



European Monthly Report

November 2011

Pastors and Leaders Meeting



Pastors and Leaders



Young Waiters and Waitresses

During the weekend of the 12 November, the European pastors and leaders and their wives met in Rotterdam. People began arriving on Thursday and on Friday night everyone got together for dinner. This was prepared and served by the young people of Rotterdam. They did a great job! The pastors meeting was held on Saturday where a number of issues were discussed, mainly relating to revival and how to achieve more of it.

The ladies had a great time of fellowship while exploring the market and other places.

At the Saturday and Sunday meetings, we heard from the visiting pastors. All in all, it was a great unity building experience.

Revival in Liberia

This month, Anthony from Dublin, and Ben and Jan-Pieter from Dordrecht visited our fellowship in Liberia. They spent time in Johnsonville and Duport Road. Ben and Jan-Pieter also accompanied the leader, Teddy, on a trip to Gbarnga to look for the possibility of opening a third fellowship. In total, 60 people were baptised during their twelve day stay.

The fields are truly ready to harvest.



Duport Road



Johnsonville

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

From the 14th October we have changed the passwords to access our download servers.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but my log-file tells me that there are too many unauthorised entries.

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

Pastor Piet Visser



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Coming Events:

Winter Camp in Germany

Sat 24 Dec 2011 - Sun 1 Jan 2012

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Winter Camp in the UK

Sat 24 Dec 2011 - Sun 1 Jan 2012

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Spring Camp in Hungary

Weds 4 - Sun 8 April 2012

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Euro Convention, The Netherlands

Thurs 17 - Sat 19 May 2012

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Summer Camp in Germany

Sat 28 July - Sat 4 August 2012

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Summer Camp in the UK

Sat 11 Aug - Sat 18 Aug 2012

Bath, UK (close to Bristol)
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At the recent Euro pastors meeting we had an interesting discussion about revival. In our assemblies all over the world, we sometimes have smaller groups where revival in numbers is very slow and, inevitably, the question arises (even if not voiced), *"What are we doing wrong?"* Human beings, as we are, will find plausible reasons for anything and everything and sometimes we might even come up with an alternative definition of the word revival.

One of the questions raised was: *"Are baptisms revival?"* After all, a lot of people don't stay! Related to this was the question, *"Perhaps some people put too much emphasis on baptisms, and why do they mention the numbers?"*

Put another way, if we aim for baptisms, are we aiming for the right goal? A quick search in the Bible teaches us that the words "baptised" and "baptism" are mentioned 51 and 22 times respectively. Therefore it seems fairly important. If we take some specific examples, we see for example, the story of Lydia in Philippi which was, most likely, the start of the Church of the Philippians.

Acts 16:13; And on the Sabbath we (Paul and his companions) went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted [thither].

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
15 And when she was baptized....

And we read the story of the jailor:
Acts 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

AND, not forgetting the beginning of the church in Acts 2 where baptism of course plays a central role; Acts 10, Cornelius; and Acts 19, the beginning of the Ephesian

church. It is clear indeed that without baptisms there can be no revival at all.

But what if we define "revival" differently? What about, so called "internal" revival? We could argue that internal growth in understanding and experience is also revival. While this might be true up to a point, it must also inevitably lead to baptisms again. Any other understanding must, in the end, lead to a "monastery" mentality. By this I mean aiming for a place of ever increasing personal comfort, great fellowship, lovely brothers and sisters, but firmly "fenced in" and mostly inward looking.

We all know that this is a sure way of starting to "bite and devour one another" (Gal 5:15) so this cannot be the way to go. Of course, baptism alone is not the end of all one's problems. Together with the Holy Spirit, it merely gives us an effective way of dealing with problems.

We know that sometimes visitors almost get "dragged in" to the baptism bath by well-meaning brothers and sisters who have perhaps planted the idea like *"come and get baptised and all your problems will disappear."* I call that *"drive-in baptisms, McDonald style."* Many who get baptised that way never return, although, sometimes we get some lovely surprises too.

So, what can we conclude from all of this? Some people are good at getting people to come in and getting them baptised, others are perhaps baptising less but are better at keeping them in. Now, if the ones who are good at getting them in, learn more about keeping them in and the ones who are good at keeping them in get better at getting them in, everything will be great. (*Phew, let's read this sentence again.*)

We also need to accept that we will probably never keep more than 1 in 4. If we want to keep more we will probably need to make a few compromises in what we stand for.

So we accept the fact that we can, and need to improve on what we do and this will never stop. This means we don't just want to accept the way things are at present, but we look forward to getting better at where we are lacking (yet). Not

anxiously, but with great anticipation to the next challenge, and the next, and the next....

Pastor Piet Visser



Heard from the Platform

- Repentance is the preparation towards doing things God's way.
- Religion is what mankind perceives as being spiritual.
- God's promises are yea and amen, but don't expect to receive anything when doubting.
- Christ always made time for the outcast. He saw the need and did something about it.
- Our walk in the Lord shouldn't be based on gathering information, but rather on gathering experience.
- We pray, we trust, we act, then we will have the result.
- When we are born again, the word of God becomes an experience.
- The guarantee of victory is in the presence of God.
- God is righteous. He made salvation available for everyone.
- Don't allow the situation we are in to choke the word of God.

How about this?

A well-worn one dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life", the twenty proclaimed. "Why, I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the one dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me", says the twenty, "Where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church." The twenty dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

Revival Across Europe



Ernst, Dordrecht, NL



Sulliman, Dordrecht, NL



Eduardo, Dordrecht, NL

The Netherlands: Seven people were born again.

Hungary: Two people were baptized.

UK: Three people were born again.

Ireland: One person was born again.



Randy, Almere, NL



Zuan, Rotterdam, NL



Keila, Rotterdam, NL



Gábor, Hungary



Róbert, Hungary



Gresznya, Medway, UK



Magda, Ireland



Haley, Liverpool, UK

The Revival Fellowship In:

NL, Dordrecht

Hello everyone! Our month started with a presentation from Pastor Piet about the origins of various religious customs. Too many churches compromise on God's word to make it easy for people to accept 'Christianity'. It is a distraction from how things should be done. Edwin gave a presentation about how we mustn't change the foundation of our faith as without being born again, people have no understanding of God, and no salvation. We had a full house at our dinner night where we were entertained by items, testimonies and a short talk from Pastor Bob.



Pastor Bob

Time for the Dishes

We also had a Prayer and Fast which was a good time to concentrate on our personal relationship with God and pray for others. We were encouraged by three short talks: Julius spoke about how Christ took the time to be alone with God. What He received, He gave out. We too must give out what we receive from God. Pastor Bert spoke about how the truth is never far as God desires contact with His creation. Use the opportunities when they arise to preach the gospel. Pastor Piet spoke about how we must be willing to be led by the Holy Spirit and the simple principles of the Bible. Complete what we have begun and be happy with what we have.

NL, Rotterdam

Greetings! We started off with a presentation about the book of Revelations. The pastors meeting was held the following Saturday and some stayed on for our country and western themed dinner night. We were privileged to have our visiting oversight give a short talk and Stephan gave the Sunday evening talk. A great weekend was had by all. Some folk gave support to the outreach in Almere. There was also a presentation about Speaking in Tongues.



Escapees at the Dinner Night

The month ended with a Prayer and Fast which was a good time to look at ourselves and put things into perspective. Salvation is our greatest gift, made available by an incredible sacrifice, the blood of Jesus Christ. *"For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."* Ps 84:11.

NL, Almere

Happiness in the Lord is a treasure to keep. It comes by putting into action the Word we hear. One person was born again this month. He too discovered that happiness comes by obeying the Lord. Several people visited the meetings or were visited at home and heard the gospel. We were reminded of the important aspects of our foundation at the Basics night. We really enjoyed the visit of Pastor Yomi, Pastor Lee and his wife Yarni. They gave a presentation about their part of the vineyard. Pastor Lee shared the latest news about their hall which encouraged us in the search for our own hall. It was a good evening with homemade English food and good spiritual food.



Dinner Night Fellowship

We heard testimonies at the Signs and Miracles night. Frenk shared how hard he worked for a church "in the name of the Lord" but was still not in right standing with God. Not our works, but His grace makes us right with Him. We also enjoyed testimonies from our brethren in Liberia: healings from malaria, Tuberculosis, and more. We were uplifted by the talks, spiritual gifts, discoveries in the Bible and the fellowship at the Prayer and Fast. Our batteries were charged ready to go out and save more souls.



Czech Republic

This month we had a presentation about the Brazil Fellowship and how they are abounding in

the work of the Lord, despite dangerous and difficult living conditions. Vera received the Holy Spirit and had a smile from ear to ear! Her husband admitted that he's close to getting baptised. We also had a presentation about the Bible being God's inspired Word. One of the many proofs is contained within the lineage from Adam to Noah. When you put the translated names together, it means that mankind is lost, but Jesus came to save.

Our month closed with a Prayer and Fast. Dan showed a short video about the dedication of an octopus caring for her offspring, comparing it with us. Tomas talked about how we're not bound to the traditions of the world, but free to serve God. Pastor Olda drew comparisons between us and the prophet Jeremiah who was sent to warn the people.

Another warming highlight was our improvised, vibrant meeting in the kitchen of the hall, due to the main heaters breaking down!



Fellowshipping in the Kitchen

Switzerland

Hello, this month activities included a "Raclette" night with Lucy from London and Margret from Berlin visiting. We had a Testimony night where we heard brothers and sisters telling us what the Lord has done in their life.

Selina: she couldn't study enough for exams due to camps and meetings, so she prayed, and passed. Was healed from chlorine allergy. She quit an apprenticeship as she couldn't come to camps, and immediately got a new one. Stephan: After prayer, was healed from migraine and toothache. After being healed from an Epstein Bar Virus infection he realised how important it is to involve the brethren. A comment, testimony or scripture that helps to receive the healing through faith.

Aba: healed from a skin disease, migraine, heart arrhythmia and foot injury after a 5kg glass table fell on it. Protection from car accident.

Then we had a prayer and fast. In the talks we were reminded that it is necessary to receive from the Lord and to give it to others. That we shouldn't be slack with our salvation, which is the most precious thing in our life. We had a presentation over prophecies in the Bible. Great to see that God is in control to see His plan through.



Prayer and Fast Meeting in Rotterdam

The Revival Fellowship in:

Hungary

Dear Brethren, greetings from Hungary where the saints have had an exciting month. We were greatly enthused from the Czech camp. We held a Prayer and Fast where we heard from the platform about having joy in the Lord. Our natural selves have a tendency to bring us down so we have to seek the things of the Spirit and overcome. Our lives must be prioritised to ensure that God is always in the forefront of our thoughts and decisions. We have a common goal with God which is to do as much as we can to help get people saved and walking with God. We also heard how we need to be humble in what we do. We had a weekend of personal witnessing. It was a good time to catch up with all those people we had wanted to talk more to. The final weekend was filled with an outreach followed by a children's play the following morning. The play was interactive so the guests could join in and save someone in trouble. We then used this to talk to them about how God does the same with mankind. It was a very exciting end of the month.



The Children

UK, Medway

Hello everyone from a chilly Medway. November started a combined Prayer and Fast with the theme being, "Take it to the Lord in Prayer". Lisa witnessed to a colleague, Gresznya, who came to the meeting and prayed for the Holy Spirit which she gladly received and was then baptised. We held a dinner night with a "Pride and Prejudice" theme, tucking into traditional English fare and entertainment from the items. One Saturday evening we all enjoyed an instalment of Pastor Jock's 'History of Revival'. The following weekend there was a Psalms night whereby folk volunteered to share their favourite Psalm and what effect it had had on them at any particular time in their walk. We're all looking forward to getting together for some great fellowship at the upcoming winter camps – hope to see you there!! Bye for now....

UK, West London

This month we heard about how the hall in Fortaleza had been destroyed by floods and that funds were needed to help in rebuilding it. We decided to try our hand at a jumble sale. So one Saturday afternoon, we came with our unwanted goods for sale and set up stalls outside the hall. Sisters also made cakes and we sold tea or coffee with a slice of cake. Despite the very cold weather, we raised a reasonable amount of money. All in all it was a fantastic day of outreaching, fellowshiping and helping our brethren from another fellowship. We will definitely do this activity again, but maybe when the sun brings a bit more sunshine, though in the UK there is nothing that a hot cup of tea can't fix! Funny enough, one of our donations also came from a brother finding money on the ground whilst doing an outreach!! We had a Prayer and Fast to which the theme was "unity". We heard

two very good talks from Patrick and Bob on how we must stand together, building God's house on a good foundation, every brick being needed to make a solid building and how we must respect our oversights and each other. The afternoon was filled with times of prayers where the brethren were able to put their needs and those of others to the Lord.

We have had several people visiting the fellowship. One man received the Holy Spirit. Lately we are seeing quite a few Asian families visit our fellowship. Let's pray some choose to come to know God in the true way and save themselves or complete their salvations. We are looking forward to December when we have quite a few activities planned, least of all our UK winter camp. So until the new year for more exciting news, let us keep on doing God's work rejoicing.

UK, Poole

Greetings from Poole. We had a great start to November with Nanise receiving the Holy Spirit after being baptised last month. It was very exciting and uplifting. It was also great to have the Okunola's with us for the weekend and we really appreciated the encouragement. We love preaching the gospel to the locals and we continue to see observers coming in to our meetings. One of our Saturday activities was a prayer night where we met up and had a good solid time of prayer in the Spirit, building our most holy faith; *but ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Jude 20.*

We've also been practicing our item for camp and we are looking forward to it. See you there.



Brothers and Sisters in Poole

UK, North London

Pastor Warren and Pastor Martin went across to Holland for a weekend, which meant they missed a wonderful night of fellowship at our concert evening. It was exciting to see new folk up there giving items and also bringing visitors. The pastors did, however enjoy fellowship and catching up with old and new friends in Rotterdam and Dordrecht.

We also baptised a lady who had come from the Presbyterian church who had known of the Spirit but never received it though going to church for years. She received the Spirit almost straight away. We are now splitting our Saturday outreaches to a morning and afternoon session, which means pretty much the whole day gets covered.

UK, North West

Greetings from Liverpool and Manchester. November for us has been all go-go-go and that's the way we like it! Firstly, Yarni and I thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Holland for the Pastor's meeting and enjoyed seeing all the brethren and also supporting the fellowship in

Almere for the first time. A fantastic weekend. We also had another very enjoyable combined Prayer and Fast in Manchester with the Yorkshire brethren. The theme was, "*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*" Galatians 5:25. It was very encouraging to hear the Word from our brothers, particularly the youngsters. Good to see some young men "stepping up to the plate." There was much rejoicing when we



Prayer and Fast Meeting

baptised Hayley. After visiting the fellowship once over three years ago, she always wanted to return but never quite managed it. However, after a fairly recent vehicle accident, her conscience provoked her to seek the Lord and read the Bible and so got in touch with us through our website. She has been healed of the pain she experienced every day in her back and shoulders since the accident. It's good to see her happy.

We exchanged contracts on our new hall in Liverpool, so we are now the proud and extremely thankful owners of the keys to our very own hall! We are now making plans for the refurbishment so we can start meetings there as soon as possible in the New Year. We look forward to seeing you all at the UK Winter Camp in Lancaster.



Bob & Ps Lee Signing the Hall Contract

Ireland

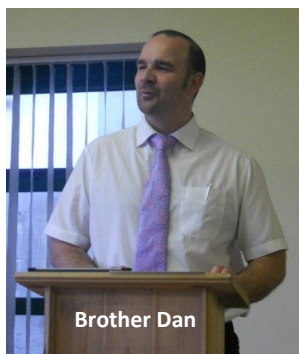
Greetings from Dublin! Our first activity was a Prayer and Fast with Medway. We were encouraged after the talks and prayer together. Magda got baptised and received the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that the Lord is changing her bit by bit.

On the 16th, Anthony flew to Liberia to spend time there with Jan-Pieter and Ben. It was so uplifting to see photos and hear about our brethren rejoicing on in the Lord and about the new brethren coming into the fold. He shared a piece of good advice from a lady known as 'Grandma'; "just to focus on the Lord regardless of the situation and to get close to Him." He was at the airport on his return trip when he felt suddenly really sick and thought he was going to pass out. He tried to get somebody's attention but he was unable to do anything except to call out to the Lord for help. He was without a phone, so had no contact details for any of the brethren. However, he got healed and was able to continue on his journey. It was a scary moment but at the end of the day, we are God's children and He is always the one we can turn to

The Revival Fellowship in:

no matter where we are. He will never leave us or forsake us. We had a visit from Dan and Sarah from Medway for one night and they came to the Sunday meeting. It was a flying visit which we thoroughly enjoyed!

Take care until next month.



Brother Dan

name for itself. The fact that the saints are now running a school in Johnsonville has made many people in the community aware of our presence. On the first Sunday, Ben and Jude went to the fellowship in Duport Road, where they baptised six people. Anthony and I stayed in Johnsonville with Teddy where we baptised 19 people, 14 of them being children/teenagers. As the children are taught from the Bible at school and are encouraged to come to the meetings, there are usually around 70 - 80 children in the meetings. Due to the civil wars that ravaged the country, many Liberians live in difficult circumstances. Poverty and unemployment is widespread. Over the years, the fellowship has received support from the Mission Fund and the European fellowships. With this support, a piece of land was bought and the saints have started building a hall. It was good to see that with funds they recently acquired, the walls were finished and a roof was added. The assembly in Duport Road has been making progress when it comes to getting their own meeting place. Until now they have been having their meeting underneath the trees, but a brother and sister have made a place available

for meetings. During our stay a roof was constructed, so on our second Sunday we could have our first meeting there. It was a happy occasion, there were about 30 people in attendance, including some visitors of which five were baptised.

As people there are very open to hear the Word of God, we also took up an invitation to visit a place called Gbarnga which was a four hour drive into the country. We found the people very open towards the gospel. Several meetings were held and in the two days we were there, 18 people were born again. They have since started having Sunday meetings here and since we have left there have been about 20 people attending these meetings.

We left Liberia with a positive feeling. Both our fellowships in Johnsonville and Duport Road are growing and we might have a third fellowship in Gbarnga. We witnessed a 'willing to work' attitude in our brothers and sisters. It was encouraging to spend time with them. We were inspired by their commitment to see the Word of God go out in their communities and beyond. Please keep them in your prayers!

Jan-Pieter, Dordrecht



Testimonies



I had an unsteady childhood until I met Martin when I was 15 and we married. One day my mother-in-law told me that she had been born again. It was about the worse news I could have heard and for the next eight years she spoke to me about the Lord. Some people came from Australia to start an assembly and from the beginning I decided not to like them. I saw someone being healed from a dislocated shoulder which was the first miracle I had ever seen. My son suffered from a food allergy which left him unable to eat wheat or dairy products. I

didn't want prayer, but still wanted what was best for him so he was prayed for. The next day he was able to eat normal food as he was healed. That was the second miracle I had seen in two weeks. I saw scriptures about being born again and decided to be baptised. In the waters of baptism I spoke in tongues. I have been serving God for 25 years and have a peace knowing I am safe. My son Russell has been healed from autism. God has provided everything. I have a stable, pure and simple life with God who blesses me.

Lisa, UK

As a child, I didn't like going to church. I was only 10 years old when my parents died. My father was killed by rebels during the civil war and that same week my mother died from sickness. I was left alone with my elder sister and a time of hardship started. I believed that God didn't love me anymore. A few years ago I came to Johnsonville where I met some brethren who told me about the Revival Fellowship. At this time I refused to be baptised. I was pregnant, but unfortunately miscarried. After a visit from brother Johan, who prayed for me, I decided to visit the fellowship where I was told that I needed to be born again. This time I accepted it and got baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. Since then God has blessed my life and I really enjoy being an active member of the fellowship. I am happily married and have two sons. The week after I was baptised, I could really see God's hand in my life. I had no clothes to go to church, but suddenly people started to give me clothes. I can also attend school now.

Patience, Liberia

