

Revival News



European Monthly Report

January 2019



How did your year start off?

In our assemblies around Europe everyone kicked off 2019 with revival focused activities, getting built up to do the Lord's work and being a bright light to the people around. Whether a prayer and fast, mini talks event, dinner night, craft afternoon or basics workshop, we have already seen the Lord's blessing —just turn to the 'baptisms' page to see the fruit! Let's look forward to lots more 'good reports' from all around Europe this year.

Server News, January 2019

All the talks, songs and other items from the Winter camps are now available for download from our server.

Many talks are now also on the TRF acts now server.

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Spring camp

Hungary - April 18-23 2019

Registration: <http://revival.hu/registration>

Euro Convention

West London—May 30-June 2 2019

Contact: westlrf@gmail.com

Summer Camps

Holland: July 27th—August 3rd 2019

England: August 10th—17th 2019

Editorial: Distractions

Have you ever noticed that there are distractions all around us that consume a lot of our time?

While researching this topic I discovered some facts that really made me think.

Did you know that:

On average, people are distracted once every 7 minutes?

The number of distractions around us double every 5 years?

On average people in a work situation are distracted 30% of a working day? (2,5 hours on a 8 hour working day.)

Each time we are distracted it takes about 20 minutes before we are back in full focus?

Distractions around us take away our focus of the things we are working on. Whether this is doing the things of the Lord, our daily job or our family life.

While preparing my talk for the winter camp I did some

Screen time gives an insight in the usage of our phone. On a weekly basis it gives you an overview of the usage of the past week.



The first time I looked at the report I was shocked. The time I spent on my phone was more than 15 hours during that week. This is almost 2 working days. During this time I used Facebook for little over an hour, used my Web browser for about 5 hours, used WhatsApp for little over one hour etc. etc.

others, the distractions of this age. There are so many distractions coming toward us that it's really important to be aware of this so we can re-think on what we spent our time on and how much time we spent on this.

In Psalm 63:6 King David writes: *When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.*

When was the last time we really took time to meditate on the things of the Lord? In Psalm 1 verse 2 we can read: *But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

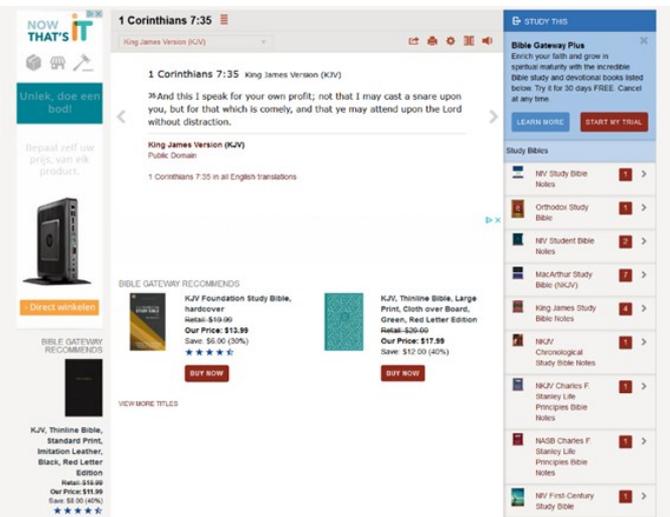
This is some great advice that urges us to really have the things of the Lord on our mind without being distracted every 7 minutes.



Br Frans van Gelderen

Looking back at that I can state that during the time I spent on these applications I found little that was actually interesting. It's more the habit of looking at it and my curiosity that gets me on my phone than the actual need to use it.

Now all this spent time could also have been spent on something useful for the Lord.



investigation on a website that offers many different bible translations. While visiting this website the number of distraction on it just caught my eye. While the text in the middle is readable there are so many things around it that take away your eye from the actual thing you want to read.

The picture of this webpage is representative of the world we live in. Since some months the update of my mobile phone has a feature called "Screen time".

When we have a look at the parable of the sower and the seed in Mark 4 we see that the third category in verse 19 is described as following:

19 but the worries and cares of the world [the distractions of this age with its worldly pleasures], and the deceitfulness [and the false security or glamour] of wealth [or fame], and the passionate desires for all the other things creep in and choke out the word, and it becomes unfruitful. (Amplified bible)

This scripture talks about, amongst

Heard from the platform

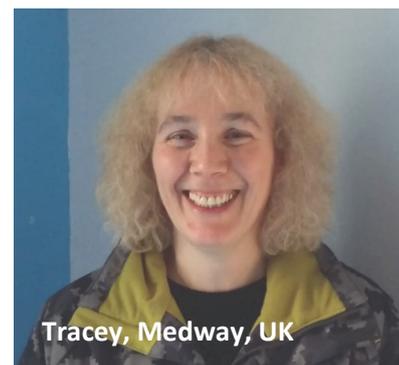
- We need unity to grow the fellowship
- Be givers, not takers
- Love will cast out all fear
- We must constantly grow and keep moving
- Follow the Lord in faith and achieve
- Be stirred and provoked unto good things
- We build a structure that will stand
- Don't be weary, do well unto all men
- If we have the joy of the Lord, we won't be able to stop telling people about it
- Have the FULL desire to preach the Gospel
- Everything has consequences
- There is a reason for everything, turn to the Lord for the answer
- We will always try for perfection but in this imperfect world only God can show us what is perfect
- Listen to the Spirit to teach us how to really serve each other
- See spiritually clearly in order to be able to discern what is right and wrong
- We're in the temple continuously, so live the best and be ready for salvation
- Just walk step-by-step with God; we don't have to see the whole picture
- When we seek the will of God, our expectation will always be fulfilled

Revival Across Europe



Baptisms so far in 2019

- 5 in the Netherlands
- 6 in the UK
- 4 in Hungary
- 1 in France



1 Corinthians 6 vs 11

« ...but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God »

The Revival Fellowship in:

Dordrecht, NL

We welcomed quite a few visitors, mainly family and friends, at our new year's dinner night on the first Saturday of the year. The next day three people were baptized. What a great way to start the new year!

One of our brothers shared in his testimony how he lost his job because of preaching the gospel.

Despite this he can rejoice in the Lord. He shared how he has learned to turn to the Lord in prayer instead of worrying about what others might think of him. His testimony still shines forth: the HR officer wants to come to a meeting.

This month we enjoyed the fellowship of our brother and sister from Adelaide: thanks for visiting Isaac and Isobel Cooper!

At the end of the month we said goodbye to our brother Karthik, who has gone back to his hometown Chennai in

India. He worked and lived in the Netherlands for a while, and came to the Lord in Dordrecht last year. We're looking forward to see what the Lord has in store for him there.



Almere, NL

At our first dinner night of this year we had 10 people visiting and one person got filled with the Holy Spirit which made us even hungrier for more revival! :-)

Questions and answers night about the topic of realizing who we've become and how we can show the Truth for people around us made us even sharper. Then it was again time for a joined prayer and fast in Rotterdam.

Two beautiful testimonies to share: a sister of us offered prayer for the daughter of her hairdresser who gladly accepted. After prayer she managed to conceive which was previously not possible. The hairdresser acknowledged that God has performed a miracle! Praise the Lord!

A brother of us broke his foot in three places in a scooter accident. After a week being in plaster he was about to get a new one for another six weeks, but when it came off and x-ray was made the doctors were truly amazed to see that the fractured foot was completely healed! They put up the X-ray's and made the joke: "spot the differences!"

At a NextGen evening our younger (and older) brethren were challenged to think about what they would like to achieve by next year. Some very good things came up like: giving talks and leading choruses in the Bible class, playing in the band, taking part in the spiritual gifts during the meetings, helping our older ones who are alone, going for outreaches, organizing a dinner night etc...all very good stuff!

At a presentation about the book of Revelation in the Bible we had one visitor who came back later to other meetings get Spirit filled which was very nice to see! To be continued...

Rotterdam, NL

A family in the Lord wanted to open their house up for prayer and fellowship before and after the

outreaches in their area. They doubted whether to do so as they contently live in a very small apartment, but decided it's all for the Lord so they put their name down anyway. Within the next two days the housing corporation

called them with an offer. Were they willing to move into the neighbours' apartment? Twice the size, no maintenance needed and very easy moving. What a blessing. They didn't ask God for things pertaining this life, but sought the heavenly, and blessings where poured out. All the chauffeurs at a brothers company were asked if they were willing to take trainees along with them. They all refused, except for our brother. This meant that, for 21 days, daily a new person drove with him in his truck. He got to witness to all of them and it has become a big, positive topic in his company. Praise the Lord.

North London, UK

Our first Saturday activity was a 'revival and fellowship' night where we watched some talks from the Leadership Camp (2018). These gave us practical tips and encouragement for revival and on how to make the fellowship a faith building environment for new saints. On a similar note, we always like to start the new year with a prayer and fast. This year's theme is 'launching out into the deep' with the emphasis on going out with renewed enthusiasm to preach the gospel, as well as being confident to claim victories in our lives. At the end of the month, we went out for our assembly outreach full of excitement and expectation. One result of this was the baptism of Quang Hua who was spoken to outside the hall. He has since brought his wife to a meeting, who also received the Holy Ghost. Watch this space.

West London, UK



received the Holy-Spirit that same day and are yet to be baptised.

After a Saturday outreach, a man called Wesley received the Holy-Spirit and was baptised. We also have some coming to the meetings and activities that are yet to act upon what they hear but the testimony of the fellowship and the Word of God is sure.

Our sister Ajoua testified of the change in her life since she was baptized and Spirit-filled. As a child, she used to go to a Baptist Church with her mum and then to a Pentecostal Church where she started to ask questions as to whether this is what she wanted. One day at work, she met a girl from our fellowship who witnessed to her



and invited her to a meeting. Ajoua liked what she saw and has since seen changes in her life. A big testimony is that despite being a single mum to Keziah, she was able to finish university and become a qualified nurse. She doesn't believe she could have done it without God. She praises God for her salvation and her new family.



This month, we also had a prayer and fast which theme was: "Stir us up to serve". We heard about being stirred and make serious changes for God and that we all have different talents but we all have the same capacity to love and give. Finally, we had brothers and sisters both from Medway and North London come for an outreach day and small talks evening.

Medway, UK

We have continued with our street outreaching and have had several visitors to our meetings this month. Tracey was baptised and received the Holy Spirit after being spoken to on the outreach.

Hannah and Ephraim both received the Holy Spirit a year or so ago, and after a Sunday school lesson on the meaning and importance of baptism. Both were convicted and made their own decisions to be baptised.

We joined the saints from Ireland and Finland for a prayer and fast. We heard lots of great encouragement to increase us. A few good points :- This world can be like a venus fly trap. It looks good but once it has you it can consume you: God's ways and solutions are perfect, we have to trust them. Soldiers are prepared for battle all the time. We need to prepare ourselves for the spiritual battle each day: Focus our life on spiritual success, the reward is eternal.

The last weekend of the month we gathered in the morning for prayer. We entrusted the fellowship and individual needs to our mighty God and expect to see signs and wonders. Later that day we enjoyed a trip to West London to join the saints for an outreach, some mini

The Revival Fellowship in:



'The Joy of Outreaching' where we heard some encouraging talks. Like Paul said "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel!" We all now feel really built up in the spirit and are looking forward to continuing our labour for the Lord.

Switzerland

This month we had a prayer and fast and joined in with the Dutch fellowship. As always, the talks matched up perfectly. Lots of

talks, a surprise birthday celebration and a baptism, what a great evening.

Liverpool, UK

What a fantastic month!

We were very happy to have Pastor Steve and Laurence at 3 of our Wednesday evening meetings, and the Tremels and Campbells from Czech at the beginning of the month. Our Saturdays were filled with great activities— one weekend we went for a long walk in the woods before having some fellowship by the fire at Jamie and Monica's. We celebrated Willie's 90th birthday and this brought a few visitors— they were particularly impressed with the testimony of the children. Willie was born again in 1993 after leaving his position as an elder in the Presbyterian church. Granville and Christine also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! We had a great prayer and fast and enjoyed skyping the Irish assembly.

On two occasions we were encouraged to "seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church" (1 Corinthians 14:12), to bring something to contribute to the fellowship—like a great scripture!

We had our first Friday evening music night which was a big success and the weekdays saw lots of spontaneous outreaches resulting in lots of follow ups to keep us busy!

Poole

Last month was very quiet here as many of our brothers and sisters have been away. The Masaus' travelled to Australia visiting Lismore, Gold Coast and Fiji, enjoying camps and fellowship with our brethren overseas, while a few others went to the Lancaster camp. Ps Jimmy mentioned that during their short time in Fiji, they witnessed to some of his family. This resulted in one of his uncles and his wife both being baptised and receiving the holy spirit speaking in tongues.

On the first Saturday we enjoyed an evening of great fellowship and a presentation on the theme of looking forward to a busy 2019. An outreach in a local town was fruitful resulting in two ladies coming to the Sunday meeting. We also heard from brother Elijah in Angola. He's doing OK since we last saw him late last year when he decided to go back home for various reasons. Prayer was made for him in this regard and praise the Lord for having his hand on our brother. Unfortunately, he is not close to any fellowship so a contact has been made with the Zambia fellowship to see if he can link in to the meetings there. Our prayer and fast theme was

things were mentioned about being busy in the lord, keeping on moving and unity. Pastor Yomi and Cecile visited us this month and joined our Sunday meeting. Pastor Yomi gave a talk about to and fro. People are minding their business and grow knowledge in lots of things like technology but they don't realise how much they need God. Daniel 12:1-4 talks about that very thing. It was also mentioned that it's important to always have a humble mentality before God and that trusting him is essential.

Another Sunday we had a lady visiting who has been going to a Pentecostal church for many years but always felt like she was missing something which was the Holy Spirit. She passed our hall and heard us singing, so she decided to have a closer look. She was happy to have found a place where the true gospel is preached. She received the Holy Spirit after a few minutes of praying and was very happy about it!

At the very end of the month we had a skype meeting with Pastor Chris, and Matthew from Hungary as they visited Nurnberg for a business trip. Katharina joined in as well and we had an encouraging meeting together. God bless!



Hungary

This month we had four people baptised and five people receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Many events took place this month to spread the word including a prayer and fast, then a prophecy board outreach lasting 8 hours where groups went out for two hours each to spread the word. Finally we celebrated one young sister's birthday, inviting many guests to the hall so we could witness to them. Healings this month include a sister on holiday in

Australia bitten on the face probably by a spider with the result of immediate swelling on her face. On realizing this, prayer followed and by the end of it the swelling was gone and the victory won. Other victories: the Lord providing funds to complete the purchase of a home; a new job immediately after prayer and fast; a realisation that we are a new creation who can not hold onto past pain and that without forgiving someone that does not happen; a realization after camp on the importance of putting into practice what was learned, resulting in a boss deciding to change a 30 year work schedule allowing a brother to attend Wednesday meetings.

Finally a picture of our brother Attila who found a leaflet on the floor in an area where two sisters went outreaching (they nearly did not go as they only had ½ an hour but thought praise the Lord, and then no one wanted to talk to them). He came along the next meeting and got baptized. Here he is seven weeks later after receiving the Spirit. The Lord is in control, we just do our bit.

Czech Republic

We started the year with a Bible study, where we chose verses at random and discussed them as a group. Interestingly, the theme of the end times and judgement was seen repeatedly, showing us that it's important to be ready at all times.

The Prayer and Fast was another uplifting time, with a short talk on Friday evening, and 3 talks on Saturday.

We also braved the cold during outreaching this month, in temperatures down to -8C degrees! Our regular art afternoons continued, and we had our first visitor. She heard the gospel and enjoyed her time with us.

France

We finished off the month with our brother Grutter being born again. He received an invitation at an outreach, then came along to a few meetings before receiving the Holy Spirit, and then getting baptised at the end of our prayer and fast weekend. Marie gave a testimony from the front for the first time, about how now with the Lord she knows she won't make the same bad choices she did in the past. It was great to see Colin and Margot O'Shea who came down from Paris. Colin shared a testimony of how he was healed after being severely injured in a bike accident. His colleagues didn't expect to see him back at work again, but by God's healing power he was able to be a living testimony to them.



UK Winter camp



Probably the best camp ever. At least since the last one! ;)

Nearly 100 brethren from all over the UK, the Czech Republic, Holland & Australia gathered in the historical city of Lancaster in the north west of England for the annual Winter Camp where we shared the same theme as our brethren at the Camp in Holland, 'Redeeming the Time'.

The unity between all the brethren was clearly evident and this made for a very peaceful and enjoyable environment for fellowship. As you would expect, there was witnessing being done and the ministry from the front was clear, sharp and thought-provoking and the testimonies shared are the fruit of such a sound doctrine.

It was great to see the youngsters getting really involved with items and skits and their contribution really added to the whole. Almost £600 was collected for the Mission Fund in West Africa, some of which came from the Kid's Paper Shop. This is their own enterprise to raise funds by creating scriptural bookmarks, fridge magnets, posters etc. And to top it all off, a man called Lennay was spoken to on the street in the afternoon of New Year's Eve and before the midnight hour, he had attended the meeting and was baptised and filled with God's Spirit, speaking in tongues!

Overall, a thoroughly enjoyable Camp that God sealed with someone being born again. Lovely!

Pastor Lee Finney

Testimonies



I grew up with the knowledge of God, hearing my mother pray in the mornings and having bibles in the house. I was raised to have values according to the Word of God but by the age of 15, knowing right from wrong, I needed to start making decisions for myself. I was often conflicted because I was one thing at home and one thing at school. One day, my mum was given a leaflet and

told us that on Sunday we were all going to church. I found that the fellowship was different from all the other Pentecostal churches I had been to, people were genuine and caring. I came along but the turning point was when I went to a kids' camp. I was baptised and received the Holy Spirit. I now had a purpose in life; God gave me confidence and boldness to speak His word and proclaim who I now was. God has blessed me with work. I hold a position I realistically should not have as I do not have the full qualifications for it, but through the jobs I have been blessed with over the years, I have gained the required experience. God's plan in our life is far greater and clearer than ours could ever be so we keep trusting. I have learnt to never doubt God even in the most troublesome situations. I praise God for the wonderful life He has called me to. I now have fulfilment, purpose, love and a great family I genuinely care about.

Eric, West London, UK



Near the end of 2005, I was suffering from terrible headaches.

I kept working as usual, but I was in so much pain, my head was throbbing. On my next day off I tried to rest but the pain didn't go away. A sister came to see me and we decided to call an ambulance. However they refused to

take me to hospital for a headache. After that, I don't really remember what happened—I was confused. I learnt afterwards that my son and his aunt decided to call a taxi to take me to the hospital. I was transferred from ward to ward, including intensive care. I couldn't eat, I was vomiting. I lost 10 kilos. I was totally dependant on the nurses, there were tubes everywhere, the doctors kept doing tests.

Eventually I was diagnosed with Cryptococcal Meningitis, and my kidneys were no longer functioning. I was expected to die at any moment.

By the grace of God, the prayers of my local assembly and overseas saints, I survived. 6 weeks later, I had come back to my senses. I prayed for the Lord to give me back my appetite and the full healing in my body. Within two days, I could keep food down. During my 3 months in hospital my Pastor, brothers and sisters came to visit me, pray with me and bring me communion. I didn't think miracles could still happen, but God proved it to me through this healing. I'll never stop serving this wonderful, miracle-working God.

Mavis, West London, UK