

European Monthly Report

September 2011



French Outreach Team

Thanks to all the saints from Europe and further afield who came to support our outreach weekend here in Angers! It was a busy and uplifting few days, over which we gave out about 9,000 invitations to a presentation on "La Sortie de Secours": talking about what the Lord offers each of us. With a mix of street witnessing, letterboxing and outreaching, everyone was able to get involved, no matter what the level of French. All our talking, walking, singing, general hilarity (and of course, croissant eating) was blessed with a turn out of about 15 visitors to the presentation on Saturday night, including our new sister Françoise who was baptised later that evening. She had already received the Holy Spirit 20 years ago and was absolutely thrilled to be offered the chance to be baptised by immersion.

A mother and daughter, Monica and Océane, were intrigued by the outreach and came to hear more. Monica, who is eight months pregnant, received the Holy Spirit at the Sunday meeting following the presentation and at the same time was miraculously healed from gestational diabetes. She's so excited she



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can eat cakes again! Océane is now praying to receive the Spirit.

All three 'new people' have been regular and enthusiastic at meetings since, and we continue to encourage Monica to be baptised without further delay. We're very encouraged by the result of the outreach and the great support we received from the visiting saints. Come again next year!



Monica & Océane

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Coming Events:

Euro Camp in Ireland
Wed 26 Oct — Sun 30 Oct 2010

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Euro Camp in Czech Republic
Wed 26 Oct — Sun 30 Oct 2011

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Winter Camp in Germany
Sat 24 Dec 2011 — Sun 1 Jan 2012

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Sun 25 Dec 2011 — Sun 1 Jan 2012

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A packed hall in Rotterdam as the brothers and sisters came together for a combined prayer and fast meeting.

Download server news September 2011.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:
From the 14th of October we will change the passwords to access our download servers.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this might cause but my log-file tells me that there are now too many un-authorized entries.

Please mail me at the above e-mail address for a new password.

Ps Piet Visser



Editorial: "I just want to have fun, what's wrong with that?"

Particularly among the young, but not exclusive to them alone, is the misapprehension that finding happiness happens by having fun.

A small, tiny part of the famed American declaration of independence, which is quoted often as gospel, states:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

What is not well known is that these two lines are only a very small part of a list of 28 grizzles against the British rule and, amazingly enough, the last part of this tiny fragment has been taken up with incredible zeal.

So, this "claimed right" to the pursuit of happiness has, over time, resulted in a frantic search for moments of fun. As we will see, this can never produce true happiness.

Thus, the constant search for fun is not the road to happiness.

So, what is the difference between having fun and being happy? And why is 'having fun' such a relentless pursuit? Why do we always seem to look for opportunities to have fun?

The most obvious reason is that fun is enjoyable and we are programmed to pursue what we enjoy – food, drink, M-F relationships and all the other pleasures of the senses. But there is a deeper reason why people so seriously pursue fun – they believe it will bring them happiness.

Most people believe that happiness and fun are virtually identical. When asked to imagine a scene of **happy** people, most conjure up a picture of people having **fun** – laughing, playing games, drinking at a party, going out together, etc.

However, this is a flawed premise that can lead people to irreversible unhappiness.

To understand why fun doesn't necessarily create happiness and can even conflict with it, we should understand the major difference between fun and happiness: fun is temporary; happiness is on-going. Or to put it another way, fun is during and happiness is during AND after.

Happiness is not dependent on an event: it is an inner state of "being" that does not just happen to us, but which we must achieve. Happiness is not a happening that we wait to happen, it is a choice – we have to work to achieve happiness.

Once we understand this, we realise that we can always be happy, regardless of the events that are happening around us. Happiness is our choice.

Fun, however, is an event. It does not affect our inner being. We cannot always have fun. Fun can only occur from time to time. Even if we could have fun every day, it would not make us happy.

Of course we can have fun while being happy, but life is sometimes not fun. It is even painful at times. However, even in those times we can choose to be happy.

So, how do we achieve this inner happiness?

The Bible teaches that the way to happiness is to choose the path of truth, apply your intelligence and skills to do the will of God.

The words of Jesus:

John 14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, being [yet] present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

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.

Peace: 1515. i-ray'-nay - (to join); peace (literally or figuratively); by implication, prosperity:-- one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again (with God)

So, happiness makes us "disaster-proof". It comes from knowing God, His plan and the inevitable outcome of our existence, eternal life. However, trying to achieve happiness by the way of "having fun" most often leads to the opposite, irreversible unhappiness.

Thus, the "**pursuit of happiness**" can only, actually, lead to happiness by doing this via the words of our Creator. He truly knows the way.

Be happy,
Piet Visser.



Heard from the Platform

- God's plan is unchanging and His council stands!
- Life is short, so make sure to obtain a wise heart.
- Are we fully involved in our assembly or can we do better? Do we go the extra mile?
- When we are happy, enthusiastic and involved, we will have a positive effect on others.
- Everyone has something positive to offer.
- Enthusiasm is contagious, being miserable is too.
- There is nothing greater than receiving the mind of Christ.
- We can lay **all** our problems in the hands of Christ and receive rest.
- We talk about divine healing. There are no limitations to God's healings.
- Our soul will delight in abundance if we do what is right.
- If we can't forgive, we will keep seeing ourselves as victims.
- To comprehend the plan of God gives us a responsibility.
- People who carry a grudge and can't forgive are doomed to have a "victim syndrome" all of their lives.

Revival Across Europe



Jenny, Dordrecht, NL



Lubaki, Dordrecht, NL



Richard, Dordrecht, NL

The Netherlands: Nine people were born again of water and Spirit.

Hungary: Two people were baptised and three people received the Holy Spirit.

UK, Thirteen people were born again plus six others were Spirit filled.

Poland: Two people were born again.

France: One person was baptised and two people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

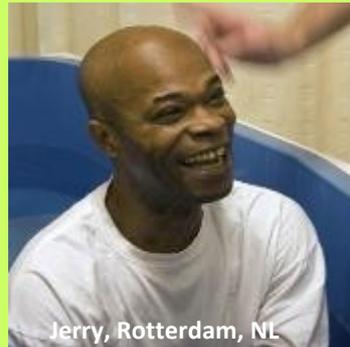
Ireland: One person received the Holy Spirit.



Elvis, Rotterdam, NL



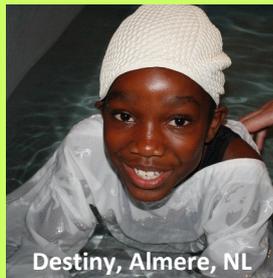
Fabiola, Rotterdam, NL



Jerry, Rotterdam, NL



Sandra, Almere NL



Destiny, Almere, NL



Simon, Hungary



Attila, Hungary



Françoise, France



Joanna, Poland



Wieslawa, Poland



Irene, Nth West, UK



Eddie, Nth West, UK



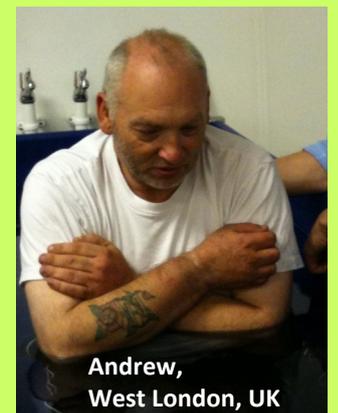
Paul, Medway, UK



Jessie, Medway, UK



Rachel, Medway, UK



Andrew, West London, UK

The Revival Fellowship In:

NL, Dordrecht

Greetings everyone. We were pleased to have had plenty of visitors this month including brethren from Gosford, Australia. Jim gave a very interesting presentation about the "sea and waves roaring" in the last days, relating them to the state of mankind and the earth. Nature creates much calamity, but natural man is creating more! God has the way out so we need not fear what is going to happen as He has the answers and is the answer.

The assembly enjoyed a dinner during which we were entertained by our visitors who sang a couple of songs. Paul also showed some slides



of the revival in Vanuatu, sharing many great testimonies of life changing healings. We held a

prophecy board outreach one Saturday. A man accepted an invitation which he passed on to his wife, Jenny. She came to a meeting the following day and was born again.

We also had a weekend of prayer and fasting. During our time together in Rotterdam, we were encouraged by the following talks:

Pastor René: People should be able to see Christ in our lives. We are not all the same, but are one body and we must do our best to keep the body functioning - regardless of how long we are in the Lord. With the love of God we can do all things. *2 Cor 3:2.*

Frans: It is important to **always** encourage one another, not only when people have problems. We learn from one another. The sharper we are, the better our vision is. The Bible is a treasure to be discovered. It holds the answer to all our problems and is an anchor to our souls. *Prov 27:17.*

Pastor Piet: The Bible clearly instructs us not to fellowship with those who walk disorderly. We are all able to be influenced by the negativity of others. Some people only see faults in other people, but we must remain strong in the faith and look to the positive. We don't tell one another how to remain victims, but how to overcome. We are living in the last days - it would be a shame to fall just before the finishing line. Be wise and protect yourself. *2Thes 3:6.*

NL, Rotterdam

Greetings! We started off the month with a prophecy board outreach in Dordrecht, followed that evening with a presentation in Rotterdam. The following Saturday we held a dinner night. It was a great evening with many visitors, a baptism and lots of fellowship. There was a combined prayer and fast the following weekend which was, as always, an uplifting time with the Lord. The last weekend of the month Pastor Ron and Helen from South Africa were visiting the Netherlands and Pastor Ron gave a presentation about what is going on throughout Africa. We were very encouraged by the things we saw happening there. Many of the brethren in these African fellowships have been healed of many

infirmities. The gospel is the same in all our assemblies all over the world and the Lord confirms this through signs and miracles. We are always thankful and exhorted by the visiting brethren. Thank you! *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."* Ps 133:1-3.



Bible open during dinner night

NL, Almere

Dear brethren. This month Sandra and her daughter Destiny were added to the Kingdom of God. Furthermore, two nieces of our sister Joanne received the Holy Spirit.

It is great to see everyone happily working for the Lord. We had lots of events where we could spread the gospel. We enjoyed the Saturday outreach with a presentation in the evening about our foundation. We enjoyed a nice buffet with a few songs from England camp and Almere.

We were greatly encouraged by the combined prayer and fast weekend. All the talks and spiritual gifts came together into one big talk which was a confirmation of the Lord.

All things work together so that we can hold fast to the end when Jesus returns, but also see people coming to the Lord before that day. God Bless.

Poland, Bielsko-Biala

Poland has a population of just over 38 million, a little bit smaller than Germany, and was freed from communism in the early nineties. Although Poland is a developing country, the old culture is still very much visible and felt.

The main religion (89%) is roman-catholic and as in many other "strong holds" of the catholic-church, people are very much influenced by the system and want to stay catholic despite the fact that only 30% of Poland's catholic

population attend regular church services. After having worked for several years in the Netherlands, our brother Artur recently returned to his home town Bielsko-Biala in the very south-east of Poland, to start spreading the gospel.

Artur and his wife Anna, who were both baptised in the Rotterdam assembly in the Netherlands, and their children, clearly want to dedicate their lives to the Lord and have started inviting people to their regularly held house meetings.

Arrangements have also been made with a local radio station (coverage to over 1 million listeners) and newspaper to spread the good news and invite people to come and visit the house meetings.

Since their return, several people have been baptised including a young lady, Joanna.

Artur's mother, Wieslawa, was baptised during the recent visit of Pastor Bert and Klaasje. During this last visit it has become clear that there is a real hunger for the gospel in Poland. Artur is currently the only person who speaks English, so communication is very limited and there is definitely a need for more workers in Poland.

Let's keep our brothers and sisters in Poland in our prayers.

Switzerland

Hello brothers and sisters. Again, a fantastic month has passed. Lots of people heard the gospel, we had visiting saints from Australia who added to our joy and our meetings were strong in the preaching and unity of the Holy Spirit.

We have a lady coming to the meetings who was baptised in our assembly in 2008, but never received the Holy Spirit. She is observing things and we keep in contact with her.

We had a prayer and fast, together with the Dutch assemblies. We were greatly encouraged by the Word and the wisdom God gives the brothers who deliver it faithfully.

We also had a camp evening where we had nice items and a talk. Brother Jan visited from the UK and performed some items as well.

Thanks to all brothers and sisters who took the time to visit us and share in the things of the Lord. It was much appreciated.

And as we heard from the platform: "Remember not only the things the Lord is doing and has done for you, but also the things He is expecting and asking from you!" Greetings from the Swiss brothers and sisters.



Meeting in Bielsko-Biala, Poland

The Revival Fellowship in:

Hungary

The first weekend saw a prayer and fast weekend where we heard from the platform how God has a perfect order for all things; how respect of God is a good thing and how natural fears are best overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit. We also heard how there are many false prophets who claim to be from God and that it is God that tells us how to live, which inspires confidence in us. By giving up your own ideas God can fill our lives in a much better way with His. God is the perfect teacher.

The following weekend we held a 'Stars in your Eyes' night where we sang 70's and 80's hits with the words changed to glorify God. There were many visitors who enjoyed the event and many follow ups occurred as a result.

The following Friday we had an outreach and people came to the hall to pray for the Holy Spirit. The next day we had a link to the Medway assembly in the UK, where we saw and listened to brother Dan's testimony.

It is fantastic to see the healings and miracles the Lord constantly provides, and that by doing the right and honest thing we can be blessed. The month drew to a close with a presentation on what is happening in the world of the Revival Fellowship. It was very encouraging to see so many people working for the Lord, and so many new brothers and sisters coming along. The final day of the month saw us hold a prayer night where we went to four different brethren's houses and prayed together in unity. There were about 15 brethren at each location and we are sure the Lord will bless those prayers.



Ireland

Greetings from Dublin. September has been a good month. Early on in the month we had a joint prayer and fast via Skype with some of the UK assemblies. The theme was 'Good trees' and some excellent thoughts were brought out and it was fantastic to partake in the fast with our UK brethren! We are still continuing to door-knock in the suburb of Lucan.

One Thursday a brother knocked on a man's door, he was not interested but said that his twin brother Peter would be. The following Wednesday meeting Peter came along to the meeting. He has been coming along since and is observing things at

the moment. Peter brought along his friend Mary. She received the Holy Spirit after prayer at her first meeting. Last month we told you about a couple of teenagers coming along. Since then, their mother and younger siblings have also been to various meetings. Their mother in particular has stated to her sister (her sister has also been coming to Wednesday meetings) that she sees a difference. Praise the Lord. It has been really exciting to have so many visitors and we know there are lots of good things to come. In addition to this, Irish Camp is only a short while away, so we are excitedly preparing for it! We look forward to telling you all about it next month.

Czech Republic

The highlight of this month was a healing testimony from brother Lada: His young granddaughter (under 2 years old) was visiting them, and she fell and stopped breathing. Two people tried to physically help her to start breathing again, but it didn't work and the girl was quickly turning blue. Then Lada picked her up and started praying in the Spirit for her, and she was healed! Praise the Lord! Lada was very glad that he was in the right place at the right time, ready to call upon the Lord. In the middle of the month, we had a Prayer and Fast, with talks from Jara, Dan and Pastor Olda, and a Friday talk by Lada. We also had a fellowship outreach, and a man started attending meetings quite regularly from last months' outreach. We also put a lot of preparation into our coming Karaoke Concert for next month.

UK, North West

Greetings from Liverpool and Manchester. A number of people in Liverpool who have been door-knocked have also received the Spirit but are yet to come to their first meeting. We continue to see observers at our meetings and overall our follow-up list has been increasing. We also heard a wonderful testimony of provision from our sister Debbie: *"I was made redundant at the end of December 2010 and I had enough money to pay my mortgage and bills until the end of May this year. The end of May arrived and I had found no employment and now had no money left in my account. I went to the bank and after talking to the bank manager about my financial status and lack of funds, she informed me that £1500 had been paid into my account that morning. I was so excited and praised the Lord with a loud voice. His wonderful provision and timing was just perfect"*. Amazing stuff. The purchase of our new hall in Liverpool is progressing and we will keep you up-to-date. In the meantime, God is working here and it's always very exciting to see. Just a nice little principle to finish off with: *Luke 5:7 "And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink"*. The principle is this: all those partner-ships (assemblies) that labour together (supporting



each other) all get a piece of the action (revival happens in both ships). PS: UK Winter Camp forms will be issued shortly, so keep your eyes peeled!

UK, Medway

Hello all. We had a great time in Medway throughout September. Jessie, who received the Holy Spirit at the summer Camp in Bath, was baptised and her family came along to see. This then led to one of her friends, Paul, asking to be baptised the same night. He received the Holy Spirit as he came out of the waters. The following weekend, a gentleman called Arthur was also baptised. He has been coming along to observe the meetings for a while. He usually attends the Church of England but could see the need for repentance and baptism in the scriptures and asked to be baptised during the Sunday meeting. Finally, Triona witnessed to her friend at work, Rachel, who then came along to the Sunday meeting and was baptised and received the Holy Spirit too! Socially, the calendar has been full as usual! We had a great barbeque at Carol's and welcomed visitors there. We also had a very inspirational day out in West London for the combined Prayer and Fast where we were privileged to watch a presentation from Pastor Ron, giving us updates on the fellowships in Africa. We had our last (and first!) day out at the beach, enjoying fish and chips and ice cream in the 'sun' and then the final weekend was reserved for Robyn's 16th birthday party, attended by folks from assemblies near and far. The theme was "the 50s" and we all had some 'good, clean fun.' See you in October!



The Revival Fellowship in:

UK, West London

We have yet again gone through a busy and exciting month. Six gentlemen received the Holy Spirit and even if only one has been baptised at this point, it has kept us focused and energised with the work to be done. The majority of those who came through, came directly off the street either during our meeting and activity times or during the week when the hall has been opened during the day.

We had visitors from Australia. Pastor Ron and Helen from Cape Town were with us for a few days and attended our prayer and fast. The theme was *"Fruitful Trees"*. Pastor Ron gave a talk where he mentioned that *"we must maintain the perfectness that we first received"* and gave an inspiring presentation on the work in Africa with evidence of signs, wonders and miracles. This was very encouraging and it actually prompted a few of our brothers and sisters to maybe go across for a visit. Pastor Bert visited us for a Wednesday night meeting and he mentioned in a talk that *"if we go on in the wisdom of the Lord, we can go on from strength to strength."*

Finally, we would like to mention a testimony from our brother Jean. He went for a serious operation and needed to put under general anaesthetic. All the necessary tests had been done previously in order to confirm the problem which was a reoccurring one for which Jean had already had surgery in the past. Before the surgery, Jean rang some brethren for prayer and when he woke up from the surgery, he was told that the surgeon had not been able to operate as he had nothing to operate on!! The Lord had fully healed our brother and the surgeon could only see the old scare tissues from his previous surgery. Praise the Lord. The signs, wonders and miracles of the Lord working in our lives continue unabated.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Ps 136:1)



Combined prayer & fasting

UK, North London

September has been a busy month with five baptisms and five people received the Holy Spirit, one of them after 30 years of wanting to speak in tongues. We have had many new people at the meetings, which has been so exciting for all the saints. In addition, we enjoyed an 'Outrageous Outreach Game' activity. This involved eating together late in the morning, playing a game which helped us to consider how we look at witnessing and learning from each other's experiences, then go on one of the most exciting outreaches ever and then meeting back for afternoon tea. We also enjoyed the prayer and fast with the other local assemblies and have continued to go out and preach. We are having a truly excellent time as we watch our hall fill up and how we are growing in many ways, walking on in the joy of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

UK, Poole

Greetings from Poole. We had Martin and Emma, plus Nick from North London come down to support our outreach followed by a

presentation. The theme was "Happiness Index". A couple of visitors came up for the presentation and a young man received the Holy Spirit. Another young man, Eddie, heard the gospel months ago and had been to one of our meetings but hadn't made a step forward. He came to a meeting and was born again. We were delighted to have the Robins from Hungary over one weekend, Peter for few days and a visit from Pastor Lee and Yarni. We started off this month with the prayer and fast in West London, followed by a presentation from Africa. We were pleased to have Jim and Carole from Australia stop by for fellowship and sharing of testimonies. A fellowship BBQ was organised, with an opportunity to bring a new person for a bite. Despite no new people coming, we thoroughly enjoyed our time with our local brethren with good fellowship. A stream of observers continues to come and hear the gospel faithfully preached.

Suriname

In September we had a visit from Chiclista from Rotterdam who was born again at the last convention in Rotterdam, so we met her for the first time. She came to all the meetings and brought along a couple of friends, Jermain and Vanessa and her aunty, Nicolina. Nicolina had been searching for the truth and was happy to have her niece in Suriname and see that she has been born again. Jermain was also happy and brought a friend along to a meeting. Suriname is getting worse in regards to religion so it is important for us to keep focusing and keep hold of the truth. Fortunately there are people who are searching for the truth. We go into the new month ready to face new challenges. We extend our greetings to everyone and hope we all see revival.

Testimonies



When I heard the gospel 20 years ago, I knew that God was calling me and that the life I was living was not correct in the sight of God. I understood that what I was being told was the truth and it was clear that I had to be born again. My wife Klaasje had been suffering from post natal

depression for a couple of years, which had placed a lot of pressure upon our marriage. I wanted her to hear the gospel so I invited brother Harry along. He opened the Bible and showed us the gospel. At the end of that evening we both received the Holy Spirit. Not long after that, we were baptised and Klaasje was healed from her depression. I was healed from bronchitis and asthma. We used to own a Bible before being born again but I was never interested in reading it. Now it is great to tell others the gospel and to be able to read and understand this same Bible. I want to hold on to what I have been given and continue to be an overcomer until Christ returns.

Pastor Bert, The Netherlands

I was born again in August 2008. When I was 20 I met Astrid, who was going to a Pentecostal church which was totally new for me because I had grown up going to a catholic church. I had never heard of baptism by full immersion. I was asked if I wanted to get baptised but was convinced that the Catholic way of sprinkling babies was sufficient. I now realise that the reason we didn't stay in that church was because half-truths were being preached and in general, the power of God was not there. We were initially a bit sceptical when Astrid's mother told us the gospel. She kept talking to us about the Lord and eventually Astrid decided to do something as she felt it was the truth. She went to a meeting and was born again. I saw a peace and happiness in her life which made me curious. I was prayed for and received the Holy Spirit and was then baptised. Immediately I felt a peace, assurance and happiness. When I pray in the Spirit, I feel happy. This is no half-truth, this is the whole truth!

Clyde, The Netherlands

