

### Monthly Report, June 2010



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#### Coming events:

##### **Euro Summer Camp, in Germany**

**Sat 31 July — Sat 7 Aug 2010**

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##### **Euro Summer Camp, in the UK**

**Sat 14 Aug — Sat 21 Aug 2010**

Bath, UK (close to Bristol)

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##### **Euro Camp in Ireland**

**Thu 21 Oct — Mon 25 Oct 2010**

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##### **Euro Camp in Czech Rep.**

**Wed 27 Oct — Sun 31 Oct 2010**

in Svoboda Nad U' Pou, Hotel "Prom"  
(close to Trutnov)

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The weekend of 5 and 6 June, visitors from Holland and Hungary, went to Bern, Switzerland to join the local saints to celebrate the official opening of their hall. The opening proceedings were also streamed live on the internet and

watched in Budapest, Hungary and other places.

It all started some years ago when a lady called Zsuzsa went to visit her sister in Adelaide. She got born again there and when she came back home her husband, Stephan, "saw a new wife" (*his own words*).

A few weeks later, Harry van Gelderen, a brother from Holland, went to visit and Stephan himself got baptized as well.

Over the years there has been good contact between the Swiss and the rest of the European fellowships and several people have been baptized. The core of a

good team developed and is now well and truly in place. There have been regular meetings in Stephan and Zsuzsa's apartment but the Swiss have no such thing as an "open house culture" for visitors. It is considered very strange to invite unknown people to a private home and consequently, people are very suspicious of such an approach. Now they have a hall in a public place on a busy street in the centre of town.

We are expecting great things to happen. The pictures speak for themselves. I can, no doubt, speak for all the visitors in thanking the Swiss for their fantastic hospitality during this weekend.

Piet Visser



#### Download server news.

All the sessions of the Euro convention in Rotterdam, May 2010 are now on the server for download. You can find it all at: Public\Conventions and camps\Rotterdam convention May 2010 In this folder you will find DVD images, very large files but can be burned to DL DVD's with Nero software.

The same movies can be found in the map "Movies". They are considerably smaller in file size and they can be played on a computer and converted by yourself to DVD files.

There are also Mp3 (sound only) files in the maps: Songs, Talks

and testimonies.

Login [here](#), fill in username and password and click on the folders to open them up to the next levels.

(You might have to give permission to open pop-ups.)

You can apply for a username and password [here](#).

Have fun,

Piet Visser

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## Editorial: Speaking in Tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. (KJV).

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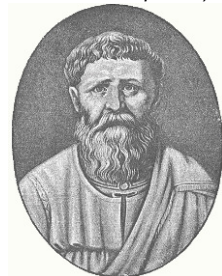
From the third century onwards, tongues were no longer regarded as a common practice. Most of the references to tongues "explained" why the phenomenon which occurred in biblical times was no longer happening. (Kelsey, p. 39). As the church of the west took over the responsibilities of the state, it became more and more authoritarian and political... From then on the Church started to interpret tongues as a sign of demon possession.



In the fifth century, **Chrysostom** (344 - 407), bishop of Constantinople, formalized the prohibition against tongues: He writes: "This whole phenomenon is very obscure, but the

obscurity is produced by our ignorance of the facts referred to and by their cessation, being such then as used to occur but now no longer take place. And why do they not happen now?, why did they then happen, and now do so no more?"

(Source: Homilies on First Corinthians, xxix, 1, NPNF2, v. 12, p. 168).



**Augustine of Hippo, or Saint Augustine**

(November 13, 354 – August 28, 430) is one of the most important figures in the development of Western Christianity. He is considered to be one of the church fathers.

"In the earliest times, the Holy Ghost fell upon

them that believed: and they spake with tongues which they had not learned, 'as the Spirit gave them utterance.'

That thing was done for a betokening and it passed away."

"...whereas even now the Holy Ghost is received, yet no one speaks in the tongues of all nations, because the Church herself already speaks the languages of all nations: since whoever is not in the Church (RC ed) receives not the Holy Ghost."

**Pope Leo I the Great** (440 - 461) sided with Augustine's view and had a vast influence in his time upon the doctrines of the church.

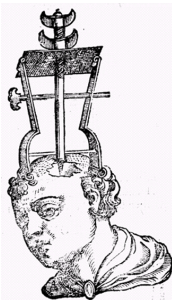
**After Leo's reign there is virtually no literature concerning tongues until about the twelfth century.**

After the 6th through to the 10th century, tongue-speaking came to be looked upon with grave suspicion.

Evidence shows that the experience still occurred, but it was supposedly linked with demon possession.

Around the year 1000, the Catholic Church outlined various signs of demon possession in the "Rituale Romanum".

Among other proofs, signs of possession were the following: "...ability to speak with some facility in a strange tongue or to understand it when spoken by another; the faculty of divulging future and hidden events..."



From this era we also find the "charming" habit of drilling holes in heads to release these demons. It was called "Trepanning". Today we still have the expression: "have you got a hole in your head?"

### Middle Age view:

To speak with tongues you had never learned was a recognized symptom in case of alleged diabolical possession.

It was not claimed, at least on a large scale, as a symptom of divine inspiration, until the end of the seventeenth century.



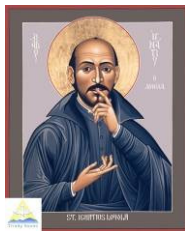
In 1247, **St. Thomas Aquinas**, whose desire was to address every Christian belief in his renowned "Summa Theologica", included a response to the phenomenon of tongues. He concluded that tongue-speaking had happened when God offered it, but it no

longer happened.

He writes:

"We are to understand, then, that the giving of the Holy Spirit was to be certain, after Christ's exaltation, in a way in which it was never before. It was to have a peculiarity at his coming, which it had not before. For we nowhere read of men under the influence of the Holy Spirit, speaking with tongues they had never known, as then took place, when it was necessary to evidence his coming by sensible miracles."

(Commentary on the Gospel of John, ch 32).



**Ignatius Loyola** (1491 - 1556), wrote of many miraculous phenomena occurring in his life, including tongues.

In his work Spiritual Journal, Ignatius makes daily mention of "loquela" (ecstatic speech) that came to him in prayer.

Yet he also writes that he

was not sure whether the experience was caused by God or a demon. (Laurentin, pp. 138-142).



The Jansenists, led by **Cornelius Jansen**, a reactionary element of the Catholic Church in the 17th century, were the next group to advocate and practice tongue-speaking.



In the latter half of the 17th century Quaker communities sprang up in England, and their emphasis was also on experiencing the movement of the Holy Spirit in visible and internal signs.

### So, What about the modern era?

National church life survey 1996 data: Speaking in tongues is endorsed by 27% of church attendees and opposed by 21%.

About half (52%) are neutral or do not have a view on the matter.

There are also clear denominational differences in attitudes to speaking in tongues.

Pentecostals: over 90% approval (??), Baptists and Churches of Christ (37% and 34%), Seventh-day Adventist (4%), Lutheran (17%) Presbyterian (17%).

Overall, 14% of attendees of these denomination speak in tongues.

Approximately 10% of attendees in the Catholic, Anglican, Uniting and other larger non-Pentecostal denominations speak in tongues.

It looks like the wish of the apostle Paul "I would not have you ignorant" hasn't come to pass yet. The confusion is still complete.

So, let's hold fast to the simple clear understanding of our fellowship and treasure it.



Pastor Piet Visser with data supplied by Pastor David Kschammer.

### Heard from the platform

- Compromise will ensure that the power of God departs from our lives.
- It is extremely important to have daily contact with God.
- People in the world tend to bring God down to their level instead of rising to His level.
- A child of God doesn't need to be limited by sickness.
- Are we prepared for whatever may come?
- What we love fills our lives.
- If we are no longer excited about the gospel, we will no longer be effective evangelists.
- The Holy Spirit lives within us, therefore we can be Christ-like.
- Being born again and then growing into "adulthood" requires making a commitment to God for the rest of our lives.
- God will provide our needs, not our greed!
- We should not waste the knowledge that God has given us.
- Hold on to the original words of Jesus.
- The manner in which we react to correction determines whether our heart is pure or not.
- Want to save people? Let that be your motivation.
- God is not a forgetful God.
- We need to love God more than anything else.
- Our foundation must stand strong and firm.
- We cannot afford to look back.
- When we act on faith, we spiritually walk on water.
- We walk by faith, not by feelings.
- God gives us challenges! Take them on and you will grow in the Lord!"

# Revival Across Europe and Ghana visit

## Baptisms:



T.J., Dordrecht



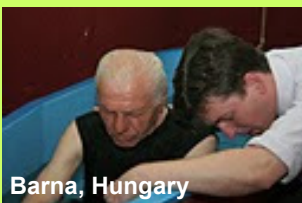
Maurine, Rotterdam



Tony, Rotterdam



Baptism, Ghana



Barna, Hungary



Ingemar, Rotterdam



Weislaw, Medway



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Xiomara, Almere



Babrinka, Rotterdam



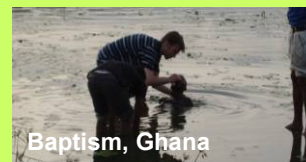
Baptism, Ghana



Baptism, Hungary



Marjolein, Almere



Baptism, Ghana



Baptism, Hungary



Ray being baptized in Manchester



Luke, Medway



Jindra, Czech Republic



Mandy, Almere



Christopher, Medway



Pastor Ron and Helen

It was exciting to have Pastor Ron and Helen visiting the three Dutch assemblies. We organized special evenings at all three

Twelve people were born again in **The Netherlands**.

**Hungary:** Eight people were baptized this month.

**Czech Republic:** one man received the Holy Spirit and got baptized.



Baptism, France

In the **UK, Stanmore**, four people were baptized.

**UK, Medway:** three people were born again.

**Thirteen** people were baptized in **Ghana**, when Marten, Cindy and Viola were there.

**France** had two baptisms at their rally in June.

Favour getting baptized by Pastor Ron Carslake in Rotterdam



venues where Pastor Ron gave presentations about the growing revival that is taking place in various countries throughout Africa.

It was magnificent to see what the Lord is doing in that part of the world. We pray for our brethren there so that they may keep strong and go on until the day the Lord Jesus returns. In Rotterdam there was a man called Favour from Sudan at the presentation. After watching it and quickly chatting with Pastor Ron afterwards, he was baptized and received the Holy Spirit, with the bible evidence of speaking in tongues.

# The Revival Fellowship in:



## NL, Dordrecht

We have had an enjoyable month. Summer has finally arrived in Holland so we made the most of the warmer temperatures by having a picnic at a nearby recreation area. We had fun fellowshiping, playing games and outreaching with our brothers and sisters from Rotterdam and Almere.



We also had a very enjoyable and entertaining Saturday night fellowship of skits and songs. Jamie gave a short talk about "when we place God as the priority in our lives; He will look

after all our needs. Do we believe this, or do we try to sort out everything ourselves? God is not a liar and what He promises He performs!"

## NL, Rotterdam

June has been another great month. As usual there were outreaches and plenty of personal witnessing going on, which resulted in many visitors coming to meetings and some of those were born again.

There was a "question and answer" evening which was good. A 'Camp-item' evening was held and it was a lot of fun. Mini-talks were on the agenda one evening. Frank talked about "Samson" and that we need to shine always for the Lord and not get caught out by this world. Wim spoke about "limitations" and how with God there are no limitations to overcoming this world. Michel encouraged us "to be and stay motivated by the Holy Spirit".

## NL, Almere

We had a busy but very interesting month. We had three people being born again and many other guests came to see and hear what the gospel is all about. Some of them received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues.

On the last Saturday of June we had a great outreach with the prophecy boards. Over 50 brothers and sisters from Rotterdam, Dordrecht and Almere helped to spread the gospel on the streets of Almere, witnessing from 10 am until 4 pm! That evening we had a meeting with over 50 people, including guests. We enjoyed the national and international testimonies and a presentation about Africa from Pastor Ron. He encouraged us "to break



with traditions, as they don't lead anywhere". At the end of the evening, Marjolein, who was spoken to at the outreach, received the Holy Spirit and decided to be baptized. We thank all the brothers and sisters for their help and prayers that day. The following Sunday, Xiomara, another guest from the outreach, came to the meeting and received the Holy Spirit and was baptized. Praise the Lord!

We look forward to another exciting month.

## Hungary

During the first weekend of the month we watched the hall opening in Switzerland via an internet link. It was great to see the Swiss assembly growing in this way. One brother from Hungary, who recently came to the Lord, had a fear of mixing with people in general before coming to the Lord. He overcame that fear and was able

to attend the hall opening. Outreach activities included an event in The City Park, a children's play,

fellowship at various saints' houses and the normal weekly outreaches. All of this resulted in a total of eight people being born again.

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## Czech Republic

June was quite an active month with revival and follow-ups in Czech. We started the month with a Children's Day with lots of fun games, not just for the

kids! We had a barbeque afterwards. As a result of the regular Thursday afternoon outreach, a man called Robert came back to the hall for more discussion and prayed for the Holy Spirit. During a follow up he received the Holy Spirit. A lady called Lucie, came to the Sunday meeting again with her son and she was very interested. During a follow up the next night she received the Holy Spirit! She has already experienced many miracles and provisions and is amazed how God backs up His promises. We had a Prayer and Fast with the theme "Go Out", with talks by Arend, Tomas and Pastor Olda. Some saints decided to pray particularly for revival, and this is what we received! The following weekend, we had an outreach in the housing area surrounding our hall. We invited people to the presentation on the next Saturday. A man, Jindra, came to the meeting the next day - he was looking for a church in his new town and found us "by chance". He came to the presentation, "7 Proofs that the Bible is from God" and received the Holy Spirit and got baptized!

## Ireland

We have been busy throughout the month preparing for our outreach in July, as the time approaches fast. Individually, we all continue to have personal contacts at work or at home. Early on in the month, Anthony and Rachael went over to France to support the French outreach. They returned with lots of exciting news from afar. It makes us look forward even more to our own outreach. We had our usual street outreach in the vicinity of the meeting hall; we had some good chats with people. This was followed by a barbeque and fellowship, it was a great day. We concluded the month with a joint Prayer and Fast with the Medway assembly via Skype. The theme was "1 Timothy 6:10 - the love of money.." We heard a lot of really encouraging and provoking thoughts throughout the day.

## Switzerland

We had a fantastic month. It started with our official hall opening. Brothers and sisters from Holland, Hungary, Germany and Australia came. Pastor Piet cut the ribbon. The Lord gave us nice weather, good outreaches and great fellowship. It was a happy time as we saw family and colleagues come on the Saturday. They listened to the word of God and observed a happy group of people. Some people were witnessed to in front of the hall or during the meetings as people are very curious in this neighbourhood. Thanks to all brethren for coming and for the great support. It was much appreciated. We also had an outreach with a basic evening on a Saturday. We heard about the power of the Holy Spirit; "and, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you:



Children's play



Margit Island



Fellowship & witnessing

# The Revival Fellowship in:



Outreach in Bern

but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Lk 24:49. All in all, we have made a few contacts this month with one still going on, and we look forward to more Revival!

## UK, Stanmore

It's been a very exciting month with four baptisms and several visitors. As well as a trip to the seaside with our brethren from the other local assemblies, we had a fantastic Prayer and Fast, where we heard some really inspiring thoughts from the Lord about walking in His ways. Seems obvious, but sometimes we forget that walking in the Spirit and not just being 'in the Lord' is the key to being settled, joyous, fruitful and effective. We also enjoyed a visit from Nigel, Renata and the girls from Hungary.

## UK, Medway

We had a great start to June with a Camp Out for the Kids at Sally's Farm one Friday evening, we enjoyed the sausages and chorus singing around the campfire. Next day we left for the beach at Broadstairs for a fellowship day out with Stanmore, Richmond and Exeter – it was a hot summer's day and some even went swimming in the sea! We have had three baptisms this month: Christopher, who came along from an outreach, Weislaw and Luke. All are enjoying fellowship and the good things it brings. There was Open House at Sandra's where we enjoyed the company of Edwin & Heleen, Liam & Nathan from Holland and joined up on Skype with the saints from the North West to share testimonies. At the BBQ at Dan & Sarah's we welcomed more visitors; a lady called Tricia from Lithuania who was already spirit filled and is now coming along to the meetings.

We are also delighted to welcome our sister Alex Cope from Perth who arrived this week and will be fellowshipping in Medway for the next year or so. Looking forward to the summer camps which are only round the corner!! Until then, bye for now!

## UK, Richmond

This month we combined with Medway and Stanmore for some beach activities where great fellowship was had by all. It was great to catch up with brothers and sisters not seen for a while and good to be



Richmond, Sunday Meeting - Edwin, Heleen and family visit

reminded that we are part of one big family.

A new sister by the name of Faith Agura was added to us during the month. She was baptized by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit with the bible evidence of speaking in tongues. This was followed by a Prayer and Fast for which the theme was "catch the vision, keep the vision, spread the vision". Reading the scriptures and praying was uplifting and encouraging for all. There were four short talks with of course prayer in between each one. That same weekend, Pastor Steve and Marion from Medway came up for our Sunday meeting whilst Pastor Yomi and Cécile were in France supporting the rally there. Their visit was much appreciated and many commented on a remark made by Pastor Steve's during his communion talk: '...we must not show love but be love'. Many were challenged in a very a positive way. A great weekend overall.

We also had a visit from Edwin, Heleen and the children who were over from Rotterdam. It was good to have their fellowship and especially for our new ones to meet overseas saints and see that we are part of a much bigger, greater work than just our corner of the vineyard. Edwin brought an uplifting second talk at the Sunday meeting. Their visit was short but much appreciated by all. We welcome visitors anytime!!!

On a last note, our fellowship had another baby arrival this month: Mariah born early June to Dorine Hoppert. It is quite good to see our crèche and Sunday school grow in number. Noisy at times but always great fun!

## UK, North-West

June was yet another busy month and consisted of more of the same for us in the North West: just happily going about God's work and enjoying the fellowship. It was good to have Jonathan & Narisha from Adelaide visit us too. Our usual and regular outreaches seem to be producing a lot of interest lately, which is good to see. We haven't changed anything, just been consistently out there, rain or shine. So an increasing number of contacts are being established and we are seeing a reasonable number of observers coming



"Up North" & "Down Under" enjoy more fellowship at Burbo Bank beach in Liverpool



Fellowship after the Liverpool meeting, with Jonathan & Narisha from Adelaide.

to see why we believe we are totally different. This has resulted in a baptism this



Happy, happy, happy: Jenny, Debbie & Amber

month of a man who has been carefully observing us for some time. He finally decided to take the plunge. Good stuff. Overall, the saints are happy, overcoming and on the job. "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" – Habakkuk 3:18.

## Our Trip to Ghana; 24 May – 6 June

Viola, from the Dordrecht assembly, hadn't been back to Ghana since being born again. She wanted to go and tell her family the gospel and we, Marten and Cindy, from Rotterdam, were asked to go with her to provide support. Also, there were contacts to be followed up from previous visits. We had no idea what to expect. Soon after arriving, we met some members of Viola's family. Ghana is an extremely religious country. There is a great awareness of God, but also great confusion about how to serve



Marten, Cindy & Viola in Ghana

Him. We visited Accra, Buduburam (a Liberian refugee camp) and the province Kumasi. Thirteen people were baptized

during our stay, including Viola's sister. Many others received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. There are now two groups of brothers and sisters and we saw great signs and miracles occurring. Outreaching was not necessary as God placed

# The Revival Fellowship in:

people on our path, which was fantastic to see. The time really flew and on Sunday evening, 6<sup>th</sup> July, it was time to return home. It was an amazing experience and one that we would never want to have missed.



**Marten, Cindy and Viola.**

## The French Outreach; 9 - 13 June

As saints from various assemblies arrived, the central meeting point was in the new Hall in Angers. There were fourteen visiting saints in total (4 English, 4 Dutch, 3 Irish, 2 Australians and 1 Swiss). The hall is well located within walking distance from the city centre. The weather forecast promised rain for the duration of the outreach, however we only had rain on the day of arrival whilst driving to Angers, the rest of the week remained warm. In France, it is forbidden to hand out leaflets randomly so it was necessary to initiate conversations with people first. Some of the visiting brethren spoke French exceptionally well whilst others just knew the bare minimum. However this did not

deter anybody's enthusiasm and the Lord blessed our steps. Ps Ron Carslake gave a talk which encouraged us to go out and preach the gospel boldly. For the rest of the outreach we gathered each morning at the hall where we split up into teams and were provided with maps to go letterboxing and street outreaching. There were about 4,000 leaflets to be handed out daily so we went eagerly about our business. During one of the days, a visiting brother who knew very little French spoke to a French man called Franc; he came along to the hall and received the Holy Spirit. It was really uplifting. We had a prayer evening on Friday night, which was a really good way to commence the weekend. On Saturday it was 'market day' so the surrounding area was a hive of activity and opportunities were everywhere. It was really exciting to get out amongst the people; many were spoken to and invited to a presentation on 'Miracles' that evening. The evening's meeting was held in a hired meeting room in the Hotel de France, which was conveniently located at the train station. Eleven

visitors came along to the meeting! Initially there were introductions to the assembly by Alain and Edouard and then we had the presentation. Some of the brethren had opportunities to share short testimonies on 'Healing,' 'Protections' and 'Provision'. We had a break in-between which gave us the opportunity to chat to the visitors. After the break, Ps Ron gave a presentation on the history of the Pentecostal revival globally and 'Does it still happen today?' He concluded it with the things that are happening around Africa. The night finished with two baptisms back at the hall, a young girl and an older African lady. It was a terrific way to end the day and there were also a lot of contacts to be followed up from it. On Sunday we had the meeting again in the Hotel de France and seven visitors came along, some who had been the previous meeting. Again there were more contacts to be followed up on. Most of the visiting saints departed at varying times throughout Sunday. Later on that evening we heard that there was one more baptism. We went back home feeling really uplifted, encouraged and excited for

the things to come in France and of course at our home assemblies.



Outreach in Angers, France



Gisèle & Rachael



Outreach in Angers, France



Paddy, Athony & Gisèle

## Testimonies



My testimony begins in January 2000 when I heard the gospel from a young lady who invited me to a musical that night. I went along and afterwards, I was prayed for and received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Four days later, despite plenty of pressure from my family and the priest from the church where my mother went to, I was baptized in obedience to Gods word. From that moment my life

totally changed. I had received power from God to overcome my addictions to smoking, drugs and gambling. The desire to go out was gone and a longing to read the bible and tell people about God came in its place.

Over the years I have prayed with many people to receive the Holy Spirit. They all spoke in tongues and each time has been a special experience. I have prayed with several people to be healed including strangers, colleagues, my family and myself. Ten years ago after prayer, I was healed from lumps in my groin that kept reoccurring. They have never returned since. I praise God for a fantastic life filled with signs and miracles and that I have a vision of the truth and eternal life with God.

**Ben, Dordrecht, The Netherlands**



I was born again six years ago. I have a catholic background, but never used to experience God in my life or receive answers to prayer. As I thought there was no point in going to church I decided to stop. I thought about life and the injustice that took place, not only around me, but also over the world and wondered, 'Is this it?' If we live, die and there is nothing else,

we are no different than animals. I went to a few other churches that were different than the catholic church, but God was not there either. I even tried to forget about God but couldn't. One day I received a pamphlet and heard about how I could become a child of God and inherit eternal life by being born again. I had never heard these things before. I was initially a bit sceptical, but came to a meeting where I was prayed for and received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues. I had never been so happy before. The following day I was baptized. I am now able to give all my burdens to God, pray for specific situations and receive answers to prayer. God has also healed me on numerous occasions. I am thankful for my life with God and my brothers and sisters. I am very happy as I now have a purpose and certainty in my life.

**Alex, Dordrecht, The Netherlands**