in Chinese (and English) at the meeting that evening!

A huge highlight was the 2-week camp at Carrickalinga, with several hundred saints. The theme was 'Our Foundation', from 1 Corinthians 3:11;

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Many meetings had sub-themes for the talks, such as our promise, inheritance, calling, vision, cornerstone, future and our salvation. It was all very personal and spiritually encouraging. We witnessed 2 baptisms at the camp, and heard many fantastic testimonies, including healings of brain cancer, a stroke, egg allergies, depression, chronic liver failure, protection in severe car accidents, and many more! One brother testified that he came to the Lord 29 years after his wife, and another brother explained how God miraculously grew back his ear bones after they had been eroded (cholesteatoma). 17 pastors were at the camp, from Adelaide and various parts of Australia. It was great to catch up with so many saints, including lots of new saints from all different life-backgrounds. The bond of spiritual unity is so special! After the trip, we've been having good discussions about the Lord by showing our photos at work and school.

## Dordrecht

January was an exciting month with many visitors in our meetings. We were excited to see four brethren being added to the church this month. The last Wednesday of the month we had house meetings in five different locations in Dordrecht. That night two people got baptized, Dennis and Kees. Inspiration from our Saturday night with short talks:

- Do you keep asking and persevering until the victory is there? You can walk by faith until you receive it.
- Are you giving it your all? Or have you become a little bit slack in going the extra mile for your brethren and in seeking the Lord? We can change our attitude by the Spirit.
- If you dare to put your hand to the plow, God will reveal His plan for you.

We learned more about God's fingerprint in creation, about how His glory is demonstrated through creation. He designed everything in the most efficient way possible, structured according to a super efficient pattern (Fibonacci, golden ratio): amazing! Last week the coffee morning was jam-packed with saints from the three different assemblies and two guests. Enjoying coffee and good fellowship, what more can you wish for!



Coffee morning, Dordrecht



New sister Miriam (centre) talking with saints

## Hungary

Greetings from Hungary where we had 4 people baptized and 3 filled with the Holy Spirit plus another baptism in Poland. Two of the new people came after passing our hall one of them remembering us from years ago when she came and got spirit filled and baptized but lost her way shortly after. Now her partner is also Spirit filled and baptized and with the help of the Lord they are putting all aspects of their life in order. One new sister Miriam is originally from the Canary Islands: she came to a meeting in Budapest and heard the word. Being convicted she was baptized and received the Holy Spirit. Shen has now returned home to Madrid where she currently lives but is due to come back to Hungary soon to continue fellowshiping with the saints.

A friend was visited by saints when the friend suddenly had a heart attack so the saints prayed for him there and then. After calling the ambulance, they said he had 60/30 blood pressure and not to expect him to survive but after more prayer he did. He has now awoken from his coma with normal blood pressure and the doctors are amazed.

Elsewhere in Poland we have a new sister. Her name is Cristina. Cristina is the mother of Joanna who lives in China, but was baptised many years ago in the Singapore Fellowship.



Joanna & Cristina

# The Revival Fellowship in:

Cristina actually received the Holy ghost 20 years ago, but was never baptised until now, and sister Gosha is helping following her up.

## Ireland

Greetings from Ireland. We have had an exciting month. Over the course of the month we have had 3 observers come along to our meetings in Kerry through Noel who was baptised last year. One observer was his son Cillian who was followed up first, he then came to a couple of meetings and decided to get baptised a couple of weeks ago. The following week we had two other observers at the meeting and they are being followed up. During the month we had a Skype linkup with Mark & Angela Hardy from Perth where we sang choruses, exchanged testimonies and Mark gave a short talk, it was really uplifting for all. We hope to bring more news next month.

## Liverpool



Anna

This month our report is a testimony from sister Anna who had a healing in January. "Hi my name is Anna. I'm glad I can tell you about how I received the Holy Spirit and got baptised. It was my first Kids Camp

in 2017. I was praying the whole camp but the last night it seemed to click that I wanted it more than ever. I received the Holy Spirit about 1.5 weeks after the camp. I started speaking in tongues. For a few weeks I was still not sure if it was the Holy Spirit or not because I thought the sign would be happiness and I didn't feel much different. I kept praying and also one day my granddad showed me in the Bible what the sign of the Holy Spirit is—speaking in tongues, and that happiness is the fruit. It finally clicked and I knew what I had was the Holy Spirit! Then I got baptised. I felt really happy afterwards that I was a part of church.

Last Saturday (25th of Jan) I started to get cramp and a sharp pain in my stomach and it was very sore. Then me, Sean and mummy had fervent prayer on our knees. A minute later I came to mummy saying it's not there, God has healed me.

In Ireland there was a time when I had a nightmare every single night. One Wednesday we had the meeting at Uncle Paddy's house. I went to the prayer line and prayed and later that night and the other nights after I had no more nightmares after that one prayer."

## Medway

A happy January came and gone.



We had a new lady, Kate, start coming to the meeting with her son. She had trouble finding the hall on her first visit, asked a passer by if she knew, and they found it together. Next week the passer by, Jo, came herself and has been to just about everything since. We had a prayer and fast with those in Ireland and Finland, amazing to see a screen with four other screens as everyone took part from different locations.

Alex Cashford and the ladies had a fun baby shower day, a few visitors to that too, with video greetings and baby tips from around the world. Don't pour gravy on the baby was one piece of sage advice.

Last Saturday in the month we had Nick Ashton presenting a quite unique take on the sycamore tree in the Bible, a cautionary tale to Israel to not forget the poor, clear parallels with 9/11 in the USA and subsequent events. Had a baptism at the end of that evening, Ben who spoke in tongues in the water.

## North London

Recently, we have enjoyed and been uplifted at a wonderful Winter Camp. We have since been busy with many things, all aimed at uplifting one another and fulfilling our commission to preach the Gospel. We kicked off the year with a 'Revival & Fellowship Night' to focus our minds on what we need to be about in 2020. This was very much like a New year's Eve at Camp night, with prayer, items, mini talks and testimonies. We have had a couple of people receive the Spirit, one lady from an outreach and another through witnessing to close family.

**We thought you would love to hear a testimony of Noah written by his mum, Lauren.**

In September 2017 when Noah was 5 days old, he had (which we found out later on) seizures in the morning a few hours apart. We took him to A&E where he continued to have seizures but the gaps got shorter and they lasted longer. Noah was sedated during a very

long and aggressive seizure and after countless tests found we out that Noah had suffered a stroke at birth. The seizures were an after affect of this.

Doctors told us:

- because Noah had the seizures, they could occur again during his life.
  - he had brain damage in two parts
  - his speech would be slurred and his understanding would lack
  - he would need physio therapy to strengthen his left side of his body
- After a physical exam at 9 days old, Noah's results came back with 0 concerns so no physio was needed.

Noah had 3 and 6 monthly reviews and not one of them did we have any concerns with his development and he hasn't had a single seizure to this day. Recently, Noah had his 2 year review which was the day we knew the paediatrician would decide whether to refer him to speech and language or discharge him with no further follow ups. We received the news that Noah was no longer under the care of the hospital anymore and he'd been discharged. We thank God for this amazing healing power, for the peace of God and prayer and support from the saints

Noah with his family



## Rotterdam

2020 took off great as we had baptisms at the newly started house meetings. This new setting brought a new vibe, one of excitement, involvement and readiness to go out and do what we are all about: saving souls. We also saw visitors at almost all the meetings, which was very encouraging. A sister shared a wonderful testimony of provision. She is on a small budget and her car needed a check up and MOT inspection. She couldn't afford any repairs to the car. The garage made a mistake and because of that she only had to pay a small amount. The car was fixed, checked and approved for another year. Praise the Lord for looking after us in the earthly matters. We look forward to the heavenly to come.

## Switzerland

We returned to Switzerland very uplifted after spending a week at Winter camp hearing

# The Revival Fellowship in:



Prayer and fast in Rotterdam

amazing talks from the word of God and having fellowship with our brothers and sisters. We also had a prayer and fast this month. At our Friday night house meeting we heard a talk about the importance of prayer and also how fasting underlines the urgency of our prayer. Sometimes when we really need or want to have a victory we need to put a little more effort into it and fasting is a wonderful tool we can use as it sharpens our vision because we spend time close to the Lord when we fast. We also shared some thoughts and testimonies later that night and the main conversations that came up was, how we can be at peace at all times, despite the state of the world because we know our future and we know the Lord will take care of us. Praise the lord for his wonderful promises.

## West London

This month, we baptised two people and three received the Holy Spirit. James and his wife Gosia came to a Sunday meeting through our new brother Julian. James was convicted

after the communion meeting, received the Holy Spirit and was baptised. Abigail also came to a Sunday meeting with her new born baby girl. She was brought along by her aunt, Pauline, who fellowships in North London. She too received the Holy Spirit and was baptised. Sarah B brought a patient, Rachel, she had been witnessing too. She too received the Holy Spirit. Solomon testified of suffering for 8 months from a stomach sickness. After winter camp, he realised the importance of praying earnestly. He was healed and strengthened his walk. He realised that it's not about him but God, and how he can serve Him best. Eric testified of how he put extremely long hours in his last job

for a merger but when the deal was done, he was dismissed. He was worried about providing for his family. He had a job interview with a lady that was from the same town as his grandmother. Eric did not have the required qualifications and asked for more money as the salary was not enough to live on. He was offered the job at the salary he wanted with extra benefits and he is getting the support needed to obtain his qualifications.



West London

## Testimonies



I live about 130Km from Budapest. My daughter Judit came to the Lord many years ago but I resisted the gospel as it was strange for me. I was living at home looking after my elderly mother and did not have time to come to meetings although I would regularly hear about the Lord from

my daughter.

Towards the end of 2018 it was discovered that I have a tumour, which was cancerous. Through this I became more open to the gospel, and ended up spirit filled in November, 2018. The tumour was removed and everything seemed alright, but in early 2019 it was discovered that I might have a new tumour in another part of my body. After receiving this news I decided that it was time to get baptised and I did so on 13th April 2019, as my daughter explained clearly how God can heal me. Once baptised I then had a number of scans and discovered that I had a tumour in my lung. The fellowship prayed for me and praise the Lord the tumour disappeared for which I am truly grateful.

My mother passed away and so now I am able attend meetings regularly and have seen the Lord working in my life in many ways. I attended the camp in the Czech Republic and am learning more about the Lord every day. I am very grateful for all that He has done in my life and am glad I am now open to His teaching in my life. **Zsusza, Hungary**



I had a very happy childhood in a loving family. At home, we never spoke about God, as under the communist regime it would have been risky. In 2005, my grandma, my father and my mother died of sickness in the course of one year. I tried to handle this situation in my own strength, I had very ambitious career plans, but all of them failed.

Consequently, I became fearful and confused. In 2009 I met a brother in the street who witnessed to me. I was particularly touched by the message that I can start a new life with an entirely clean slate. At that time, I felt I had nothing to lose.

At my first meeting I received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, and one week later, I got baptized by full immersion. As I started praying regularly in tongues, the

Lord began changing me. I immediately received comfort, inner peace, long-suffering/patience - and a caring family. But my walk only started when I recognized I had to forgive my natural sister with whom I had an issue dating back to ten years. The Lord gave me courage to speak openly with her and He blessed the whole situation. After this, one of my nephews received the Holy Spirit and got baptized. The Lord also blessed me concerning my work beyond my imagination. He taught me to stand up for Him regardless of the situation and to share my life - even my home at times - with my brethren. **Gabor, Hungary**