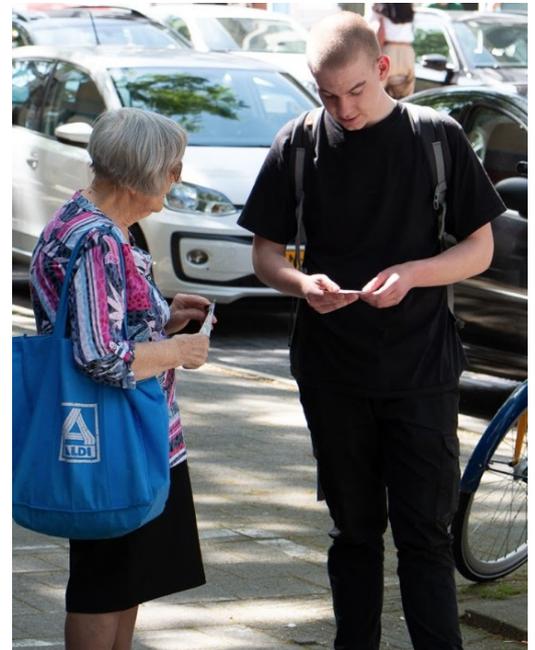


# Revival News



## European Monthly Report

May 2019



**Our European Convention was hosted by West London at the end of May.**

Saints gathered from all over to support the event, sharing fellowship, hearing the Word and preaching the Gospel.

Rotterdam hosted a local convention and saw people born again there too. Photos inside the report!

*Left Top/Bottom: West London  
Above: Rotterdam*

### Server News, March 2019

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

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

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Ps Piet Visser



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### Summer Camps

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**England: August 10th—17th 2019**

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# Editorial: Overcoming depression



The Bible predicted:

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

Amplified Bible:

*2 Tim 3:1 But understand this, that in the last days there will set in perilous times of great stress and trouble, hard to deal with and hard to bear.*

So, why would that be? The next verses give the answer:

*2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

Etc, etc, read the rest in your own Bible.

In the medical profession it is generally recognised that depression is very much a thing of of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Again, why would that be so?

The most basic needs of human beings are to be needed, loved and to belong. This can only be filled with face to face human contact and interaction. This is now mostly replaced with digital shortcuts. They are the so called social media. The result of this is that people are frantically searching for more and more contacts (Likes?) and it does not satisfy this basic need. So we speed up this search, faster and faster, more and more. Like standing under a shower and not getting wet. Eventually it escalates to standing under a fire hose at full blast, and still not getting wet. That is when people run into a wall and have a breakdown.

There are many testimonies in our fellowship of people who have overcome this condition. Most of them are from people who, having heard the Gospel of God's kingdom, got baptised and received the Holy Spirit and, of course, received the ability to have contact with God through the God given language of praying in tongues. (John 3:1-8/John 4:24/Acts 2:4,38 etc)

Generally we can say that, whatever people think their problem is, before

they are born again, the beginning of every solution is to become a daughter or son of God first. Once that is taken care of, many things become possible who weren't possible before.

However, people who have been born again are not immune to the influence of this world. They also can become depressed, have anxieties and worries.

Going by the simple principle that prevention is better than any cure, we can do simple things to stay healthy. (Php 4:8 and Eph 6:13-18)

Even then, sometimes things can get on top of us. Somebody might say things to us and, as the saying goes, they "get into your head".

Again, prevention is better than cure, so we need to choose who we communicate with, and who not.

We might need to "unfriend" some of our contacts and make new ones.

But, when we get into strife, how are we going to fix it?

Firstly we need to learn the difference between Sympathy and Empathy.

Sympathy is what we might crave but it might actually not be helpful in the long run.

Empathy is sometimes confrontational, but it might be what we truly need. We read in Proverbs 27:5 *"Open rebuke is better than secret love"*.

Another thing is that what might be experienced as a "Rebuke" is actually an "Exhortation". (2Tim4:2)

Finally, practically, don't hide away in your room, open the curtains and let the sun shine in. It might be hard but simply making this difficult decision will get you on the road to recovery.

In Mark 9:17-24 we read the story of the man who brought his son to be healed. Verse 24 is a classic: *"...I believe; help thou mine unbelief"*.

This man believed but could not really see the boy as healed, yet. His imagination was not really up to it, yet. This last bit, seeing the healing as a finished work, that is where we sometimes have difficulties.

Hebrews 11:1 Faith makes visible what is not visible yet. (*my own interpretation*) So, let's not get too complicated, simply work on our faith.

Talking to someone who has gone through the mill, well and truly, it came to me that we often don't really know

how to define ourselves. Are you the husband of..., or the wife of..., or the mother of...? Who are you? What defines you?

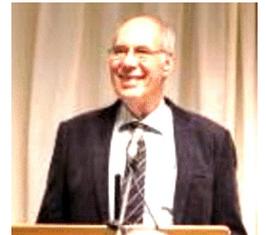
Jesus was identified as the son of the carpenter (Mt 13:55 / Mr 6:3) but in reality he was first and foremost the son of God.

The same goes for us, once we have also become, through being born again, first and foremost the son or daughter of God. Will we ever fully comprehend and believe that?

Finally, any overcoming, healing, victory or whatever starts with understanding and maintaining this new identity. Are we identifying ourselves as this sick, depressed, downtrodden person or is our identity defined by the scriptures, which tells us we are now a son or daughter of the most high God.

We need to guard this identity, because the world in general will try to make us doubt it.

So: *2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*



Ps Pieter Visser

## Heard from the platform

- Did you know we belong to the CIA? Christians In Action.
- You can't have Revival without Fellowship, and you can't have Fellowship without Unity
- Are you on the heavenly list?
- No life is lived without a birth
- Believing without actions does no good
- Are you living or surviving?
- God is not a man that He should lie, He keeps his promises of peace, understanding and His strength
- If someone else had your prayer life, would they make it on the day of the Lord's return?
- "Double check" your position with the Lord
- "Opportunity" take it - don't leave it: "Status Quo" is not us, we must keep moving forward

# Revival Across Europe

## Baptisms in May:

6 in the Netherlands, 8 in the UK, 1 in Ireland, 1 in Hungary



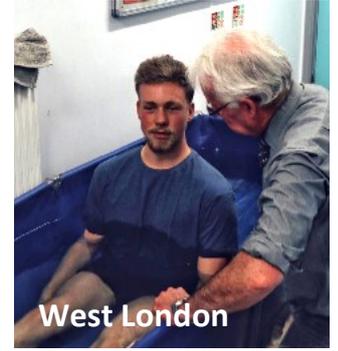
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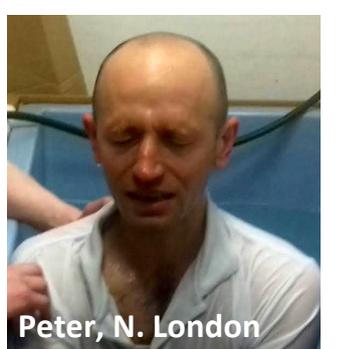
Kristaps, Dordrecht



Peter, Hungary



Jason, Ireland



Peter, N. London



Sian, N.London



Lili, Liverpool



Alex, Rotterdam Conv.



Roemer, Rotterdam Conv.

## ACTS 10 : 48

« And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the LORD »

# European Convention in West London



Our London/European convention has been the highlight of our month. Much willing effort and work went into the preparations and it was a success for all. We had over 24 visitors, 5 baptisms and a lady who received the Holy Spirit during a street outreach. The lady we rent the venue from, came to say hello and ended up staying all day! Thank you to the many that came.



We heard of healings and miracles: a brother was healed of a blood clot in his lungs; a sister was healed of cancer whilst in the waiting room; a sister received the peace that passes all understanding after the loss of her mother; after a difficult life, a brother is now happily married with three children. God covers all.



We heard of His soon return and to be ready, living the life He has given us and preparing for the one to come.



# The Revival Fellowship in:

## Dordrecht, NL

A very fruitful month with four baptisms, praise the Lord! We held a concert night with quite a number of visitors; neighbours, friends and people from the outreach. Another activity this month was a 'testimony game'. In groups brothers and sisters answered questions to get to know each other's testimonies better, like how did you respond to the gospel when you first heard it or share a healing testimony. A sister shared how before she came to the Lord she heard the gospel at four different occasions from four different people until she finally acted upon the word. God truly is patient with us! A brother shared how the Lord healed his heart, instead of wanting to please himself he now delights in serving others and pleasing the Lord. Michel and Bianca visited Antti and Stina in Finland and had a very uplifting time of fellowship together.

## Almere, NL

This month we did something new: our NextGen organized an evening full of items and a short game for the rest of the brethren. It was lovely to see them preparing a meal and a quiz for all of us. Sister Niké shared in her testimony that she got healed of kidney disorder when she was born. She realized after being born again that she can communicate with God through prayer for any situation. She also got healed of allergy of mosquito bites and shingles. She witnesses to many school mates and she is really happy that she can be in the Lord, that she can expect things knowing that God answers her prayers. Brother Ron and sister Ashley visited us in Almere for a weekend. Sister Ashley shared in her testimony that she is very happy being married at a younger age having God on the first place in their lives

things always go right. She got healed of depression and she is really happy that God never forsakes us.

We were really happy having sister Yasmine visiting us from Switzerland before and after convention. She was 7 when she first heard the Gospel but she did not understand much of it yet but it was a big impression on her. When she was 15 she realized that God is not in traditional churches. After she was born again she wasn't allowed to come to the meetings but after turning 18 started living with the saints which was a big blessing for her being in a spiritual environment.

## Rotterdam, NL

A swollen, painful arm healed in the prayer line, a brother healed of a fever, a new sister coming to the meeting despite of feeling sick and thrilled to find herself healed at the end of the evening. These are just a few of the things our heavenly Father has done for us this month. We came to Him in sadness too as we heard of the passing of Pastor William. His family and the fellowship are in our prayers. Convention was held in our hall and a few of us went across to the United Kingdom to attend convention.

Outreaching & fellowship = the perfect combination. Let's go stand and speak and save those lost souls.

## North London, UK

Our brother Peter (on the right of the photo) came to the UK from the Ukraine, already baptised and filled with the Spirit. He came to North London after



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finding us on the internet. He recently decided to be baptised again. This has been an especially exciting month for Peter and all of us, as we welcomed his wife, Natalie, and their three little girls, who have been able to join him here. Vince (on the left of the photo below), a faithful brother for so many years, was recently strongly suspected of having prostate cancer. He told the doctors we were praying for him. When he went back for the results of his biopsies, they



Outreaching in Wealdstone

told him 'it worked'. He was given the all clear. Vince nearly died from an allergic reaction to penicillin a few years ago. Then he told God he was ready to go to sleep, but had a family and lots of work to do for the Lord. He still has! Amongst all of this excitement, we managed to squeeze in fellowship activities. Our Signs and Wonders night was very encouraging and included the testimony above and the medical profession's take on anaphylactic shock. It is always good to remember that as well as testimonies of healing from all over the world, we also have many, many home grown stories to share. In North London, two people were baptised this month.



Testimony game, Dordrecht

# The Revival Fellowship in:

## West London, UK

This has been a very much blessed month. Our brother Jean brought three visitors to a mini talks evening and we have had our sister Maxine from Barbados visiting for three weeks. Sarah and André testified of how during a baby scan, they were told something seemed wrong with their baby's heart and to come back to see the specialist. Prayers were put forward over the weekend and when they went back, all was well!

## Hungary

In Hungary we had one baptism and four people receive the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. A new sister Zsuzsa who got baptized last month and then was cleared of having any cancer cells in her lungs, managed to get to her first meeting in May. Zsuzsa lives 100 kms from the fellowship in Budapest, and was baptised at home. She has to look after her 85 year old mother who suffers from dementia and can hardly get away from the house, but she managed to come even though her mother was having a particularly bad day as a neighbour agreed to look after her. Zsuzsa really enjoyed both meetings and then went home, only to find her mother in a very bad state. Having been told by her own daughter Judit who witnessed to her about the power of God she decided to lay hands on her mother in the morning to pray for a victory. Her mother stopped being hysterical and cried instead. There followed three hours of complete rest and then normal behaviour from her mother. This has never happened before and she praises the Lord for the power of the Lord in her life. Our new brother Peter heard the word on a tram, but had



to get off the next stop. Having checked us out on the internet he came and got baptized. There followed many questions and he did not receive, but the moment he put all his questions aside and simply prayed for the Holy Spirit he was immediately filled with the evidence of speaking in tongues. He said: "I came here, didn't want to get baptized, but decided to do what I'm told, got baptised and now I've received the Holy Ghost".

## Poole

May was busy fishing for men. We began with a prayer and fast on the theme of 'My sheep hear my voice' and we were blessed to hear three good talks on the theme. We were delighted to have Bert and Klaasje from Holland visiting us at one of our midweek meetings. We had stream of observers mainly to our Sunday meetings. A couple of these were just walking pass the hall and came to the meeting. The following weekend we outreached in a town called Wareham which is new ground for us. Many people were spoken to or took leaflets and we wait to see what will happen. Later that

day, we visited Swanage and enjoyed a picnic, great fellowship and spectacular views of the Dorset coastline. We also outreached in the local town of Boscombe, where again, the word went out through leaflet or conversation and we hope that some will take the opportunity to "come and see".

## Ireland

Throughout the month we continue to outreach near the meeting hall. A few of us went to county Kerry to visit Ed & Lisa: Ed's brother Jason was visiting them, we preached the Gospel to him and he got baptised. Praise the Lord. Ben & Renae Lee from Ballarat also met us in Kerry and travelled back to Dublin with us. It was a great weekend of fellowship. We had a joint prayer and fast with Medway, the theme was Job 32: 8—an interesting topic which brought out some good thoughts! We had a visit from sister Ladka from Adelaide. She shared her testimony about how she suffered from a sudden brain aneurysm; she could have died or had serious ill effects from it but the Lord miraculously delivered her.

## Czech Republic

Sister Stana was eating lunch on a trip, and some food got stuck in her throat. She has already had a long-term problem with a swollen throat for many years, so this was a very dangerous situation. She really could hardly breathe. Stana was so scared that she forgot to pray, and tried all the other usual methods, but nothing helped. 15 minutes later, our sister was so tired and dropped to her knees and began to pray. After just 1 minute of prayer, the piece of food was dislodged and she was immediately a lot better. She saw



# The Revival Fellowship in:

her doctor later, and he said it had almost been the end for her. Her throat was damaged and she couldn't eat, but after 1.5 days she was completely healed! Another sister needed the Lord's provision in a financial situation, and her landlord



called her and gave her a very large amount of money that she had overpaid! Also, she had very tired legs at work after walking up and down many stairs all day, and out of nowhere, she was offered a leg massage even though it isn't allowed for staff workers. She knew the Lord had provided her needs. Our senior brethren also had a wonderful time at our annual Senior's Camp this month. The theme was "My place in the Fellowship". We also outreached in a new town, and invited people to a nearby saints' house. It

was exciting to pray with a family on the street for the Holy Spirit!

## Switzerland

We had a very exciting start to the month as we had a young girl visiting a healing presentation night. She was witnessed to by a sister who also works with her. She offered her prayer as she had an accident earlier in the year and lost her baby through it. After the presentation we prayed together and she received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Praise the Lord she heard the word of God and was very amazed by all the healing testimonies. Please pray with us that she also makes the second decision to be baptized by immersion.

Sister Susanne shared how she was healed from thrombopenia. The average Platelet count measures between 150'000-350'000 but hers was 3x under 100. Because of that she was sent to a specialist. In between the two doctor's appointments, which was only 2.5 hours apart, she started praying and asked some brothers and sisters to pray with her. The doctors suspected her to either have an immunological disease or leukaemia. After taking the blood test at the specialist her platelet count was back to normal, which is impossible in the natural sense. Praise the Lord!

Later in the month we had Pastor Chris from Hungary visiting, we would like to thank him for coming and supporting. We very much appreciate it.



## Liverpool

Lili received the Holy Spirit and got baptised! Praise the Lord. We had one evening where we shared many testimonies from the saints in China. Here is one testimony from brother Xu Kai: "My name is Xu Kai. I want to say praise the Lord. I was baptised in August 2012, I received the Holy Spirit half a year later and spoke in tongues. At first I didn't ask God for the Holy Spirit until I read Luke 11:9-13. Because of reading this verse, I prayed for the Holy Spirit. I wanted God to change me, my bad habits, bad thinking. Before I came to the Lord, I always worry about things, feel anxious, fear, weak. After I came to the Lord, I began to pray when bad things happened. Because I know God is most powerful king, He gives me peace and joy." We also listened to a talk by brother XuTan about commitment and heard how Revival is going in China. It was very encouraging and exciting.

# Suriname Update

At the beginning of the month we had a prayer & fast. Everyone found it very inspiring and encouraging to hear each other's experiences of how they overcome and experience miracles and signs (see photo). For example there is a young sister Irina who took medication for her epilepsy attacks and is completely healed from the moment she was born again. She is off medication now. It is really beautiful to see how we as a young church grow in our personal experiences with God. Nowadays, in addition to the weekly outreach on Friday, we also have every other week an outreach on Tuesday morning. This month we also welcomed a visitor from the Netherlands Sister Elaine. The Sunday School has introduced the song of the month "It's bubbling" (see photo). A

number of children from Sunday school wanted to pray for receiving the Holy Spirit (see photo).

They have not yet received it, but we continue to pray for them. We have had a number of visitors this month and 1 of them has received the Holy Spirit. However, she has not yet received permission from her mother to be allowed to be baptized. We continue to pray for the situation.



# Convention in Rotterdam



# Testimonies



Hi my name is Luke. I first started coming along to the fellowship after I was witnessed to by a brother in the Lord. On 31 st January 2018, I was baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit a few days later, speaking in tongues. Before coming to the Lord, I was trying to escape my old life and I know that God saved me and gave me a new life. He has healed me of depression and I now have a very positive outlook. One big difference is that I have grown in confidence because of the Lord and it is exciting to see all the miracles he continues to bless me with. I cannot thank and praise God enough for all he has done for me. I'm looking forward to meet our Lord! **Luke, Poole, UK**



At the beginning of the year 2019, I experienced some pain in my chest. (I had a triple bypass operation in 2013) Netty twisted my arm behind

my back and marched me off to the doctor. He organised an appointment with the cardiologist in 3 weeks' time. During the waiting period I got to thinking about why healings seemed to be easier to achieve in the early days, when I just got born again. I tried to analyse what my habits were in these early days. It came to me that in these days I had my Bible next to my breakfast plate and we used to have a little discovery voyage every morning. Now, over time, this changed to having the newspaper or some other reading stuff, on the table. So, we started doing, again, what we used to do when healings were easier to get. The result: when the tests at the cardiologist were done, everything was totally fine. So: 2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. **Pastor Piet Visser, the Netherlands**