

Revival News



European Monthly Report

February 2020



An exciting milestone was celebrated this February as 2020 marked the 30th anniversary of the Revival Fellowship in Holland.

The saints held an event including a photo presentation musical items and of course delicious food!

In this newsletter you can also read more about the Pastors' Meeting weekend which was held in Poole, UK.

Above: 30 year Anniversary

Left: In Poole with visiting Pastors and leaders

Coming up, looking ahead:

Spring Camp Hungary 2020

April 9—13 **CANCELLED, due to government travel restrictions, re: Covid-19 virus pandemic.**

The next events might also be affected.

European Convention Rotterdam NL

May 21—23

European Convention London May 29 — 31

The following events might also be affected, wait till the end of April to see.

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

Server News, February 2020

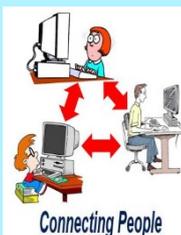
All the talks, songs and other items from the recent Winter camps are now added to the re-acts server for download.

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

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Editorial: Ceremonial cleansing and/or real baptism (Acts 2:38)

1Pe 3:21 *The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

Peter is comparing the old testament 'purification' with the new testament saving. In practice some were similar to baptism like dipping in water.

The **answer** (Greek "inquiry" - Dutch translation: **request**) of a good conscience toward God

So, in the new testament this 'cleansing' is **connected to having a good conscience towards God**, not just to the understanding that people have now fulfilled a law-requirement.

In the present time we still find examples of these cleansing or purification rituals.



Here is a picture taken in the synagogue of Worms, a city in Germany. It's called a 'Mikwe'

This one dates from 1186 AD

The word Mikwe is a Dutch-Yiddish word which means 'living water'.

It is a place where people could be ceremonially cleansed during a baptism-like dipping in water.



There are many historical buildings which have these 'Baptism-bath' like facilities proving the fact that many purification rituals required dipping in water.

In John 5 – we find mention of the water at Bethesda and in John 9 – we find the pool of Siloam.

Even in modern times, most religions have some purification ceremony which requires dipping or submerging in water.



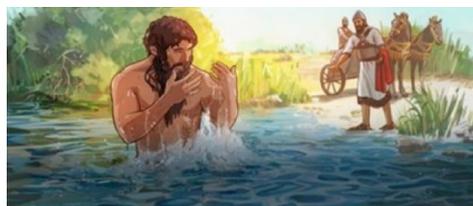
Here is a picture from Japan where we find the followers from Shinto starting the new year with a ceremonial cleansing in ice water at the Teppozu Shrine in Tokyo



And here, Hindu women bathing in the Ganges river at dawn.

Even in Islam, the purification in water is a recognised concept.

In 2 Kings 5 we find the story of Naaman who needed to dip himself in the river Jordan seven times.



Now, back to NT Bible times...

Mt 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand...

Obviously the ritual of baptism was not a surprise to the people. Confessing their sins seems to refer to a cleansing or purification ceremony.

Then the Pharisees come and want to get in on the act. The reply of John to them is interesting. (V 7-8)

And John looking ahead...

Mt 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

So, now here John is looking ahead to the time the Holy Ghost gets added to the concept.

And that is what the apostle Peter referred to in 1Pe 3:21 and Acts 2:38

He was comparing the old testament 'saving' with the new testament saving. In the old testament there were many commandments regarding ceremonial cleansing. In practice some were similar to baptism like dipping in water.

Conclusion: The many cleansing or purification ceremonies which were/are practised by all sort of religions, even in these modern age, are valueless for God and do not save anybody. The 'baptisms' of many, so called Christian religions are in the same category.

It only becomes worthwhile, and indeed essential, when the Holy Spirit is added and received by the participants.



Ps Piet Visser

Heard from the platform:

- Don't have your own hindering persuasions. Always check with the word of God if it is the right one!
- Every thing that we dare to leave behind, God replaces with something good
- Without a conflict the question will never come: "What shall we do men and brethren?" Acts 2:37
- Remain close to God, then you will see miracles!
- Do you choose to seek God or not? Seek God with your whole heart
- Who or what God is for us depends on what we are busy with
- Do not try to redeem your conscience with godly deeds, while God did not even ask you to do that. Simply obey His word.
- Where our strength stops, God's strength starts
- There is only one Jesus and when we accept Him, we have to accept everything He said.
- We are still limited by our bodies but we have ultimate freedom. God is limitless.
- The answer is now, not in the future to come
- Have the courage to be disliked
- What you do with your time matters

Revival Across Europe

Baptisms in February: 1 in Hungary, 7 in the Netherlands



Christina, Almere



Barnadette, Almere



Charline, Dordrecht



Legin, Rotterdam



Bence, Hungary



Hassan, Almere



Ravi, Almere

Pastors and Leaders meeting weekend, Poole UK



The Poole saints write:

« The Poole fellowship were privileged this month to host the Pastors' meeting and we all enjoyed a great weekend of visitors and activities.

The whole weekend was very uplifting with lots to learn through the talks and fellowshiping one with another. We thank all the saints for their great fellowship. Our sister Jenny turned 80 and it was great to have extra saints around to help her celebrate. During the evening we had items, testimonies and encouraging talks from a few visiting pastors. There were also many opportunities to speak about the Lord while outreaching in Bournemouth and this resulted in a couple of visitors to the Sunday meeting. »



The Revival Fellowship in:



'A new adventure' supper, Almere

Almere, NL

This month five people were born again, many of them relatives, friends or colleagues.

At a signs and wonders night brother Daniel from Te Puke, New-Zealand shared via a videolink how God has healed his knee that continuously caused him a lot of pain and mobility problems. Doctors could not offer help, but God healed him completely!

Brother Evert shared in a presentation how God shows us that the Bible is really His Word: through creation, prophecies, in the stars, in Mathematics, In the Great Pyramid, in archaeology and of course in a personal way.

We closed off the month with a supper with the theme : A new adventure. Brethren came dressed as a bible figure. We had to guess who they were by their look and hints given by words and imitations.

Sister Victoria shared a testimony of a problem with the government about taxes concerning child day-care. The government deducted her salary for many years. Praying to the Lord and trusting in Him led to the solution: the government started re-examining similar cases for many families in the whole country because of incorrect deductions. She said to the Lord; "Lord, other people profit from my prayer, please let me hear something as well!" The next day she received a letter from the tax authorities with the news that she does not have to pay anymore and if they find out that she was wrongfully charged that she will get refunded completely! God is good and definitely righteous!



Dordrecht

This month we had many visitors in our meetings. One of them got baptized and Spirit filled. At our testimonies night four brethren shared how they were transformed by the renewing of their mind (Romans 12:2) after being born again. One of the sisters always felt like she was in survival mode because of her depression and she saw no way out. After being born again she was healed from her depression and God gave her peace in life. Another sister shared that she was a people pleaser before, she tried to help others but couldn't really and always wore a mask to hide her true feelings. Now she can go through life without a mask and God made her capable to really help others by His power. We had the privilege of having the Byrne family from Liverpool in one of our Sunday meetings this month. A very nice surprise! At the end of the month we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Revival Fellowship in Holland with delicious food, musical items and a photo presentation about the start of the church in Holland until now. What a privilege to be part of God's great work! *See photos on front page*

France

So far this year the work here has been busy and growing with visitors to the meetings and new saints who are regularly attending. Our new sister Marie had been praying and fasting for God to answer a prayer for her before the end of January, otherwise she would return to

her home country as life in France was just too difficult.

After 2 and a half years, nothing was working out. She was Spirit filled but couldn't find a church that answered the spiritual questions she had. The specific prayer she had was for the Lord to give an answer for her daughter's citizenship. One Saturday she received a leaflet inviting her to the fellowship, at an outreach at the market. She was touched that it was one of the kids that gave her the invitation, and decided to come along. She came on a Sunday at the end of January and prayed for her situation. Very shortly afterwards she received an email saying her daughter had been granted French citizenship. She was very happy and excited to share the testimony with us and glorify the Lord for this answer to prayer! Since then she has been regularly attending the meetings and has been baptised. She says she doesn't need to attend different churches anymore, the fellowship is her new family now. During the month we had wonderful fellowship with visiting saints from London and also by Skype with the brothers and sisters in Cape Town, South Africa.



Skype meeting with Cape Town

Hungary

Greetings from Hungary where we had one person spirit filled and baptized with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Our new brother had been going to a Pentecostal church for a number of years but never received the holy spirit. Feeling the church was powerless he became disillusioned and he came to a meeting where, after hearing the true gospel, was immediately filled with the holy spirit in the baptism tank. He is very grateful to have met the God of power that he has sought for many years



French fellowship with Cécile & Jaydan from West London



Hungary

The Revival Fellowship in:

A brother who has a heart issue couldn't breathe and had a big pain in his heart. He and his wife prayed and in two minutes the pain went away and he was able to breathe again. He wanted to come to a meeting but his blood pressure was 209/97 he prayed about it and the next day it was 135/83 and all through the meeting he was fine. PTL One sister's sister in law needed an operation to remove a cancer. Beforehand they prayed together and the operation was done in less than half the normal time. The Dr stated it was the easiest cancer he had ever removed as it miraculously just fell off during the op. A brother had work situations he could not deal with, but after a quick prayer he got perfect peace about it and the problem was smoothed over. A colleague was really against our brother so he prayed for him (as we pray for our enemies) and the Lord sorted that out as well.

Testimony: Eniko



Our young sister Eniko went to the hospital on Monday with severe lower abdominal pain and vomiting, and by Tuesday her general well-being improved and she did not vomit, there was still an issue as her blood results showed high

inflammation. On Tuesday they removed her caecum, next to her appendix and she was able to return home from the hospital on Saturday. The final report stated that appendix had perforated before and so she had been protected from further damage by the Lord.

Ireland

Greetings from Ireland. We have had a couple of observers at our Wednesdays meetings,



Ps Jimmy, Candy, Ruby & Charlie in Ireland



Medway

who are seeking for the Holy Spirit, which is really exciting.

During the month we had a visit from Ps Jimmy, Candy, Ruby & Charlie from the Poole assembly. We really appreciate the time we all had together and of course the support at the meetings and outreaching!

We are looking forward to bringing more news next month! Praise the Lord.

Liverpool

This month we had a 1940s dinner night where we heard some of Bob's testimony. He said:



Bob, Liverpool

"I heard the word in 1973 from a brother, a friend from Australia who had received the Holy Spirit with the miraculous evidence of speaking in tongues. I had never heard of this before. I had been in other churches, had been baptised and told that I had received the Holy Spirit. But as I began to understand from his testimony and from the word of God, nothing had happened to me—I had no experience.

So I began to seek the next night and I received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in new tongues. I was completely changed and felt brand new. I was baptised later by full immersion. I have been rejoicing ever since and to this day, giving thanks and glory to God.

I have had many wonderful healings and blessings all through my 47 years. My wife and all my children are also filled with the Holy Spirit. I just give the Lord thanks and praise for all the blessings that I have received and I praise His wonderful name."

Medway

We started the month with a visit to Walmer castle, once home to the Duke of Wellington: great historic info on the inside—they had an expert on hand to tell us all about it, long walk along the beach, fish and chips then home, a pearl of a day.

Our first Friday of the month revelation night resumed after a couple of months off, nothing less than a good curry to go with it is acceptable.

Second Sunday of the month saw 80mph winds that caused us to call off the meeting in the hall, we were able through you tube to upload a talk for all early on the Sunday afternoon, many tuned in an interesting exercise

Finished the month with a Jamaican themed dinner night, good food good fun, visitors too. Bye for now.

Poole

For a short month, February has been quite long with five Saturdays and great fellowship. The month started with blue sky and sunshine and we all set off on The Big Walk! We spent the day in the Purbecks exploring the Dorset village of Corfe Castle. It was a really great day of walking, fellowship, coffee and cake. We are delighted to have Ps Martin and Lisa spend a weekend with us. We've also been organizing our local assembly mini outreach weekend in March with door-drop and lots of leaflets handed out – we believe the Lord will bless our efforts and look forward to more great things happening in our fellowship.



The BIG walk, Poole

The Revival Fellowship in:

Praise the Lord. See front page for the report on the Pastors' meeting weekend in Poole.

Rotterdam

Such a blessing to be able to come to God with all of our issues, big and small. God healed an unborn baby, which was expected to be born handicapped. She came into this world completely healthy. A colleague of one of the sisters came to a meeting and was born again. The Bible class had their own mini-meeting; they have their own musician and chorus leader. Two young brothers gave a presentation. One was on how to dress appropriately, being an ambassador for God.

And the other about God's creation; a comparison between ants and us, workers in the Kingdom of God. *Proverbs 6:6 "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:" Much is to be learnt from ants, for example how they cooperatively work together for one goal. Never lazy, always on the job. Happy ant-ing this coming month!*

West London

This month has been busy with fellowship, outreaching and visitors. We had Ps Chris, Monika and their son Ben as well as brother Edouard from France with us for the first weekend. Ps Chris mentioned in his talk that we need to listen to the light that is within, pray daily and to not go by our senses but build ourselves in the Spirit. Brother Edouard mentioned that guilt no longer has a place in our lives and that forgiveness is key in order to be set free. We must be steadfast in God's promises. Brother Andre told us that we must be happy to be disliked for the sake of the Gospel, to stand firm and that God is the only one we need to be accepted by. We had a quiz evening based on the scriptures. A fun evening where all



Quiz, West London

came with lots of energy and with the intent on winning, nicely! Lots of laughter. We also had an evening studying who we are: not a man in the flesh, but a spiritual man with spiritual attributes. See you all next month!



West London

Testimonies

A new revival in my life:

I began reading the Bible at 10-years-old after my father passed away. Together with my mother and sister, we joined a local Pentecostal Church, and there I received the Holy Spirit.



But, after 20 years, living as a hypocritical Christian in the church and battling some financial issues, I began searching for a way out. My searching led me through many church doors, before arriving in London and discovering the Revival Fellowship on the internet. I was familiar with the gifts of the Holy Spirit but had never seen them

applied like they were during my first and subsequent meetings.

I was impressed by the many testimonies of personal encounters with the Lord. After a while, I decided to start my own walk with Jesus afresh by being baptised. This time it was to please God rather than other people, and that day was the start of a new revival in my life.

Petru Sabasevski, North London

Received the Spirit after 30 years :

I grew up in a Pentecostal church and always believed in God. Wanting to be baptised at 7, my father insisted I attend classes on basic Bible truths until I understood more. I was eventually baptised when I was 10, and continued to seek for the baptism of the Holy Spirit before and after that time.



In December 2009, I started to visit different churches. Deep inside, I still knew I needed the Holy Spirit, so in July 2010, when visiting the Revival Fellowship, I noticed straight away there was an emphasis on the Spirit. After praying a few times, I received on

7th Sept, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I was so happy and felt both peace and a settled soul. Prior to that time, I'd suffered from bouts of depression, suicidal thoughts and negative thinking. The Lord took all of this away completely, and now I know that sense of utter despair is gone forever. I've also been privileged to see many people healed by the Lord after praying for them. The Lord continues to help me with the big and small things in my life. I know He will return one day, and I want to be ready to go with him.

Grace Walker, North London