

# Revival News



## European Monthly Report

July 2020



Camp group photo

### EURO SUMMER CAMP 2020

From the first of July the Covid-19 restrictions were unexpectedly lifted sufficiently to enable us to have a Summer camp.

It was then too late for a number of visitors who normally attend our camps but we still managed to get up to 200 attendees. Some Hungarians, Swiss and from England took the risk and came over not knowing if and how they could get back without a lot of hassle. It all worked out fine for them.

It turned out to be an very encouraging camp, as you can find out by downloading some of the talks, testimonies and items from our server.

Enjoy the pictures, some said: 'I have never seen so many smiling faces'. Perhaps having a shared 'adventure' well outside the usual 'comfort zone' had something to do with this.

### Another adventure was the refurbishment of the Almere hall.

This was planned before it became known that we could have the camp. The Almerians decided to go ahead anyway so during the week before the camp everything got done.

Enjoy the pictures, (page 3) they speak for themselves. The interesting thing was that the key workers at the hall were also key workers at the camp.

A fantastic effort.

**Left: Summer Camp photos**



Baptism



Hungarian saints



Ps Paul Nobel



View from the balcony

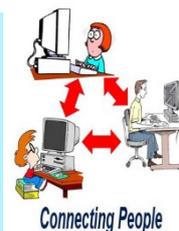
### Server News, July 2020

All of the movies of the recent camp can be downloaded from our server. They can be found at: [downloads.revivalfellowship.nl](http://downloads.revivalfellowship.nl)  
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Have fun.

Ps Pieter Visser



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### Coming up, looking ahead:

**Winter camps, Dec 25—Jan 01, 2021.**

Netherlands and UK. Info to follow.

# Editorial: Let's be happy

## Why? What's there to be happy about?

For a start, we who are born again and we can rely on the promises of God to look after his people.  
The first one is the promise of the Holy Spirit and what it will do.

*Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

*Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto*

*you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*



And these are not like promises from people, which often cannot be kept because of circumstances. God is not limited in any way by circumstances.

Apart from all of this, in a natural way, this current health crisis shall pass as well. Mankind is still around and has very successfully managed to crowd this planet to a critical level. Many go hungry because the resources are not sufficient anymore to properly feed all.

As for me, personally, I have happily breathed in all the viruses and other bugs over the last 75 years. Some made me sick, some did not. My immune system, built in by my creator has adapted very nicely and I am still alive and enjoying life.

There have been a couple of close calls but God has kept me alive.

**Misunderstanding #1 about courage**

Many think courage is a feeling

Courage is **not** a feeling...

**Courage is a habit!**

So, what about fear?

At the camp which finished last week, we had a fantastic presentation from brother Wout.

*(It can be downloaded from our server, see the front page for how-to)*

### Characteristics

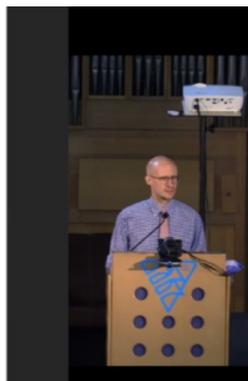
- Feelings dominate
- Regrets, cynicism
- Feelings determine actions
- Procrastination
- **Recognizable:** I + past + feelings
- Easy solutions ≠ durable
- **Blind spot:** don't see their problem, others see it.
- **Danger:** automatic pilot / I don't care / no joy.

As the camp theme was 'VICTORY' the talks were mostly about overcoming. Now victory is not about absence of fear, but about overcoming fear.

Often knowing the facts of a matter and even understanding them is not enough to overcome fear. Overcoming fear is a 'thing' of the heart. It works through love and trust. We can read hundreds of scriptures, listen to hundreds of talk and lots of personal encouragements and still not totally overcome fears. Our heart needs to get 'in tune' with how great our God really is and what He can and will do because He has promised. Only then can we fully appreciate the scripture:

*1Jo 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: (trial) because as he is, so are we in this world.*

*18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*



*19 We love him, because he first loved us.*

So, let's be happy, there is plenty to be happy about.

Last, but not least, we have the



prophesies in the Bible. They give us a good insight into what is happening, why it is happening and where it is going to end up.

The prophesies from Jesus in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 end with a promise. *Look up, for your redemption draweth near.* And that is what our end destination is, if we are overcomers.

## Ps Piet Visser



### Heard from the platform:

- God will tell us, we don't tell Him
- Order your life spiritually
- God's desire for us is Glory
- Build the Church, not your life
- Hear those that are calling out so you can be heard as well (Proverbs 21:13)
- What do we want our actions to achieve? Do they bring us closer to our goal?
- The moment you look behind you miss the mark.
- If you are not growing, come out of your comfort zone!
- Can we accept corrections? Without correction we are no sons and daughters of God.
- Teach your children to have respect for others by talking respectfully of others.
- Nothing ruins the Truth like stretching it!
- Don't give God instructions but report for duty!
- Give God what's right, not what's left! Give your best to God!
- Persistence: sometimes you just need to dig deeper...
- We don't change God's message but God's message changes us!
- Show interest in others

# Revival Across Europe

Baptisms in July: 2 in France, 8 in the Netherlands, 3 in the UK



Robert, W London



Almere



Almere



Almere



Rebecca, W London



Janet, Medway



Junior, Dordrecht



Rob, Dordrecht



Eurydice, Rotterdam  
(baptised at the camp)



Jeannayah, Rotterdam



Fernison, Rotterdam

## Almere Hall Refurbishment

At the end of the month, right before our international Summer camp we started rebuilding our hall, knocking down walls. Making the hall bigger gives us the opportunity to have more people seated for the meetings. As before we had two separate rooms therefore some needed to look at a screen to follow the talks and testimonies now we are able to have one big meeting hall where everyone can sit together (of course still with the 1,5 mtr distance at this moment). Everyone was very excited and worked hard together, young and old having even the greater desire to be able to welcome more new people! **Revival Fellowship Almere**



Monday...



Levelling the floor...



A lot of rubbish!



Friday...



...ready to go!

# The Revival Fellowship in:

## Almere, NL

There was a signs and wonders night with lots of personal testimonies shared. Sister Priscilla shared how she got healed from a breast infection. After her husband Wout prayed and fasted for her, she was healed overnight. Prayer and fast weekend with zoom talks from all three Dutch Fellowships, was great to experience the unity.

We were amazed to see and hear how 6 talks of 5 minutes perfectly fit together during a mini-talk-night. Anthony: building up things that have eternal value, Arno: Being deeply rooted in the things of God, Evert: Jesus is our solid foundation so watch what you build upon it, Maarten: Going back to the basics, Wout: spiritually staying fit, Ps. Rene: complete life comes when you give everything!

Praise the Lord we can't be thankful and encouraged enough to have 3 people being born again this month. And if we count Priscilla's mom who also got baptised on the last day at camp then 4. As she lives nearby Rotterdam, she will be attending the meetings there.

Closing off the month with a great camp where we enjoyed the unity. Pastors and brothers from our worldwide assemblies joined in with zoom to give fantastic and uplifting talks.

During camp even the local mayor came to check if everything was handled properly concerning Covid-19. He was amazed to see the testimony and wished us a great stay for the week. He is invited to come to the meeting, we hope to see him act upon hearing the Gospel!

## Czech Republic

It's been another busy month here in Czech! We started with a huge Garage Sale and Fellowship open day, which has turned into a big event in our town. This was the 12th year that we have held an outdoor garage sale next to our hall. We raised money for the Mission Fund and witnessed to as many sellers/buyers as possible. Rain was forecast, but God blessed us with blue skies after prayer. It was a pleasure to work together in unity and invite people into our hall for a tour and witness.

We also had many visitors, including Tom, Jana and children from Liverpool, and our Dutch visitors: Edwin and Heleen's family, Willem and Petra's family, and Cindy and Mark. There were many opportunities for fellowshipping at open-house fellowships/ bbqs and day-trips to the mountains. The main highlight this month was watching the European Summer Camp online. We met together at the hall every day and watched the morning and evening meetings. The talks, testimonies and items were very inspiring and encouraged us to move forwards.

## Dordrecht



A great month packed with edifying and fun activities to build our faith and the unity: a fellowship bbq, a weekend of prayer and fast, an evening with short talks, camp and outreaches! We rejoice in seeing new people visiting our meetings. Some just pass by our hall and walk in, others are family or friends. Two people were baptized this month. One of them is our brother Rob. He is an old friend of sister Ria. They hadn't seen each other for over 20 years. Both of them tried to find each other. Through facebook they got into contact. Ria shared her testimony of how the Lord completely changed her life around and healed her from a drug addiction. Rob decided to pray for the Holy Spirit, which he straight away received and was baptized by full immersion. Now this same Spirit is changing his life around. What a wonderful God we serve!

## France

July was a really full and fruitful month, praise the Lord. A couple called Jean and Nelly were baptised and are now praying to receive the Holy Spirit. Nelly heard about the true Gospel



message from her sister who is part of the Revival Fellowship in Singapore. She and Jean decided to make the 8 hour drive from their place in the South of France, to where our assembly is in Angers. We spent a great weekend together talking about the things of the Lord and Jean and Nelly decided to get baptised by full immersion. We continue to see them at our meetings on Zoom and keep encouraging them to "ask and keep on asking" for the promise of the Spirit.

We celebrated the marriage of Bright and Pretty, who were born again last September. What a wonderful day and a testimony to the friends that attended. The rain threatened but held off, praise the Lord, so we could hold a garden wedding and respect the "social distancing" rules in place here. All the guests were witnessed to so it was also a great outreach. Pastor Yomi, Cécile and Jaydan from West London were able to attend the wedding and we had a great time of fellowship with them to finish off the month.

## Hungary

We were able to start meetings again on Sundays and this has been wonderful for all the saints. Tuesday's prayer meeting is in another hall where 30 saints can gather and Thursdays is still on line Zoom meetings. One brother was continually having back problems when driving, but after prayer he was healed. Another sister offered to pray for the father of a University class mate and found out two weeks later that the internal bleeding issue he had was completely healed at that time of prayer.



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Another sister managed to get to the camp and was envious that another brother could read his bible while travelling in the car on the way. She could not do this herself as it always made her sick, but being determined to overcome she prayed and read her bible for one and a half hours in the car. One sister needed to move back to her family home because of circumstance and was very worried about the prospect. After praying to the Lord and taking the step she experienced the Lord's help and everything has gone really well. Her mother is also now listening to some of the meetings which is a great step forward. We have had a visitor already. The person had come to a meeting just before we closed the hall and lost contact with us. He saw our logo while passing the new hall on the bus and so stopped and came to the meeting. The Lord definitely has his hand on those who wish to hear his voice.

## Ireland

It has been great to be back to house meetings whilst also taking advantage of using zoom. We've had a bountiful of testimonies and talks from overseas visitors, Praise the Lord. During the month we enjoyed some fellowship activities. One evening we used the "testimony card game" that we developed, whereby each person selects a question that can expound on our individual testimonies and usually delves deeper. We heard some heart felt testimonies, Praise the Lord. We also had a "basics" morning where questions were posed to everybody such as "Do you have to speak in tongues to have the Holy Spirit", "What happens when we die?", "What does separation mean?.." We all wrote down what we thought and then the answers were drawn from the scriptures. It was a very informative morning for all. One Sunday, Prayer was requested on zoom by a sister in Australia for a colleague who had

cancer and was also pregnant. The doctors best case hope was that it would shrink because being pregnant chemo wasn't an option. However the doctors took a scan recently and the tumour is gone. Praise the Lord! Our Australian sister had also used Facebook to post scriptures which her colleague consistently "liked". This demonstrates the positive usefulness of modern technology when redirected for the advancement of the gospel, which is very encouraging.

## Medway



Ch ch ch changes in July, we can start to use our hall again for meetings: the later one on Sundays and Wednesday evening. About half the assembly at each hall meeting and the rest front and centre on Zoom. We have a new sister Janet Phillips who was baptised at our first Sunday meeting back at the hall. Her knees and ankles aren't great so the other sisters got together to help her in the water and out, one sister took her shoes off and stood behind her in the tank to make sure she didn't fall. Janet has been to just

about everything since (some get to come to every meeting). Our 'thought for the day' reached 100 not out toward the end of the month, it stays strong and fresh and blessed, thanks to all who come and share their ministry and fellowship and humour from around the world.

## Poole

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters from the saints in Poole. The month of July started with a prayer and fast and we were keen to pray for our brethren who are in need of healings and also for peace and comfort for a family who have been recently bereaved. We heard some very uplifting talks from Australia on the theme of unity and iron sharpening iron and on the love of God. During the Sunday meeting, we were joined once again by Rob and Kerry from Warrnambool and Rob gave a very good talk based on his personal testimony. Lots of encouragement about the necessity of putting God first in our lives and how He rewards us as a result. This month we were able to enjoy a fellowship walk in Wareham Forest – it was so wonderful to finally be able to meet up with one another in person rather than over Zoom. We all enjoyed a very pleasant picnic and walk and great fellowship and this month we were also pleased to be able to hold our Sunday meetings back at the hall – praise the Lord. We enjoyed a testimony and mini-talks night over Zoom with our brothers and sisters from West London, Medway, Switzerland and even from Cape town. It's clear to know that wherever we are, we hear the same message preached.

## Switzerland

At the beginning of the month we held a prayer and fast weekend. As always, it was a good time to reflect on our walk with the Lord and spend some extra time with Him. At our Friday night house meeting we heard a talk about „Food for thought" We have to be active in the Lord, because belief alone is not going to get us saved. We must be baptised, filled with the Holy spirit and walk in the spirit. Some testimonies were shared: Sister Zsuzsa shared how God always blesses her at work, especially since she started doing different



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tasks, which she used to do in the past but the Lord helped her to remember everything and it's going really well. Stephan also shared, that he prays for his work every morning and the Lord blesses it always, also when there are more difficult things to solve or works which require a lot of time.

We serve a wonderful God who helps us with the small and big things.

We also had the privilege to attend the "real" Summer camp in the Netherlands at the end of the month, which was really amazing and very uplifting.

The best camp ever, we can certainly say. Everyone was driven by hope, happiness, faith and the love of God. Fear was far away. A very big thank you to everyone who was involved to organize this Camp and a big thank you to the Lord, who made this Camp possible.

## West London

This month was an exciting month for us as we were able to go back to our hall for meetings and fellowship activities. All appreciated being back with their brothers and sisters, praising the Lord and fellowshiping one with another outside of a screen!

We have also been able to go out more for outreaching and even if people can be reluctant, some are willing to listen. We have had two baptisms: Rebecca, who received in a breakout room at one of our first zoom meetings, came to our first Sunday back at the hall to be baptised. She lives a long way and is on public transport but has been back again with her 6 yrs. old twin boys since. Rebecca testified that



Witnessing, West London

her life has been different for the better and that she hopes to carry on till the Lord returns. As he was out shopping, Emias witnessed to a man called Robert. Robert was already Spirit filled but acknowledged that he had not been baptised. He came to a Sunday meeting to do so.

A sister testified that she received the peace that passes all understanding after her brother passed away and another one testified of being healed of broken ribs and post-natal depression after turning to the Lord instead of the world for help. God answers.



The Swiss and Hungarians at camp

## Testimonies



I was brought up a Catholic and went to a Convent school and was happy. Later on I met my husband and we were married in 1971. We had two beautiful children Greg and then Sarah but unfortunately we lost Sarah at six months which left us both heartbroken.

It was then that we decided to go to Australia for a fresh start. We had two additional sons in the years

that followed but our youngest Ryan was born prematurely and was in and out of hospital suffering with breathing difficulties. My own health suffered during this time and I was bedridden at times over this period. One evening there was knock on the door. One of Tony's friends who had been speaking to him at work and another brother asked if they could talk to us about the Bible. I wasn't that keen but Tony suggested we invite them in for a cup of tea and afterwards send them on their way. They told us about the Gospel message and invited us to a meeting which we went to a few weeks later. After the choruses, testimonies and the Pastor had preached the Word, it came to the Spiritual Gifts; I opened my mouth to pray and I spoke quietly in tongues! I was baptised by full immersion and came up out of the waters speaking in a language I had never learned!

After we came to the Lord we had prayer for Ryan and he was completely healed of his ill health; we were told by specialists later that they suspected Ryan had cystic fibrosis and that he would have been an invalid if he survived his early years, he is now 45 years old. Praise the Lord. The Lord our God has blessed me continually every day and I look forward to His return!

**Sandra—Kerry ,Ireland**



I was brought up in Dublin in a large catholic family consisting of my parents and 19 kids. My mother brought us religiously to Mass every week but as soon as I got old enough to make my own decisions I stopped going because it did nothing for me. In my late 20s, I got married to Pat and we had our son Martin and daughter Rachael.

Our lives changed dramatically when we discovered Martin was addicted to drugs. We tried everything to put him on the right path but in 1999 he died from a drug overdose aged 27, after being clean for a period of time. This turned our lives upside down. I was a very angry man and had a lot of hatred for the world and unknowingly put a lot of pressure on our daughter Rachael. Rachael and her boyfriend Anthony went to Australia on a working/holiday visa. Whilst they were in Australia they became born again. They also got married on the way home and came to live with my wife and me. They were completely changed and they witnessed to us consistently, their testimonies really stood out to me. We went to a Winter camp in the UK and it was there that I decided to give it a go, I heard my past could get forgiven and I knew I had a lot to be forgiven for! I had prayer to receive the Holy Spirit and to my amazement I spoke in tongues, I got baptised the following day. I was also healed of a knee injury after prayer. I really felt brand new; I was healed of the broken heart, instantly stopped swearing (I had a foul mouth) and stopped gambling after 40 years, two months later I realised I didn't have the desire to drink alcohol.

In December 2018 my dear wife Pat died after a long term illness, this was a hard time indeed but God comforted me and gave me peace. I have just moved to County Kerry to be near the fellowship and my family. It was a huge move physically and mentally but the Lord made the transition so smooth and I have peace in my new home. I give God all the Glory. **Paddy—Kerry, Ireland**