

Revival News



European Monthly Report

May 2020



This month the UK and European Convention was held over three amazing days. It was overwhelmingly supported by brothers and sisters from all over the globe.

All had an amazing opportunity to travel the world to hear of the wonders and miracles God performs in His children's lives wherever they may be and whatever their background is.

Whether in talks or testimonies, we were reminded that God is in control and that He will turn our doubts and fears into victory as well as we turn to Him, believing. We heard of how God has turned people's despair, mental or physical needs, hopeless situations into victories, showing His glory to all. We were reminded that we are in the last hour before the Lord's return and to make good use of

the time. There was also a Q & A with Ps Jock and Ps Godfrey in which they related their experiences when they first came to the Lord and how the work started in their corner of the vineyard. They encouraged all to be fully involved in the work of the Lord to be truly successful and bear fruit.

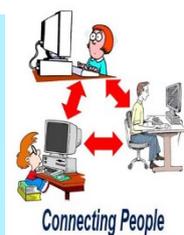
Most importantly, throughout the three days, we had baptisms, some receiving the Holy Spirit and some hearing the Word for the first time.

It was truly an uplifting, fulfilling and excellent three days, where all were thrilled to be amongst so many brothers and sisters, from all corners of the vineyard.

Revival Fellowship West London

Clockwise from top left: Convention invitation; Choruses from Melbourne; Testimony of sister Vara, UK; Baptism in Rotterdam; Attendees on Zoom

Server News, May 2020
All the talks, songs and other items from the recent London online convention are now available from our server: downloads.revivalfellowship.nl
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Have fun.
Ps Pieter Visser



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Coming up, looking ahead:
Euro summer camp. I.R.C.C.
(International Revival Cyber Convention)
Start Sunday, July 26.
Ends Wednesday, July 28
You can login, 15:00 and 19:00 hour, local western euro time.
Zoom id: 4141856010
Winter camps, Dec 25—Jan 01, 2021.
Netherlands and UK.
Info to follow.

Editorial: The trees and the fruit

If you look on the internet with the question: 'what is the purpose of fruit' you get hits, mostly promoting healthy eating.

However, that was not the purpose of fruit from the beginning. There were trees producing fruit, eons before there were animals and humans to eat the fruit. We read:

*Ge 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit **tree** yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.



So the original purpose of the fruit was to ultimately produce more trees, and so to keep the species alive.

There is a lot written in the Bible about trees and their fruit.

Jesus referred to it often, for example:

*Mt 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every **tree** which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

Here Jesus is talking about the nation of Israel, who was supposed to produce 'fruit' but ultimately did not, or produce bad fruit, which grew into bad trees. This is highlighted in the following scriptures:

Mt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

The immediate result of bad fruit might be a bad taste when we partake of it, but the long term result is that it grows into bad trees, which in their turn produce more bad fruit which grows into bad trees, ad infinitum.

The words of Jesus again:

Joh 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and

men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

There is a common misunderstanding that bearing fruit is somehow connected to prospering in whatever way we can imagine. I have searched diligently but have not found a single tree which partakes of it's own fruit. So...

It is NOT connected to gathering houses, riches, goods or other 'blessings'.

The fruit contains the seeds which are supposed to produce more trees.

Branches which not produce die and will be trimmed off.

Ps Piet Visser



Heard from the platform:

- Courage is doing what you are afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you are scared.
- If we believe, we are already in eternal life.
- It is what God sees that is important. He sees what you are and what you will become.
- Christians are made for action, not isolation
- God is full of surprises—like the way He opened the Red Sea, He can bring an unexpected solution to your problem
- Ask the Lord to make your life count
- Never allow our natural spirit to rule over the Holy Spirit

"Bible nuggets" from Hungary:

- He is the beginning and the end
- Without Him everyday life is hard
- Only with Him we can perform well
- We are looking for the one lost sheep
- Through the nature of Jesus we are driven to do the work of the Lord individually and as a group in unity also
- We find our rest only in the Lord.

Revival Across Europe

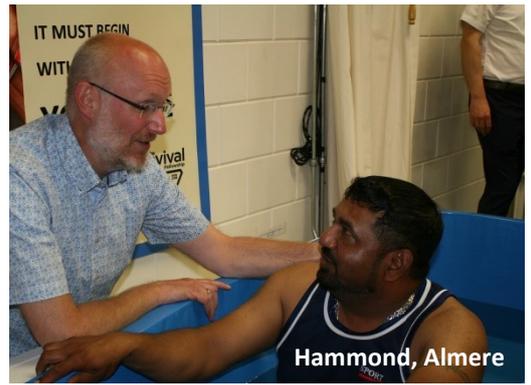
Baptisms in May: 6 in the Netherlands, 3 in the UK



David, Poole



Anne Marie, Almere



Hammond, Almere



Herman, Almere



Andrew, Almere



Nicki, North London



Michei, Rotterdam



Jon, Liverpool



Stefanie, Rotterdam

Convention 2020—from all over the world



Song item, New Zealand



Testimony, Singapore



Testimony, India



Song item, Australia

Ps Yomi at convention HQ, London



Testimony/poem, Rotterdam

The Revival Fellowship in:



Almere, NL

Praise the Lord this month Andrew, Anne-Marie, Herman and Hammond were born again. Andrew and Hammond received a pamphlet in the city centre (one of them actually found a pamphlet on the ground that somebody had thrown away), they phoned Pr. Rene and all were baptised the first meeting they visited! Anne-Marie and Herman are contacts of sister Elly who got baptised last month. A blessing in a sister's life: she could not sleep for two days causing her to be very tired and having no energy to do things. After asking for prayer in one of our meetings she slept well again and got her energy back. Evan is losing his milk teeth/baby teeth and one of these did not want to come loose completely and it hurt him. After prayer it came loose within 15 minutes. Praise the Lord He is faithful to all His children in all matters. Joining the UK convention for us was very enjoyable. It made us realize again how precious it is having such a worldwide unity in our fellowship and how great our hope is we've found in Him! Let's keep our heads and hearts straight, looking towards the day of Jesus' return, being busy with God's business, then He will always take care of our business! Going forward we encourage one another other to hold on and keep making good decisions even though the world is still going up and down. God makes sure to still the storm in our lives when we fully trust Him so we can keep the vision to look for lost souls.

Czech Republic

The highlight of the month was definitely the EU Convention, which coincided with our Czech 3-day outreach. It was a very busy, exciting weekend! We watched the Convention each morning, then went for outreaches in the afternoons, and joined the Convention again in the evenings. These were our first outreaches after the government's restrictions opened up, and we were very happy to be on the streets, sharing the gospel again. People accepted our pamphlets and some stopped to have

discussions about God. One lady remembered being witnessed to 20 years ago by our sister Maruska, before she passed away in the Lord! We are praying for fruit from these outreaches.

The Convention gave us amazing spiritual food. It was exciting to see revival happening in front of our eyes through the baptisms and people receiving the Holy Spirit, and to see new connections forming between saints across Europe and around the whole world. Many thanks to all the brethren who were involved!

Dordrecht

At the beginning of prayer and fast this month a few brethren shared testimonies about how prayer and fasting helped them overcome. One of the testimonies was from a brother who felt resentment towards his religious mother in the beginning of his walk. After prayer and fasting his heart changed. Instead of feeling resentment, he only wanted to see her get saved. Eventually his mum was born again too. During our Q&A-night we got answers to our questions straight from the bible. For example: Why do we need to be like Jesus, when we keep on making mistakes daily? Of course that's exactly the reason why we need Jesus every single step of the way, to guide us and to cleanse us: **"...for without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:1-5)**. Through His Spirit we can be like Him. Now the question is: do we allow the Spirit to lead us and to change us, to make Him increase and to make our natural man decrease (John 3:30)? A recent testimony: a sister shared that she experienced that her heart started to harden a bit. She started to join many of the zoom-meetings that are going on all around the world at the moment. Seeing the bigger picture and the greatness of God through all the

testimonies and talks, softened her heart and made her thankful. We thoroughly enjoyed the UK convention at the end of the month: so many uplifting talks, testimonies and items from all around the world. Wonderful to be part of this great family of God!

France

We have been enjoying having fellowship and hearing wonderful talks and testimonies from all over the world via Zoom—both at convention and at our local meetings. Brother Matt from Christchurch NZ gave a talk including two healing testimonies, here is one: another brother's grandfather was unconscious in hospital and had less than 5% chance of ever waking up again. The family were planning his funeral at his bedside. Matt and the other brother went to the hospital and when the rest of the family had left the room, they prayed. The next day the grandfather was awake. God doesn't care about the odds! A local testimony: a sister had been suffering from bad back pain since giving birth last year. After prayer it was completely healed this month. Praise the Lord.

Hungary

Greetings from Hungary where we had one person Spirit filled and baptized. There are a number of testimonies that shone through this month. We were able to watch



The Revival Fellowship in:



Song item, Rotterdam



West London

convention which was a great blessing and see meetings via zoom every week. We have been looking for a new hall to hold meetings as the lockdown starts to ease and we pray to find one soon. A brother has recently had a number of provision testimonies. First of all he prayed to the Lord that he could keep his job, which the Lord answered and provided. The oversight sent out a reminder on the importance of tithing which touched his heart strongly and thought how he could tithe more. Didn't even had time to pray about it, the answer was already there within hours, he had an unexpected pay rise. Also he had an outstanding bill to settle which he wanted to do, to his surprise the authorities claimed it was settled already. A sister's 5 year old daughter was looking for a piece of clothing. While doing so she stepped on one of the open drawers and the whole wardrobe fell on her. Praise the Lord the little girl came out from under the wardrobe without a scratch. So looking forward to getting back together for meetings, we've started to meet on Tuesdays for our prayer meeting. Only 15 brethren at a time and the rest Zooming in, but very exciting to be together once again.

North London

Whilst we are still forbidden from using our hall, we are continuing to fellowship with saints joining us from all over the world at our Zoom meetings. We have enjoyed testimonies and talks from brethren from other assemblies and also visiting their assemblies throughout the week. This has been a great encouragement to us all and a strong

link up with other assemblies. This has included a trip around Jerusalem, a concert and testimonies night, VE Day and Dunkirk presentations and, of course, the international conventions and camps. We have a new sister. She attended all the meetings during the UK/EU Convention. She received the Holy Spirit on the Saturday night after the meeting and was baptised a few days later.

Poole

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters from the saints in Poole. As the lockdown carries on, like many of our brothers and sisters, we continue to enjoy meetings on Zoom and are becoming quite creative in thinking up different activities. Our regular Thursday night Bible study has continued throughout lockdown and we have been pleased to be joined by saints from Liverpool and Medway. This month we have studied the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians and have found out about the number of 'Marys' mentioned in the New Testament. Saturday activities have included a timed Bible quiz where we worked in teams to answer questions set by Ps Jimmy, the Bible Game and a true or false quiz in which we all asked questions of our brothers and sisters. The children have also contributed their own questions and it has been a truly great time of studying and growing in the Lord for us all. During this lockdown we had two baptisms from personal witnessing.

A guy called David was baptised and is seeking for the Holy Spirit, He has been enjoying online meetings and hearing testimonies across our fellowship. The month ended with the UK and European Convention - Seeking hope: Turning fears into victories and although we were not able to meet in person we have been truly blessed by the contributions of our brothers and sisters from across the world. We would like to thank all those who contributed and made this such an inspiring and uplifting event.

Rotterdam

While most of us still remained in isolation, the Lord hearkened to our hearts desires and provided many opportunities to share the gospel. People reached out to us as they know we have the answer. It was also a time to be more aware of each others needs and to help out those in need. Isn't it just wonderful how God turns bad into good? A wonderful testimony is that of sister Nini, for whom many of you have prayed for. A nurse looking after her, told her of her personal situation. Nini and sister Nicole told her that the Lord is the only One who can complete the puzzle, and offered her prayer for the Holy Spirit, which she immediately received. When she came to the hall the next day, she was baptised by full immersion. ***Thou has turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; Psalm 30:11***



Nicki's baptism

reminder of the unity of the work. We have been talking a lot about how special and unique it is to have a church where all speak the same message. We have used Saturdays as an opportunity to



Sister Netty's testimony

The Revival Fellowship in :

Switzerland

We started our month with a prayer and fast which is always a great thing to do! Being close to the Lord and praying to him, focusing on his word, and leaving the world aside for a while is a wonderful way to connect with our saviour even more.

We shared some thoughts and scriptures at our Friday night meeting and one thought that came up a few times was, to not worry about anything because the Lord is in control! Saturday afternoon we watched 3 talks from

the Adelaide Prayer and Fast and as always, everything just fit together perfectly.

For the first time in weeks, we could do a Thursday night outreach again. Given the circumstances, people were a bit hesitant to take pamphlets but nevertheless we still had opportunities to preach the gospel to some people, respecting the 2 meter distance. Later in the month we held a meeting together with our brothers and sisters in Angers/France, which was great, as always. We sang choruses in French and even had a

brother from Hungary giving his testimony and a sister from New Zealand joining in too. One Sunday morning we logged in to the Hungarian meeting where Pastor Jock from Adelaide gave a great talk.

Lastly, we got to enjoy the convention in London that was held at the end of the month. It was great to see Saints from all over the world joining in and getting opportunities to "meet" new brothers and sisters. A big thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this convention possible.

Suriname

The month of May started well. The government eased COVID-19 measures. We were now allowed to have meetings with 50 people instead of 10 people. It was really good to see that the next meeting almost all the Saints were present.

However, at the end of March, the COVID-19 infections started to increase. In one week more than 25 people were infected. Due to this event, the government has taken countermeasures. At this time, we are not allowed to have meetings and there is a curfew where people are not allowed to get together with 5 people or more and there is a curfew where we are not allowed to go outside from 6 PM till 6 AM. The Saints have daily contact with each other over de internet, but it is not an ideal situation. We hereby ask the Saints over the world to keep us in your prayers. **Brother Guillaume, Suriname**



Testimonies



I was born in a Muslim family but later moved to my step-sister who was married to a catholic. I started going to church, read the bible and learnt about the miracles Jesus did. When I moved to the UK, I went to the Catholic Church and mainstream churches, feeling unfulfilled and empty.

In September 2009, I was given a leaflet, went to a meeting, got baptised and received the Holy Spirit. The emptiness disappeared

and the scriptures became meaningful. Both my children are walking in the Lord.

I prayed for a boy who had not spoken since he was born: his mother testified of his healing.

After prayer, a boy who had stopped breathing started crying after a few minutes.

I am a nurse and tested positive for Covid-19

Prior to testing, I had symptoms which only lasted for a few hours: loss of taste and smell, muscle ache on my legs, fatigue and persistent coughing. My youngest daughter had similar symptoms but dismissed them as being Covid-19.

The fellowship prayed and I knew God was in total control of the situation. I had no fear or doubt. We carried on as normal. Ten days later, I tested negative and went back to work.

I give praise God for His care and protection He has shown towards us.

Sara, West London



I was born into a catholic family but my prayers were never answered. I received a leaflet during an outreach, was baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit.

I got married in the Lord. Twelve weeks into my first pregnancy, I started bleeding with much pain in my spine. Scans showed an apple sized fibroid growing against the baby. We were told I would lose my baby. The church prayed. Two days later, the bleeding and pain

stopped. After another scan, the fibroid had shrunk and stopped growing. Ariana is now 10 years old.

My second child was diagnosed with a large tonsil in her throat and a tissue in her nose causing swallowing and breathing difficulties. She needed two operations, throat and nose, to stop breathing pauses. Pastor Yomi came to pray before the operation: she only needed the operation in her throat as her nose was clear.

During my last period, I had a migraine, an unusual pain on the right hand side of my back, my head felt light, I couldn't feel half my body down. Saints prayed for me. On Sunday, I believed the spiritual gifts were directed to me. I thanked the Lord and asked Him to take the pain away. Later that evening, the pain spread to my entire back. I called the hospital and was told that if the pain got to my left shoulder, to call an ambulance as it could be fatal. We prayed and put our trust in the Lord as the pain was spreading to the left side of my shoulder. I went to sleep and when I woke up, the pain had gone. Praise the Lord for His mercy and protection.

Jayne, West London