

Revival Fellowship Europe

Monthly Report, October 2009

Camp in Ireland, Camp theme:

"Be ready always to give an answer to every man". 1Pet 3:15.



Sarah being baptized at the camp in Ireland

In October we had two camps, one in Ireland and one in the Czech Republic.

Ireland Camp took place in Kippure Estate in Co. Wicklow which is about 30 minutes from Dublin. It is set in 240 acres of mature woodland and surrounded by the wild Wicklow Mountains and adjoins the River Liffey.

There were in total 49 people in attendance, from the UK, The Netherlands, Hungary, Germany, Switzerland and one sister from Brazil.

Czech Camp was held in the North-east of the country, at the foot of the Giant mountains.

Around 140 saints attended, from Czech republic, Hungary, The Netherlands, Switzerland, New Zealand and Australia.



Camp in the Czech Republic, Camp theme:

"Are you ready? Today is the day of salvation!". II Corinthians 6 : 2.

Download server news:

Some of you have probably gotten a safety warning while logging in on our web based download server. Don't worry about it, we are secure, only the security certificate gives some problems. It will take some time to get this right again, in the meantime you can download stuff via and FTP client application. This might sound difficult but this is in fact fairly simple, mail me at piet.visser@revivalfellowship.nl and I will send you a complete doc on how to do this.

The talks, items and testimonies from the recent Czech camp are on the server, available for download. There is also a new presentation about creation, dealing with microbiology. It is totally fascinating to see what is happening in your very cells, right now with incredible speeds. There is an Mp3 audio in the map as well and you need to download the whole map otherwise the movies won't play. Have fun,

Piet Visser



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Coming events:

Winter Camp, in Germany

Thu 24 Dec 2009 — Fri 1 Jan 2010

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Winter Camp, in the UK

Fri 25 Dec 2009 — Fri 1 Jan 2010

Lancaster, NW England

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Easter Camp, in Hungary

Wed 31 March — Sun 4 April 2010

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Euro Convention, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Thu 13 — Sun 15 May 2010

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Summer Camp, in Germany

Sat 31 July — Sat 7 August 2010

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Summer Camp, in the UK

Sat 14 — Sat 21 August 2010

Bath, UK (close to Bristol).

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Editorial: getting ready.

We are always getting ready for something, going somewhere, coming back, doing this and doing that.

Netty has a checklist, I have a checklist which we look at while we are packing. Have we got everything we need when we get there???

During our normal week we get questions about all sort of things, we need to make decisions about other things.

So, as good Christians we pray about this and we go to meetings to get answers. Meetings and, perhaps more notably, camps, are like checkpoints, where am I at? When we go home we hopefully do this with an action list. They are not easy to make and even harder to act on. Later on, this completed action list can be used as a checklist again, are we ready?

In business, the ability to sit through a 3 hour meeting, where 20 people talk about the way they see things, going away and transforming the hidden information into workable action points will get you promotions.

In the Lord, the same actions from a camp/convention/meeting makes you more effective.

At the recent Czech camp we learned how many people think back to front and consequently preach some sort of "prosperity gospel".

Let's see what the Bible teaches.

Lu 9:57 *And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain [man] said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.*

58 *And Jesus said unto him, thanks friend, I will bless you, give you a great house, a great job, an angel in human form to be your wife, make you rich, heal you when you are sick, help you at school and generally give you a fantastic life.*

When we read this we know something is wrong but this is in reality what we sometimes preach.

What Jesus **did** say was...

Luke 9:58 *And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*

This is the opposite of a "prosperity gospel". Of course, God does take care of his people, but there is a proviso.

In Mt 6:19-34 we find this proviso.

Verse 33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

34 *Take therefore no thought for the morrow:.....*

So what happens in real life?

You get blessed as a result of "doing the job" – not the other way around!

Now if you examine religion in general, it is almost always back to front.

So, what happens if you do it the right way around?

You become more honest, reliable, a hard worker, you start thinking different AND THAT alone generates already a lot of the rewards. Of course we don't want to discount miracles, Mark 16 talks clearly about that and it is the gift to the believers, read **doers**.

God wants a healthy army and the general change in our lifestyle also has a reward in this direction. When you stop smoking, taking drugs and alcohol you become more healthy and recover quicker when you do get sick. You start eating more responsibly, that also carries a reward of its own.

Obviously, this "prosperity gospel" was already around when Paul was alive. In 1Tim 6:3-6 he ends up with 5 *Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain (Satisfaction, happiness, perhaps tired but being happy).*

When Netty and I were in Ivory Coast a number of years back, we walked regularly past a large Pentecostal church.

At the front was a notice board where the services were mentioned, namely:

Monday, 6 pm, prayer for prosperity.

Tuesday, 6 pm, prayer for fertility.

Wednesday, 6 pm, prayer for healings.

Thursday, 6 pm, prayer for the family.

Friday, 6 pm, prayer for world peace.

Saturday, 6 pm, prayer for you local government.

In Ghana, you can be buried in a Mercedes. (So you can take it with you after all?) But, it's a wooden model of a Mercedes, sorry. The real gospel has nothing to do with worldly recognition, **that you still get blessed with natural things is a real mystery, proving God's power.** In my own experience, many people I worked with hated what I stood for but I got promoted anyway. What a miracle.

So, are we ready to rise to the challenge? The words of Jesus:

Lu 19:12 *He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.*

13 *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy (gr: 4231) till I come.*

4231. pragmateuomai - to busy oneself with, i.e. to trade (we might see the word pragmatic in here, simply practical) Sometimes people ask, shall I go here or there, or do this or that? Let's look at our great example, Jesus.

When He was in this world, He was often in the synagogue and the temple; He went to the wedding at Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11), not to participate in the ceremonies, but to teach the people whom he found there. Being in the temple did not make Him any more or any less the Son of God. He didn't go there to draw close to God, He went there to do the work of God. For Him it was no difference to being anywhere else in the world, He was surrounded by unsaved people wherever He went. The first disciples were the same and so should we be. This example of Jesus should determine our own actions and decisions in everything we do in our lives, after we have been born again. If we are going somewhere or doing something because there is an opportunity to talk to people about the word of God, then such an activity is a good thing to do. BUT...

If we are doing something just to entertain ourselves, or to make friends and have a good time and there probably won't be an opportunity to speak about the things of the Lord, then we should reconsider our intentions and look to be doing better things. If we are going somewhere or doing something in a place where we would be embarrassed if it was known that we are Christians, then we definitely shouldn't be there.

Let's stay away from anything which is not helpful to your walk in the Lord and which is a bad example to others.

So, **now** we are ready, let us go on and perform....

Piet Visser



Heard from the platform

- Be zealous to remain blameless.
- Through the riches in our western world, man has become spiritually poor.
- Without we can't, but with the power of God we can.
- If we have unconditional love, things will go smoothly.
- Many people say, "You only have to believe." Wrong, just read James 2:19.
- The moment we get off track, God's power disappears.
- Jesus was tough; but with people who wanted to do the right thing, He showed compassion and patience.
- Walking with the Lord is full-time. We have to give our lives for the kingdom of God.
- We should be a proud people; proud of who we are and what God has done for us.
- Have empathy for people who are not yet saved. It is essential that we are an inspiration for them.
- In religion there is no faith, no confirmation, no certainty.
- Idols are still being worshipped today, just in a different form.
- The Lord never stops, His hand is to the plough and His call is: Come and help.
- The more you give, the happier you are and the happier you are the more you give!
- If our joy is in good times only then it is not of the Lord but natural.
- We are to finish the work that Jesus started.
- It is our reasonable service to obey God.

What Else Has Been Happening

Revival Across Europe

Baptisms:



Baptism in Stanmore



Susan being baptized in Manchester

In The Netherlands, we had **six** people Spirit filled and baptized.

In Hungary, **two** people were baptized and five received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

In the **Czech Republic,** **one** person was born again.

In Ireland, **one** lady was born again at the Irish Camp.

In the UK: **Three** in Stanmore, **two** in Richmond, **one** in the NW, **one** in Medway.



Baptism in Stanmore



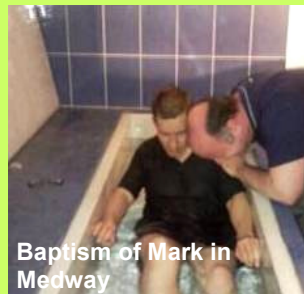
Baptism in Hungary



Baptism in Stanmore

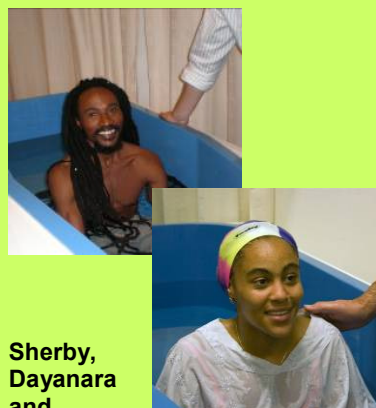


Two baptisms in Richmond



Baptism of Mark in Medway

Wouter, Michael and Ibrahim in Almere



Sherby, Dayanara and Gino in Rotterdam



Dordrecht

We had a great month with plenty of things taking place including our annual badminton tournament followed by a pancake evening, which was a fun day of fellowship.

We also enjoyed a Short Talk-evening where three brothers gave a talk;



Frank: *...and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb 13:5.* God is faithful in what we ask of Him. Our treasure

should be in doing what God asks of us. Be content with all we have and the promises which are ours. Treasures we gather on earth are not lasting. Eternal life awaits us when we walk in the Spirit and bear fruit, serving the Lord. If we endure in the things of the Lord we will obtain eternal life.

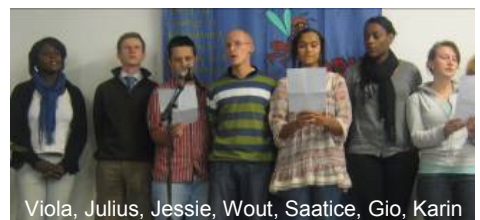


Leen: God teaches us every day. Our testimony is extremely important so we shouldn't allow ourselves to get pulled down by those around us. Through the Holy Spirit it is possible to remain calm in all situations. *For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same our what ye ought to say. Lk 12:12.*



Haimy: "To see is to believe". *Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Jn 20:29.*

The Israelites went through the Red Sea, what a miracle! But after three days they were murmuring again. See things and be convinced!



Viola, Julius, Jessie, Wout, Saatice, Gio, Karin



Item, Jermaine & Dani



Jeanine & Rita



Kevin

We also had a 'camp evening' where we enjoyed a number of songs and skits, plus young brother Kevin giving his first talk!

Sister Jolanda

returned from **Japan** where she joined a number of other saints who travelled there

What Else Has Been Happening



Yolanda & Yu-Ko

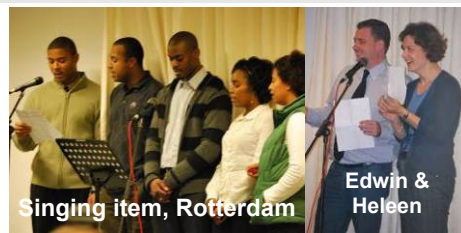


Katsuki

for an outreach. As there are only one brother and sister there, the fellowship they received was much appreciated. **Sister Yu-Ko** was born again 12 years ago in Perth where she lived six years before returning to Japan to look after her sick mother. **Brother Katsuki** has been in the Lord for 11 years. He read on the internet about the signs and wonders that God does in peoples lives. He made contact with the Revival Fellowship in Sydney where he was baptized and Spirit filled. He was instantly healed from a back problem which he had been suffering from for a number of years.

Rotterdam

October has been a fruitful and busy month. Some of our folk attended camp in Czech or Ireland and thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and we thank the brothers



Singing item, Rotterdam

Edwin & Heleen

and sisters in both fellowships for their hard work. There was also a badminton tournament combined with the Dordrecht fellowship, fun was had by all. The Saturday night activities included a camp night with items, mini-talks, skits and supper. There was also a presentation about "Where Christmas originates from," it is always good to be reminded of these things, especially with that time of the year coming up. At the Sunday evening meetings there were presentations and guest speakers from abroad. Ben and Chantal Bakker from the UK came to say goodbye for now, as they will be returning to the Christchurch fellowship in New Zealand. Also Jamie and Monica Byrne from the UK visited us, as they were catching up with family here in the Netherlands. Guests are always welcome!!

Almere

We had a fantastic month! Three people were born again. One person came on the first Friday of the month, after almost 3

months of witnessing. The second man came to the badminton tournament and in the evening he received the Holy Spirit and was baptised right away. The third came from an outreach in Amsterdam. It is a great privilege to be present when people receive the Holy Spirit. God wants to prove Himself to the ones who look for Him.

We enjoyed a camp evening with several items from saints and children from all ages. We are happy that the children are joining in at all the activities.

We are out on the street, people hear the Word and some receive the Holy Spirit. We had a Saturday outreach in Almere-Haven and after 15 minutes of outreaching one lady received the Holy Spirit! Praise the Lord!

At the end of the month a few saints attended the Czech camp, the rest stayed in Holland and joined the fellowship in Dordrecht and Rotterdam (as if it was some kind of mini-camp in the Netherlands). We thank all the brothers and sisters for the support we received during this time.

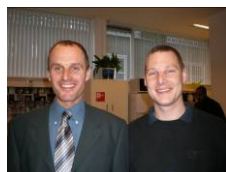
We look forward to another month of fishing.



Housemeeting Almere



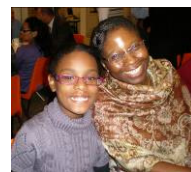
Luke, Wout and Leroy



Frank & Arjan



Cynthia & Malinda



Kay-Leigh & Julia



Cindy, Marten, Frans & Richard



Ester & Evan

The Revival Fellowship in:



Stars of Yester-year item

Hungary

During the month we held an evening of 'Stars of Yester-year,' where we sung popular 70's and 80's Hungarian songs with the words changed to be about the Lord. We had 12 visitors altogether and a great night of testifying about the Lord. We heard about the fellowship and how it

formed. We followed this with an evening of international testimonies where we heard from PNG about a sister who was healed from Aids. It is amazing how God can make the impossible happen. The month finished with the camp in the Czech Republic which was excellent and we really thank all those who helped make it so. During the month a number of outreaches were held and a great deal of personal witnessing. So a fantastic month. We are looking to use the things learnt at camp to go onwards to glorify the Lord yet further.

Switzerland

It has been a busy month which included a question and answer night and a Saturday outreach with much interesting talks, followed by a basic evening. We heard that only God can

fill that empty spot in us. We preach power and there is no unemployment in the body of Christ.

Laurens and Lucia from the Dordrecht assembly visited us for a long weekend. We all had a great time with inspiring fellowship. Thanks for coming! Then there was the Irish and the Czech-camp. Both themes were about being prepared, are you ready to be a Child of God and to be a testimony in that, are you ready to do your work in the Lord, and are you ready to speak to people and to take the responsibility?

Most of us visited the Czech camp, where we heard inspiring talks and had great fellowship. We all thank the Czech brethren for this very uplifting camp in a very pleasant environment. Now, back home, we are serving the Lord and are being active for Him.



Pastor Chris & brother Stephan

The Revival Fellowship in:



Meeting at Czech Camp

Czech Republic

October started with one of our best Fellowship evenings of the whole year - a



Crèche at Czech Camp



PNG healing night! In the morning, we outreached in Trutnov and invited people to the evening event. There was an atmosphere of anticipation as it was the first time we had seen this video, and three new people joined us (one couple from the outreach and another contact). The miracles and healings were clearly seen by everyone and we all marveled at the Lord's power! After the video, Shelley told us of her experiences in PNG and showed us some slides of people who had been miraculously healed of AIDS, a man who walked out of his wheelchair, and a mute man who spoke.

We also had a Prayer and Fast, on the theme of "endurance". On Friday evening, we had a prayer night at Tana's flat with a short talk by Ladia. Then on Saturday, we heard encouraging talks from Jara, Arend and Ps.Olda.

A lot of the month was centered around preparing for the Czech Camp and enjoying lots of fellowship from many visiting saints. Tom and Robyn Nobel (from Adelaide) came for one month and about 20 saints from other fellowships came the weekend before camp. We had a testimony night, with six testimonies in total. Brother Nigel gave an encouraging talk on Sunday evening. It was a very uplifting weekend!

Czech Camp was held in a hotel in Svoboda nad Upou, at the foot of the mountains. The talks, testimonies and fellowship were wonderful and we received full encouragement! During the camp, several new visitors came to talk to us and listen to the gospel. We are still keeping in contact with them. The hotel

staff were also really impressed by the testimony of the saints. Pastor Pieter gave a very interesting and detailed presentation on how cells work in our bodies, according to God's marvelous design. Thank you to all saints who came and helped to make such a fantastic camp!

Ireland

We had a great start to our month with a Prayer and Fast. This time we were synchronized with some of the UK assemblies via Skype. It was really uplifting for us all to join our brethren in praying and fasting! We were also busy with the preparations for the onset of our Camp so it was all hands on deck. Camp commenced on Thursday 22nd and finished Monday 26th October. We had some visiting brethren join us in advance which made things even more exciting for us all.

The days at camp were full; we held the morning and evening meetings. On Friday some of us decided to be adventurous and go for a stroll around the woodlands, which turned into an a bit of a marathon, but an adventure for all, we had a lot of fun, both young and old!! Then on Saturday 5 carloads of enthusiastic saints went outreaching. We went into the nearest suburb, a fast growing district called "Tallaght" with a population of over 100,000+. There were a lot of Saturday shoppers out and about, therefore many people were spoken to in a short space of time. One lady, called Sarah was witnessed. She comes from South Africa originally and is currently living and working in Dublin. She was told about receiving the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues; which she had never heard about before and she received the word gladly. She came to the meeting that night; prayed and received the Holy Spirit and then got baptized! It



Meeting at Irish Camp



Item at Irish Camp

was an incredibly exiting evening for us all. Our new sister is currently being followed up. There are also a few other contacts to be followed up from the outreach; we will keep you all



Walking

informed. We left the camp site on the Monday morning and some brethren stayed on for even more fellowship for a day or two. Overall it was a wonderful camp with encouraging talks from our brethren and just being able to fellowship with one another was great. We look forward to bringing more exciting news next month.

UK, Richmond

Richmond is doing well and rejoicing. The Lord has blessed saints who were out of work with new employment, some have been healed. There has been much over coming, learning and growing. Our meetings have seen a constant flow of new people through personal contact and organised outreaches. We have started outreaching in new areas and this has been greatly successful. Two people were baptised by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues. It has been a joy to all to see new ones coming through and flourishing, but also a great reminder of our calling which is to see souls saved. Other highlights this month have been a combined Prayer and Fast organised by Medway. Saints from Stanmore, Richmond and South West attended. Encouraging words were heard and great fellowship was had by all. Overall, this has been a great month for fellowship and for seeing new ones come to the Lord.

UK, Medway

October began with some of us from Medway heading up to Goole and meeting up with saints from other assemblies for a great outreach in readiness for the presentation on Speaking in Tongues at Hull University. Back in Medway there was a combined Prayer & Fast with Richmond and Stanmore, the theme being "Keep yourself pure". We also held an "Isaiah night" with items and talks, and the following weekend there was "Open House", which was well attended and much good fellowship was had by all. About eight went off for a great weekend to Ireland Camp. We have had a few visitors this month and we were delighted to welcome a new brother - his name is Mark. He was baptized. last week following the Wednesday meeting, receiving the Holy Spirit as he came out of the waters.



Singing choruses at the Medway meeting

The Revival Fellowship in:

UK, North West

This month we saw another baptism and more contacts being established. One Saturday we held a presentation evening in Liverpool which was well supported and enjoyed by all. The presentation was on **"Signs Follow Believers** – an evening of



testimony as evidence of *Mark 16:15-20*". *Mark 16:9-20* is one of the most debated and controversial pieces of scripture for many so-called Bible scholars and even many modern versions of the Bible cast doubt on its authenticity. However, the presentation showed the overwhelming evidence for its inclusion in scripture. Part of the evidence and probably the most visible is where it is demonstrated in the everyday lives of God's people. In amongst some items based on the theme, some detailed facts, figures and photos of various ailments and illnesses were shown and then the person who had been healed came and gave their personal testimony and how that God had proved faithful. Seeing a "before and after" so to speak, proved very powerful evidence indeed. We now aim to streamline the presentation and do plenty more of these to get the gospel even further in to the

local community. After all, what are testimonies for, but to keep and tell others about? *"I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed"* (Psalm 119:46).

On a similar note, after much technical hard work, we managed to have a Skype link-up with Paul & Rae in Adelaide so we could share testimonies with more of our brethren over there. This month also saw



seven of the North West brethren having the privilege of attending and supporting the annual Ireland Camp and meeting other brethren from all over the world. The Camp was relaxed and the Word was sharp so it was a great time of fellowship and direction. More good news – yet another £2,000 has been raised from and including contributions from the UK Summer Camp and locally here in the North West. The funds have now been submitted for use by the Brazil assemblies. In closing, perhaps if you're interested in sharing an evening of testimonies over a Skype link-up, please do get in touch.

UK, Stanmore

October has been filled with fantastic fellowship and a constant flow of visitors. This month has seen three baptisms

(Jane, Idah and Rowland). How great it is when you witness a person newly filled with the Spirit and smiling from ear to ear! Our Assembly has people from a wide radius and the saints have been very busy helping their new brethren to settle in, following them up and assisting with lifts etc. It's an excellent opportunity to be used and be a worker for the Lord. We had a London Night when we played lots of games and had a quiz, very light hearted, but good fun. We've also enjoyed a Testimony Evening, where we watched presentations of healings from the Australian Convention earlier this year. We heard from people who had been healed of various illnesses and also those delivered from drug and alcohol addictions. We have also rejoiced in healings in our own Assembly, with a sister being told by doctors that her eyesight problem that had been caused by diabetes had been 'reversed' and a little child, Brian, healed of eczema after prayer. We also said good-bye to Denella (on the right in the picture) who has gone back to live in Australia after staying in London for a year. We will all miss her. Roll on November!



Testimonies

I was told the gospel by a sister in Dordrecht. She was happy and I was interested in what she had to say. She told me about signs and wonders and how to use the Holy Spirit. I had been baptized and Spirit filled in a Pentecostal church, but I only used to pray in tongues when I went to church. I quickly came to the conclusion that I was in the wrong church.

I went to a meeting and realised I had a lot of false ideas to get rid of. I was baptized, got my joy back and learnt how to walk in the Spirit and to overcome.

To have the truth is the best there is and to be able to get to know God and find my answers in the Bible is great. It is good to be able to tell others the truth.

I am glad to be part of an assembly where we are family and all love God. I can always be happy.

Rizah, Dordrecht, The Netherlands



I came to the Lord in 1997 when I was 17. I had been witnessed to by a girl at school. It was all new to me as I was not brought up with the knowledge that there was a God. I was 14 and looking to people a way to live my life and to be a good person, which

lead to a lot of disappointment. I knew that the gospel was right and that I had to be born again, but I fought against it for a few years. Finally I was baptized by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. I felt very good and relieved as I knew I was with the Lord. He has helped me a lot over the years. When my children are sick I can turn to Him for healing. I have been healed from migraines. I am glad to know the truth and to have eternal life. I know the happiness I have in my life is from the Lord. Who is guiding me.

Stania, Czech Republic

That's all for this month. Bye for now, the newsletter crew from Europe and the UK

