

# Revival News

## Revival Fellowship Europe

### Monthly Report, December 2008



FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT MEAT AND DRINK BUT  
RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST  
- ROMANS 14:17



Meeting, Winter Camp 2008, UK



Group photo, Winter Camp 2008, Germany

#### Winter Camp, Lancaster, UK

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Rom 14:17

Approx 180 saints attended our Camp at the Royal Grammar School in the historical town of Lancaster.

#### Winter Camp, Wasserkuppe, Germany

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine.  
I Tim 4 : 16

More than 200 brothers and sisters came to enjoy a week of fellowship at our Winter Camp in the picturesque snow-covered hills of Wasserkuppe.

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#### Coming events:

##### Spring Camp, in Hungary

Wed 08— Sun 12 April 2009

Balaton Lake.

Please note: No UK convention, many UK people will travel to Hungary

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##### Summer Camp, in Germany

Sat 25 July — Sat 1 August 2009

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##### Summer Camp, in the UK

Sat 8 — Sat 15 August 2009

Bath, UK, (close to Bristol).

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If you have some stuff you want to share you can up-load this to the server to make it available to other pastors.

The presentation section now also contains two presentations on the Old Earth/universe verses Young Earth/universe issues, complete with extensive explanations.

Have a go and let me know how you get on.

Piet V

## Editorial: Looking back ....., looking forward

2008 has been an interesting year for the European fellowship.

We had six camps and two conventions, one in Rotterdam and one in the UK.

There were some 230 baptisms around the assemblies and many Signs, Wonders and Miracles were recorded.

There were also a few funerals, which were a testimony in itself to a few hundred people, who came to pay their last respects.

Some of the holes left behind are difficult to fill, but others are already stepping up to fill these holes. Great!

Economic distress created new opportunities for preaching the gospel and at the end of the year we saw, again, a flare up of hostilities in the middle east, fulfilling Bible prophecy once more.

At the last camp in Wasserkuppe, Germany, we were again reminded how important Doctrine is for an effective REVIVAL fellowship.

Some of the things brought forward at the camp were:

“Camps are an investment in Revival.”

This is absolutely true, individually as well as collective. Very often we see camps followed by a spate of Revival. Often we are reminded that we might have to tidy up one or two things in our personal life and, when we do, we see our witnessing become more effective.

Another thing brought forward was that we should not worry too much about what people say and think about us. It is evident that most people did not say many good things about Jesus either. If we worry about these things we will inevitably end up compromising the black and white Gospel.

A practical application of this, was visible at our first dinner night of the year in Rotterdam. There were 24 visitors, not born again yet, and within minutes of sitting down, the Bibles were on the tables.

I have heard it said: “You don’t want to frighten people away, so leave your Bible out of sight (for a while).” Let’s consider. If we dare to assume that God had something to do with getting the visitors there in the first place, this seems a strange attitude(!) The end result of the night was 3 baptisms and 1 on Sunday and some more follow-ups still to go. Another notable event was triggered by someone reading an article in an old Voice of Revival magazine on Acts 2:38. Amazingly, this created a lot of discussions.

Here we are, many years after we adopted this verse as part of our logo and still there seems to be confusion about what it is actually saying(?)

It looks like many of us (most?) never really quite escape our roots. How we

have been brought up seems to “colour” our thinking and the “religious” explanations some of us learned when we were in traditional churches, seems to have left some residue behind.

However, it never hurts to re-examine what we believe. After all, our basic beliefs should be able to stand any scrutiny, otherwise they won’t be worth having.

The conclusion: Everything that happens in life goes through a process. Example: *Pr 30:33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood.....*

This is a process description which starts with an objective, giving someone a bloody nose!

On the end of the “wringing” is the result, a bloody nose, but only AFTER the whole process is gone through.

*Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

This is also a “process” description. The objective is to get people saved. There is a beginning to this process (Repentance), a middle step (Baptism), and the end step (Receiving the Holy Ghost). As in most “multi step” processes the order of the steps can sometimes be reversed without negative effect on the end-outcome, but ALL steps MUST be gone through! We now need to go the definitions of these steps.

Repentance (Greek: to think differently, i.e. reconsider) to be willing to “turn around”;

Just yesterday I got a phone call from someone who was told in his church, that the only way to solve his problems, was to confess ALL his sins. He wanted to come around and do just that(?) This is the religious idea about repentance. The problem with this is that we don’t know about right and wrong UNTILL we have been filled with the Holy Spirit(!) Baptism, an answer (Dutch Bible: a request i.e. statement) to God of a good conscience.

Receiving the Holy Ghost (With the evidence of speaking in tongues).

This is it, no more, no less AND it works perfectly, producing people who overcome their past, have miracles in their lives and of whom God takes good care.

Let’s have a happy and exciting 2009.

Piet Visser.



### Heard from the platform

- Don’t give God the rest. Give Him the best.
- Preaching the gospel is like panning for gold: overlook the dirt to find the nuggets.
- The breastplate is bound to the linen ephod: righteousness and truth are inseparable.
- Love the Lord your God with ‘all’ ... Have you included your ‘all’?
- A castle’s gate is guarded fiercely: you cannot get in the Kingdom if you’re not a friend of the Lord.
- Are you the happiest person you know?
- Don’t be distracted by a ‘red herring’. Stay on the scent.
- An amputated arm cannot survive on it’s own. Stay in the fellowship.
- If you don’t fit in the fellowship, then look at yourself and your behaviour.
- Do the things He has asked. Avoid the things He hasn’t asked.
- What sets us on our course is our tongue.
- Righteousness is sound judgment, you can still do wrong but, o boy, do you feel it.
- Authority starts with the author.
- Make your life the Lord and He’ll make your life.
- ‘Are you being served?’ Or are you a serving being?
- There is no book in the Bible called The ‘Intentions’ of the Apostles. You cannot build a good testimony on good intentions.
- When we do what God wants us to do, we will feel good because He knows what is good for us.
- We must instruct our children how to truly love the Lord.
- A silent testimony is not enough – we have to tell people the gospel.
- Involve the Lord in all aspects of our lives.
- The difference between Jesus and the Pharisees is that Jesus lived what He said.
- We ought to have ‘fresh’ testimonies in our lives.
- Trust in the Lord and He will give the solution – all things are possible!
- Walk your walk as Jesus walked.
- The Bible contains the words of life and the message of salvation.
- If we don’t accept the whole package, we won’t get the whole result.
- Our testimony is very precious indeed – so guard it!
- Religion has nothing better to offer than what the world has to offer.
- We are not churchy people, but spiritual people walking in the Spirit.
- Love is not tolerating wrong things.
- The Bible knows people. It is a book of love.

# Revival Across Europe



**Baptism in Dordrecht**

**Debi's baptism at camp in Germany**



## Revival The Netherlands

In December **two people** were being born again in **Dordrecht** and **two** in **Rotterdam**.

We were pleased that while we were at camp, Ben in 't Veld baptized Lila, the aunty of our sisters Imaan and Saaticce.

In **Hungary**, **one person** was born again.

**UK, winter camp**, one person was born again and **one** straight after camp in **Manchester**.



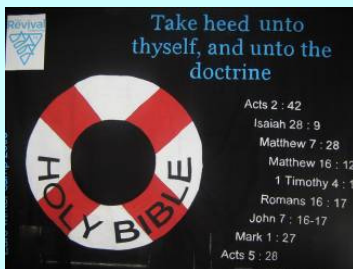
**Daniel (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) after baptism sporting a new haircut**

**Daniel from Stanmore being baptised at camp in UK**

## Winter Camps

### Winter Camp, Wasserkuppe, Germany

**Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine. 1 Tim 4 : 16.**



This was the theme for our Winter Camp, held during the final week of the year in the picturesque snow-covered hills of Wasserkuppe, Germany. More than 200 brothers and sisters came to enjoy a week of fellowship. We were particularly pleased to have Roger, Liz and the kids

all the way from Alice Springs / Australia joining us as well. Being a popular spot for winter sport, it gave us plenty of opportunity to outreach. We were pleased to have a few visitors coming along. Debi, who lives in Gottingen, Germany, was invited by her sister Bebi from the Rotterdam assembly. She received the Holy Spirit and was baptised that evening - which we watched on the big screen!

"Camps are an investment in revival." Many of the talks centred around the theme, reminding us that we must not be willing to compromise on any aspect of the gospel. It is not up to us to select parts of the Bible to accept or reject. We are not going to change the gospel as it is a doctrine of truth, that will save the soul. We have gained a perfect life of promises. Have it all or loose it all – it is

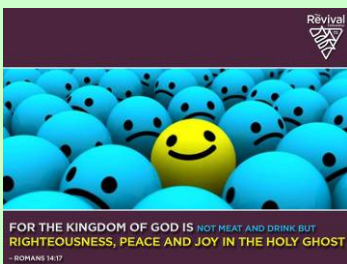
up to us. Everyone wants revival and we all have to ask ourselves what we are prepared to do, to create it. The potential that we all possess is enormous – we just have to use it! When we get out of our comfort zone and work together, we will have revival within ourselves and in our fellowships.

Over the week, we also collected over €1300 for the Mission Fund.

We enter a new year where we will experience good times and tough times, but we have grown stronger throughout the past year. Go on and go out with the work of the Lord, being the centre of our lives. Know the importance of the building job God had called us to do. Expect great things in 2009!

### Winter Camp, Lancaster, UK

**For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom 14:17**



With an attendance of approx 180 saints from all over the UK, Ireland, Switzerland,

Australia and with a very large contingent from Holland, this proved to be our largest Camp ever. We had a new venue too, which was the Royal Grammar School in the historical town of Lancaster, which overlooked the medieval castle with Morecombe Bay and the Lake District in the distance. With flexible accommodation suiting all budgets and saints doing the catering, we were always going to be in for a week of total satisfaction. However, it does not stop there. As always, the real goodness lay within. The theme "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost", reflected that and this little verse in from Romans 14:17 provided much inspiration with virtually every single

speaker drawing something precious from it. Overall, we must not get caught out with trivial matters and aim for things that edify each other. Indeed, if we ensure that righteousness is our aim, then peace and joy are found within us, so much so that the overflowing covers our neighbours within and without. All of this resulted in a number of observers at the Camp, plus two baptisms, one at the Camp and the other followed the day after, in Manchester. Over the week, we also collected over £800 for the Mission Fund through enterprising ideas like real coffee in Revival-branded coffee mugs and a Sunday collection.

# Winter Camp



Oversight meeting at Camp



Harvest 2008

# What Else Has Been Happening

## The Netherlands Dordrecht

This last year has been an eventful year for our fellowship. Like most of you probably know, two of our brothers, Gijs Schenk and Otto Visser, passed away. They will be greatly missed, but both of them leave us with a great testimony, as up until their very last moments, they kept on showing us their commitment to the Lord and His work.

Both funerals took place at the end of the year and though it was sad to say goodbye, there was also joy as we all have the confidence that they fought the good fight to the very end and finished the race. Next they will rise to meet the Lord in the air!

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the brethren from the different assemblies all over the world for their support. This has been and still is greatly appreciated. It has made us realize again what a wonderful family we have in the

Lord.



This is **Mirjam Chantal** the newborn daughter of Ben and Manuela and sister to Joy, born 4th January

We congratulate Ben and Manuela on the birth of their daughter Mirjam Chantal, born on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Rotterdam

The last month of 2008 ended with the euro camp. Nearly all our fellowship attended and to see the new brothers and sisters that have come to the Lord in the last year was the greatest highlight. We had 64 baptisms in 2008 and although not all have stayed, there is increase and we are all rejoicing in the Lord. We look forward to 2009, with great expectations, God bless you all.

## Almere

In December one woman from Amsterdam was baptised in the bathtub of brother Ben in Dordrecht. It happened while we were at winter camp in Germany. She had heard the Gospel for a long time from a relative. In December, just before camp she decided she wanted to be baptised. She knew that she had to receive the Holy Spirit. And she did. God keeps His promises!

She was very sick at the moment of baptism and had a lot of pain. The pain disappeared after the baptism. We are very happy to see and hear all His SWM

This is **Evan Christopher**, the newborn son of Pastor René and Ester and brother to Niké, born 2<sup>nd</sup> January



(signs, wonders and miracles).

The outreaches go on and we speak to a lot of people.

One contact was special. Brother Frenk works as a cab driver and he

had a customer. When they passed a bank, this man told Frenk that the bank would go bankrupt and that many people would lose their safety.

Frenk told him that there is no safety in this world but only in the world to come. The man said Frenk was right and asked him right away if Frenk was born again.

The man came at the first meeting in the new year after camp. Frenk's visible testimony and frankly spoken message convinced him to come.

We enjoyed camp a lot. The theme was very inspiring. We are encouraged to take heed unto the doctrine and ourselves.

Keeping this doctrine as it keeps us safe and allows us to work for the Lord and find new people.

We are encouraged to go out and bring the simple Gospel.

# The Revival Fellowship in:



## Czech Republic

We started December with a Saturday morning outreach in Trutnov. It is always a privilege to spread the gospel, even in bad weather!

Then in the middle of the month, we had a very interesting night of Questions and Answers. One visitor came to listen. He is the partner of one of our new sisters and talked with Pastor Jara afterwards.

Near the end of the month, we had a combined dinner night and concert, with two visitors who came for the first time.

One was an elderly mother of a saint and the other was a 17yr old son of another saint. They were both impressed with the testimony of the brethren. It was a wonderful night, and the joy of the saints was very obvious.

We also had several fellowship evenings at houses of the brethren. During these fellowships, we discussed ideas for 2009 in the Czech Fellowship, talked about scriptures and answered some questions from new saints. We look forward to seeing the Lord's blessings in the next year.



Lubor and Diana were very happy to welcome their healthy baby son, **Filip**, into the world on the 17th of December, 52cm, 3.87kg!

Praise the Lord!

## Switzerland

This month we held an outreach on Saturday, followed by sharing testimonies in the evening. We had a good time talking about the gospel to people and a



great time listening to all the wonderful things the Lord is working in our lives.

Then we had a Raclette-evening. Good food with excellent fellowship. At the end of the month we all went to the

camp in Germany. Again well organised by the Dutch brethren and a theme well organised by the Lord. To take heed unto yourself, before you are able to attend unto anything else, was clearly spoken about in all the talks.

Thanks to all, we had a fantastic time. Greetings to you all and we look forward to a big revival this year!

## Ireland

Throughout the month of December we continued to do leaflet drops and we had time to follow up on personal witnesses. Our Sister Eva visited from Czech. We took the opportunity to have a games night and great fun was had by all. There was a lot of preparation for the Winter Camp in the UK and most of us set off to

# The Revival Fellowship in:

the new venue in Lancaster on the 24<sup>th</sup> December. It proved to be a very uplifting and encouraging time. We were able to meet our new brethren in the Lord and catch up with brethren whom we had not seen in a while. We heard inspiring talks and there were items and skits galore. We returned home with a renewed eagerness and excitement about the new year and what it will bring for us here in Dublin. Praise The Lord.

## Hungary

The month started off with a presentation followed by a Bible Class day where we

took the children bowling and then back to the hall. Many children were invited and it was a good chance to witness to many people.

Preparation then took place for going to winter camp and 54 saints and their children left Hungary for a great time in Germany.

We had a number of visitors during the month and we are praying that they will do the right thing and will be baptized and pray for the Holy Spirit.



*Performing Fawly Towers at camp*



*Children's item at camp*

## Testimonies



My family never practised religion, but when I was 14 I was admitted to a religious High School. It wasn't my parents intention, but this happened to be a time when the old churches received their properties back from the Communist regime. The school I was admitted to became a Protestant school where I attended compulsory religion lessons. I knew that somehow

there must be a God and was happy to finally find out who He is. After two years of having two - three religion lessons each week, I still had no idea who Jesus was or how to have a relationship with God. Even though I had a good family and did well at school, I became depressed. It was at this time that my sister came home with the news that she had received the Holy Spirit and was baptised by full immersion. I had never heard about these things in my religious school. I saw her life change and she became very happy. A year later I decided to go to a camp organised by the fellowship in Hungary. The people there were serious about what they believed and talked about it - it wasn't just a pastime for them, but it was their life. After the meeting I prayed for the Holy Spirit which I received as I spoke in tongues which was the first miracle in my life. I was also baptised. A new life started with the Lord and I became very happy. I moved to Budapest to be where the fellowship is.

The Lord has healed me twice of post-natal depression. My first child was diagnosed with a developmental problem which he was born with. It would have required major surgery, so we prayed and he was healed and never needed the doctors help. I am thankful that God makes these things possible. There was a three year old boy that we prayed for who was in hospital lying in a coma waiting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> brain surgery as he had water on his brain and he was also receiving chemotherapy for leukaemia. We prayed for him and soon afterwards he awoke from his coma with no problems. He was healed of his leukaemia. About a year later the doctors removed a device in his head because he was healed of this brain problem which was incurable.

I praise the Lord that I know His wonderful power and His promises for this life and eternal life waiting for me.

**Edina, Budapest, Hungary.**

God changed my life completely 6½ years ago. When I was 14, I started drinking heavily, at age 16 I began using drugs and by the time I was 18, I was addicted to both until I was 26. This is when I prayed to God for help. I suddenly began to speak in tongues but had no idea what it was, so I stopped it immediately. Some time after this, I opened the telephone directory and started phoning churches but nobody answered. At the end of my list was the Revival Fellowship. I had lived in the same street as the hall and knew it was a church that stood for new life and new beginnings. This was my last option so I thought I had to give it a chance. At the meeting I saw young and old people of various cultures who all had their Bibles open. Everyone was involved. I understood from the talk from the pastor that I needed to receive the Holy Spirit and be baptised by full immersion. I prayed and from that day on I started to pray in tongues daily. I was baptised not long afterwards. God completely took away my addictions. I am now married to Rieta and have two children.

I had a co-worker who was dyslexic and after I prayed for him he was completely healed. He had to admit it was true and



that he was indeed healed. Rieta's nephew was born with Down's Syndrome so Rieta offered to pray for him. After more tests had been done on the child it was confirmed that he was completely healed. In a natural sense this is impossible so it was a great testimony for me. God is a really big God and He is able to do anything. He is not limited.

**Maarten, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.**

*That's all for this month. Bye for now, the newsletter crew from Holland*

