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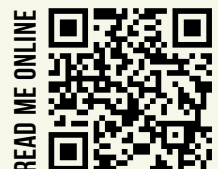
## NATURAL DISASTERS ILLNESS & CONFLICT

Is this the new normal?  
Or is there a way out of all  
the chaos and confusion?

## IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?

So many unknowns and so  
much fear. Or can there be  
certainty and clarity?

WHAT'S  
NEXT'S



A lighthouse with a black and white striped tower stands on a rocky island. The lighthouse is illuminated from within, casting a bright glow. The sky is dark and stormy, with a bright light source behind the lighthouse. The ocean is turbulent, with large waves crashing against the shore, creating white foam. The foreground shows a sandy beach with gentle waves washing onto it.

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It's God given.

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## WE BELIEVE

... in the infallibility of the Bible

... Jesus Christ is the Son of God

... the gospel of His death, resurrection and the directive to repent, be baptised and receive the Holy Ghost

... in the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit in the church

... we are baptised into the body of Christ - the church - through the Holy Spirit with the biblical evidence of speaking in tongues

... in prayer for the sick and healing by the power of God

... the Bible describes modern nations and gives signs of the soon return of Jesus Christ

# WHAT'S NEXT?

We can be thankful that in a world of such chaos and confusion, there is a certainty that can be fully depended upon.

God has told us *'Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.'* (Isaiah 46:9-11)



And that certainty is that God is *totally* in control. Whether we are talking about future world events, or our own unpredictable lives, God, as the saying goes, 'directs the traffic.' Amidst the turbulence and turmoil that you can read about in the pages of this magazine, God shows His guiding hand through His word and the personal stories of changed lives.

To begin with, we need to see the people of this planet through His eyes: humanity divided into just two categories, the saved and the unsaved. Then, we need to be honest as to which category we're in, either the sanctified or the damned.

What's next for the unsaved? What about those who were once faithful and have fallen by the wayside? While they face uncertainty about their lives here on Earth, the Bible paints a clear picture of what awaits them beyond the grave, *'a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.'* (Hebrews 10:27)

# THE GOSPEL

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However, even those who have opposed the gospel (the good news) will be welcomed with open arms by God when their hearts turn to Him. Jesus tells the parable of two sons in Luke 15:11-32 to illustrate this promise.

The apostle Paul's amazing calling and conversion in Acts 9:1-22 demonstrates God's grace and mercy. He was transformed from the persecuting Saul to the preaching Paul and converted many people to Christianity.

Another wonderful example of moving from unbelief to full conversion is that of Jesus' natural brothers, the children of Mary and Joseph (Matthew 13:55). James, Joses, Simon and Judas did not initially believe in Jesus (John 7:5) but through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, they became fully committed to the growth of the church (Acts 1:14, James 1:1 and Jude 1:1).

Now, what's next for the saved? What does the future hold for those living right now who have established a wonderful father-child relationship with their Creator?

When Jesus comes again, the apostle Paul's words of hope and encouragement apply to the saved ones.

*'Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.'* (2 Timothy 4:8)

So, which category are you in? Saved or unsaved?  
How can you be sure?

While there may be uncertainty in the world, our Creator offers proof of His personal relationship with us. We can expect answers to our prayers. We can all pray to God in our native language, 'in the understanding' (1 Corinthians 14:15), and those who have God as their Father can pray using miraculous words from the Holy Spirit. The Bible calls this kind of prayer 'speaking in tongues', in a language we do not understand (Isaiah 28:11, Zephaniah 3:9, Mark 16:17 and Acts 2:1-4).

The apostle Peter and the rest of the early church were convinced of salvation for all and sundry, when Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit with such evidence.

*'While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.'* (Acts 10:44-46)

What's next for you?

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Pastor Peter Moore tells his story of being involved in an incident where an out-of-control truck entered a highway rest-stop area where he and his family had just arrived. It's a harrowing story, but one which is full of miracles. Lots of them.



LISTEN TO HIS MIRACULOUS STORY





# CONFLICT CONTINUES

## IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR PEACE?

To say that we live in uncertain times is a gross understatement.

Recently we have seen armed conflict return to Europe, heard leaders of powerful nations talk about nuclear war and Armageddon, and seen many countries face energy crises – and that seems to be just some of the world's current problems.

Generally, people need to have some sort of picture regarding what the future holds in order to feel secure, but trying to work out what comes next is proving to be very difficult.

It was 84 years ago when Neville Chamberlain famously stood on the Heston Aerodrome tarmac, held up a document signed by Adolf Hitler and declared 'Peace in our time'.

As history shows, not long after that, the world was plunged into all-out war. The madness only came to an end after an estimated 75 million lives were extinguished. For some countries like Poland, the former USSR, and Ukraine, that meant having over 15% of their total population wiped out.

Our desire to live in peace has often led us to ignore obvious signs of imminent conflict. Neville Chamberlain's statement is a prime example of this.

We are living in similar times now. What makes our time more complicated though, is the flood of disinformation coming from all different types of mediums, making it hard to know what to trust.

The apostle Paul writes about the period of time just before the end of the world. *'This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.'* (2 Timothy 3:1)

Paul goes on to list a number of things which will be particular to that time. One such characteristic is portrayed in verse 13.

*'But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.'*



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DECEIVING, AND BEING  
DECEIVED.**

”  
— 2 TIMOTHY 3: 13

So, what's next?

We are now all stuck trying to piece together what's going on in an environment where many individuals and organisations spread disinformation. The hard part is that those being deceived are not aware of it.

Will tactical nuclear weapons be deployed in Ukraine? If so, by whom and what will that lead to?

It is clear that this conflict is becoming more ideological, and as such, the course of events doesn't always follow reason or logic. While speaking at the Valdai Discussion Club on 27 October 2022, President Putin went so far as to state that his crusade is against Satanism itself.

According to prophecies recorded in the Bible, a surprise attack on Jerusalem by a great league of nations will bring on Armageddon and the end of the world. This league of nations will be led by Russia, which currently has troops stationed in that region, in Syria.

After Russian troops intervened in the Syrian civil war in 2015, president Assad of Syria stated Putin was 'the only defender of Christian civilization one could rely on'.

In a meeting on 13 October 2022 Palestinian Authority's president Mahmoud Abbas urged the Russian president to take a more active role in Middle East peace negotiations. At the time of writing, Israel is forming a new government which may well prove to be more right-wing than what we have seen in recent times.

History proves it only takes a few world leaders to set a course of death and destruction for the masses. In our day and age, we are bombarded with information and disinformation round-the-clock; it is nearly impossible to sift through all the lies and deception. Amidst the chaos of world events and the continuous campaigns of deception, we have clarity in the word of God – where our security is sealed.

There is going to be an end to the world and it will come very swiftly.

*'Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.'* (Jeremiah 17:7)

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# Peace

'Peace I leave with you,  
my peace I give unto you'

– John 14: 27

## EXPERIENCE GOD'S PEACE

Peace can mean many things to different people and cultures. In some cultures, peace is finding equilibrium or existing in tranquility and serenity with nature. Perhaps in Ukraine, peace is finding a compromise for harmony, a negotiated peace to move away from violence. The world does not know the peace Jesus offers and seeks peace within its own capacity. It's tenuous.

Jesus said, *'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'* (John 14:27)

Peace or *eiréné* (Greek) in the Bible speaks about a sense of quiet confidence. It is a real peace where we know we have stopped violating God's laws and have recognised, acknowledged, and submitted to the divine way of peace.

Jesus is the personification of that peace. He gives us His peace, which is His unshakeable bond with the Father. This stems from His complete trust in divine truth from His Father's word. He trusted and acted upon this truth to the point of death for our benefit. It empowers us to know the way to trust God's word too.

*'To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'* (Luke 1:79)

This joy and peace in believing empowers us with real hope. It frees us from the confusion, misinformation, conspiracy theories, violence, and religious cynicism the world is mired in.

*'Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.'* (Romans 15:13)

This joy and peace in believing is revealed as we trust and act on His instruction to be born again by water and the Spirit (John 3:5–8).

*'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.'* (Mark 16:16–20)

It's a peace in *knowing* through personal experience. It aligns itself fully with His born again instructions, the sign that came after His rising and the church He started in Acts 2.

This peace anchors our soul.

Peace be with you.

**PASTOR COLIN TAN**  
Singapore



“  
**TO BE SPIRITUALLY  
MINDED IS LIFE  
AND PEACE.**

”  
– ROMANS 8: 6



# FINDING PEACE IN WAR

Hello, my name is Jose Nevarez. I heard the gospel in 1989, got baptised, and received the Spirit on 25 February 1990. The next six months were spent in fellowship, enjoying the blessings, healings, new life and liberty the Lord gave me. Unbeknown to me, it was also a time of preparation for what was to come.

On 1 August 1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait, and on 1 September our unit deployed to Saudi Arabia. Five Spirit-filled saints went. We were there for six months and during that time, we had Bible study meetings every evening after dark and we also operated the gifts of the Spirit.

These meetings sometimes happened inside a bunker, sometimes inside an armoured personnel carrier or out in the open desert. On Sunday mornings we had communion meetings. Attendance was always contingent on the guard roster or some other duty that got in the way. By the time the redeployment was over there were 22 people attending our meetings. All were 'illegally' baptised in the Persian Gulf and preached to from smuggled Bibles!

A few days before the ground campaign began, our unit was tasked with seizing an underground communications centre that the air forces hadn't been able to destroy. We were to attack 24 hours before the ground offensive began and hold that position until Marine armoured units arrived. We trained for the mission for two days. As we had no interest whatsoever in killing anyone, or getting killed, we prayed the whole time. Eight hours before the mission started our helicopters were assigned to a different mission. The Lord had answered that prayer.



Instead of going in 24 hours prior to the main offensive, we arrived at a different objective 24 hours after. By that time the Iraqi forces in that area had already fled or surrendered. Shortly after this, the war was over. The Lord had taken us, one part of a Marine infantry unit, through a major operation without having to fire a single shot at anyone.

The Lord showed me very early on in my walk that if I keep my eyes on Him there's nothing in this world that can overcome us. It's been 32 years and that lesson is still very fresh in my mind. I look forward to His soon return. Amen.

**JOSE - LONG BEACH, USA**

# SIGNS & WONDERS

I was baptised in water by full immersion and received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, in early 1990. By nature I was a person who held grudges for a long time. I had a very strong unforgiving attitude. I was healed of this without even praying about it.

I was full of joy and excitement as I witnessed to people who got baptised and Spirit-filled. Others were healed of different ailments. Personally, I had a serious heartburn since my childhood. I was allergic to all sorts of sugary foods. As soon as I was prayed for over this problem, I was instantly healed. Since then, I have never had any problem associated with sugary food. My heartburn was healed.

My second born daughter was diagnosed of a serious heart problem. Her heart had swollen. A group of doctors converged together to further examine her. They finally advised that she be taken to the largest referral hospital in the country for treatment. She was to undergo a major surgery. We didn't have any money to be able to cater for the surgery. I took the matter to a seekers meeting, where we prayed and fasted for this. My daughter was completely healed without any medical help. She has been well ever since. Praise the Lord.



Sometime in 1992, I was involved in a road accident in which some passengers died and others were injured, however, my daughters and I were protected. On 6 October 2012, I prayed for a two-month-old girl who had already been announced dead and God brought her back to life.

I thank God for making me one of his children. Praise be to God.

**ANN - KENYA**



# A DRY GROUND

The world is void of truth and righteousness. It is spiritually wild and barren; without faith and hope. It is like a land without water.

Can anything grow forth from a dry ground?

A similar question was asked about Jesus.  
'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' (John 1:46)

The birth, life and death of Jesus were full of challenges. He was ridiculed, humiliated, bruised and rejected. That's how a man's life is on Earth. As a flower he comes forth, and he is soon cut down. He is a shadow and cannot live forever. He is like a plant growing forth from a dry ground.

*'When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.'*  
(Isaiah 41:17-18)

*'For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.'*  
(Isaiah 44:3)

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and my blessing upon thine offspring'**

- Isaiah 44: 3



Through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, a new hope was found. Redemption from the dryness and hopelessness was availed. Like fresh water upon a dry ground, the Holy Spirit has come to refresh thirsty souls in this world.

A new life begins once we repent and bury our old life through water baptism in full immersion. The Lord pours unto us showers of spiritual water of life from above, evidenced by speaking in tongues. This quenches the thirst and restores God's blessings upon His chosen people.

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# THE REFRESHING

Without water there is no life. The majority of the planet is made up of water, most of it in our atmosphere, and if it all descended at once the whole world would be under water. Instead, it evaporates, forms ice, snow and rain, runs from rivers to sea, and evaporates again. There is no more and no less water on Earth today, than there has ever been. God has given exactly enough water to preserve life. A perfect cycle. A perfect design.

*'All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.'* (Ecclesiastes 1:7)

Humans are completely dependent on water. Eighty percent of our bodies are made up of water. We can go approximately one month without food but only three days without water. We must keep taking on fluid, or we perish. So, we are in a perpetual cycle of thirsting for more and more and more.

God uses thirst as a metaphor for man's soul: it is never satisfied, forever discontent with what it has, and when it receives something craved, is again quickly unsatisfied. Mankind is thirsty, dehydrated, not comprehending that only God's living water can satisfy.

*'Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yay, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.'* (Isaiah 55:1-3)

God understands our natural state. He knows it's within all of us to seek fulfilment in experiences, possessions, travel, education, relationships and countless other pursuits to find satisfaction for our souls. But God knows that we must come to Him to be satisfied.

During His ministry on earth Jesus implored those around Him, *'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'* (John 7:37-38)

Rest, peace, and true contentment are found in God alone. Those that come to Him, who come to His living water and drink of it, find soul-deep satisfaction and answers to all of life's questions. Our God reconciles, soothes, sustains, and quenches so that we never have to thirst again.

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“  
**BUT THE WATER THAT I  
SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL BE  
IN HIM A WELL OF WATER  
SPRINGING UP INTO  
EVERLASTING LIFE.**  
”

— JOHN 4: 14

# WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING?

It seems our worst fears, the things that keep us up at night, are happening simultaneously around the world right now.

In Australia, we're worried about the rising cost of living. Inflation is sitting at higher levels than we've seen in years and people are genuinely struggling. Many countries around the world have sky-high inflation rates. Iran, an advanced nation with very high GDP, is sitting around 40%. Turkey, Syria and Lebanon are at 200%. Monthly salaries in Syria now cover a family's expenses for perhaps a day and a half.

In June, Sri Lanka announced it was down to its last day of petrol, and the people have been expressing their desperation through protests and rioting. Pakistan, similarly is going through incredible instability, and many countries are losing trust in their leaders.

Russia invaded Ukraine, a sovereign nation, under the mystifying pretence of denazification and demilitarisation. Vladimir Putin said the Russian troops would be welcomed as liberators with flowers in the streets. Instead, over 6 million Ukrainians have been internally displaced, the war is entering its second winter, and thousands upon thousands of lives have been lost. It's an utter tragedy.

Even Australia's powerful allies are under pressure as democracy's fault lines begin to appear. This year, for the first time in Britain's history, we saw their Prime Minister convicted of a criminal offence and their successor resign after a record 44 days.

Meanwhile in America, appalling gun violence is just one symptom of a society teetering on the edge of collapse. Their social, political, financial, and ideological divisions have never run deeper. What on Earth is happening?

Many scriptures describe what the world will look like leading up to the return of Jesus Christ, and it is remarkable how closely they resemble the current state of the world. Even obscure references are now recognisable as characteristics of the world today. Take Daniel's prophecy for example:

*'But thou, oh Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.'* (Daniel 12:4)

Describing the end times with the phrase, *'many shall run to and fro,'* may seem like an odd way to qualify a certain time in history; after all, people have been travelling forever. Yet, right now, there are 14,000 commercial flights in the air. That's not including private jets, or planes taxiing on the ground, or people checking in and boarding; just commercial flights in the sky this very moment. *'Many shall run to and fro,'* indeed.



*'Knowledge shall be increased'* is another phrase that until relatively recently could have described any time in history. And yet, we've moved from zero publicly available websites in 1990 to 1.6 billion today; about 380 new websites are launched every minute, making all sorts of information more accessible than ever before. That's an unprecedented increase in knowledge.

In Matthew 24, Jesus tells his disciples of signs that will signal 'the end times' which will herald his return. Jesus described *'wars and rumours of wars'* as one of these signs. He said, *'Nation shall rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom.'* With so many nations rising up against their neighbours, and with ethnic divisions leading to civil unrest, this prophecy has never been more relevant than it is today.

A few short years ago, we could not have imagined what the effect of pestilence on a global scale would look like, but we are now living with the impact of the Covid pandemic. Jesus' description of the end times involving *'famines and pestilence'* is now evident on a larger scale than ever before.

“ SURELY I COME QUICKLY  
— REVELATION 22: 20 ”

What on Earth is happening? With the fulfilment of Bible prophecy happening at an unprecedented rate, we should instead ask, what on Earth isn't happening?

Matthew 24 tells us that when we see these signs, then we shall '*see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven in power and great glory.*' Nobody's going to miss the return of Jesus Christ. The whole world will stop.

Will you be ready?

Jesus described the process of being ready for His return as being 'born again'. '*Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*' (John 3:5)

The Lord expects us to bury our old life in the waters of baptism: to be born of water. The disciples were instructed to wait for the promise of the Father, and on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles and they spoke in tongues; they knew they had been born of the Spirit.

This event drew a lot of attention from nearby crowds, and they asked what on Earth was happening.

Peter answered them and said, '*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.*' (Acts 2:38)

Being born of water and of the Spirit is what makes you a true Christian, not giving your heart to the Lord or standing under a flag while quoting a prayer; you won't find those things in the Bible.

What *is* in the Bible shows us we're living in the end times. So, if you're troubled by world events and wondering what on Earth is happening, Peter's instruction is still the only way to find the answer.

Will you be ready when Jesus comes, or will you be left wondering, what on Earth is happening?

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# THE WORK OF GOD

"Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God."

– Job 37: 14

I suppose there isn't a single one of us that hasn't marvelled at some aspect of the world around us. The seemingly endless stretch of stars in the night sky – just how many could there possibly be? The perfect curve of a barrelling wave accompanied by that awesome crash – how is it at once so beautiful and so brutal? The intricate patterning of your favourite finch or lorikeet, as if painted by number – how do those colours look so good together?

And on it goes.

The might of the lion, the smarts of the ant, the elegance of the giraffe, the flight of the eagle. The stretch of the desert, the dark of the jungle, the mystery of the mountains, the scent of the flowers. The pattern of the clouds, the fear of the lightning, the warmth of the sun, the silence of the snowfall. The storms of spring, the colours of autumn, the torrent of the wet, the transience of the seasons. The curve of the earth, the pull of the moon, the suspension of the planets, the flow of time. The drama of birth, the miracle of life, the gift of free will, the endurance of love.

And it all just... happened by chance?

## Consider

The Bible teaches that God created our world with all its splendour and wonder. It is not difficult to imagine that if an all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-living God exists, then He could probably create whatever He wanted, including the universe. However, this is spectacularly at odds both with modern science, which holds evolution as incontrovertible fact, and with secular society, which holds that God doesn't exist. You might hold these views too.

Yet there is one thing on which I think we can agree: nothing can be proven without evidence. In fact, science itself relies on this principle. If there is solid evidence of the existence of God, are you prepared to reconsider? It would be unscientific and closed-minded not to...

The Bible claims the evidence is all around you. In Romans 1:20, it says:

*For His [God's] invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.* (ESV)

In essence, those things we marvel at in the world around us are proof alone of God.

But He hasn't stopped there...



The evidence of His existence is not limited to the things you can see, hear, touch, taste and smell. The genius of God is that, despite the overwhelming evidence of His existence being all around you, He has reserved the most critical piece of evidence for you to experience personally and intimately: God can put His own force and power, the Holy Spirit, inside of you.

That has happened to everyone at the Revival Fellowship. And when it happens to you too, then you'll know, as we do, without a shadow of doubt: God is real. Then you'll know who painted the birds, who hung the planets in space, who ensures the spring storms pass on through. Then you'll know who gave you life and free will: Him whose love for you has endured since before time began. Then you'll know Him, whose thoughts for you are more than the number of stars in the sky, whatever that impossible number be.

The evidence is available to you today.

What are you going to do with it?

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A person wearing a dark jacket and a light-colored beanie stands on a rocky outcrop, looking up at the night sky. The sky is filled with stars, and the Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the frame. The person's reflection is visible in a small pool of water in the foreground.

## PSALM 8: 3-4

When I consider thy heavens,  
the work of thy fingers,  
The moon and the stars,  
which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou  
art mindful of him?  
And the son of man,  
that thou visitest him?

# Fellowship Reports

## SOLOMON ISLANDS OCTOBER 2022

It's now been ten years since the Solomon Islands Revival Fellowship began. Revival sprang up in the capital, Honiara, in January 2012 when four people were baptised in Lunga River.

With early support on the ground from Australia and Papua New Guinea, the Lord confirmed his word with signs, wonders and miracles to establish the work in five of the ten provinces.

Over 1000 Spirit-filled people now gather regularly, in around 20 established fellowship groups.

A ten-year anniversary celebration was planned for January 2022, on the same weekend the country went into its first Covid lock-down.

Despite the challenges of Covid outbreaks, lock-downs and isolation, and political unrest triggering riots in Honiara in November 2021, the word of God multiplied.

Once international borders reopened in July 2022, a small group of Australians seized the opportunity to visit Honiara for a week in October, and met some of the hundreds of people who had been baptised and Spirit-filled since the last major outreach in Solomon Islands in 2019.

Many saints had travelled over 24 hours by boat to join in. It was a wonderful time of strengthening, encouragement, reunion and revival.

During the week, 26 people were baptised, some in the same river as the first four baptisms ten years before.

As always, the preaching of the gospel was accompanied by miracles: James repented, got baptised and received the Holy Spirit after being healed of a stroke that had left him unable to speak. After going through the waters of baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit, Harriet was healed of an abscess in her jaw and discharged from hospital.

The good news continued after the Australians returned home and shared their experiences at Carrickalinga Kids' Camp. Three weeks later, inspired by the revival amongst the children in Australia, the Solomon Islands camp for young people aged 12–30 resulted in 13 baptisms. The camp theme was *'Be strong and courageous.'* (Joshua 1:6)

We pray for continued revival in the Solomon Islands.

**PASTOR CHRIS KERNAHAN & JACOB RIGGS**  
Adelaide, SA, Australia





## FROM FLOODS TO FORTY YEARS OF MIRACLES

The Lismore fellowship commenced in January 1982 after significant revival took place in the small country town of Nymboida (population 100) some two hours travel away. The ten new Nymboida saints were soon joined by others and it was determined a fellowship would be established in Lismore. This was the closest centre to where several other saints lived who had been supported by the Gold Coast fellowship.

Very exciting times of revival took place, and the fellowship grew rapidly. We soon moved to a larger rented premises, purchased land and undertook to build what was at that time the largest mudbrick building in the Southern Hemisphere. This task was accomplished with the aid of a mudbrick making machine constructed by members of the church and many working bees over a four-year period.

During this time we saw miracles too numerous to mention, but they include: a man diagnosed with AIDS who was obviously very ill, completely healed overnight; a child found drowned at the bottom of a swimming pool, miraculously brought back to life; and our own newborn son who had contracted life threatening whooping cough while in hospital, wonderfully healed. Doctors referred to him as the 'mystery baby', as his healing was so rapid and complete.

We can praise God that the miracles continue 40 years on. Most recently my wife and I personally experienced His hand of protection during the catastrophic flooding of the Lismore district in February this year. Our business was one of the very few in town that did not lose everything, due in no small measure to the assistance of the Lismore saints who rallied to get our stock to the very top floor of our building, which remained high and dry 300mm above the flood waters. We are very thankful for the help we received in a time of real need and to the Lord for containing the flood waters. Apart from a brother's workshop being inundated, all fellowship members escaped the devastation that many others experienced. The brother now testifies that he is better than before the flood as his dated equipment has been replaced with brand new models at no cost to him.

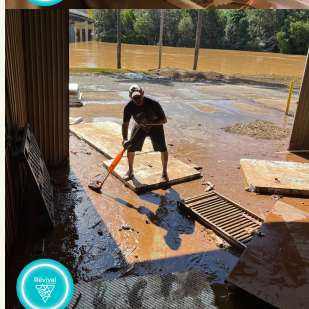
The fellowship currently meets in our new (fired brick) facility, which we built in 2011. We continue to see God's blessings upon our fellowship members with daily testimonies of the Lord's hand working in the lives of the local saints.

Wonderfully, we have seen many of our children grow to adulthood who continue to walk in the path the Lord has laid down, and now have children of their own who have also received the Holy Spirit. Their personal testimonies have also grown with numerous healing, protection, and provision miracles experienced by them and their children.

The Lismore fellowship has provided Christmas and Easter camps for most of our 40 years. Unfortunately, these have been impacted in recent times; firstly, by Covid restrictions, and currently by emergency housing needs after the flood. We hope to be up and running again next year, if the Lord tarries.

So, what can I say? There's no place I'd rather be than 'in the Lord' and Lismore's not a bad place to do that. (Swimming lessons are free of charge.)

**PASTOR PETER MILLER**  
Lismore, NSW, Australia



# Fellowship Camps

## BATH, UK

### AUGUST 2022

Our 13th Summer Camp was held at Kingswood school in beautiful Bath, South West England. With around 240 people attending, including fourteen local and overseas pastors, we had fellowship from morning to evening.

The dining room was filled with people enjoying cups of tea, and the daily BBQs in the courtyard were popular. Each evening we enjoyed yet more laughter and chatter in the noisy 'quiet house'.

Our days were filled with outings to town, sampling the many attractions in the city. One day we travelled to Shaftesbury, and viewed Gold Hill, the site of filming for the famous 1970s Hovis bread advert.

Another day was spent cycling around the canals of Avon and stopping for a swim in a weir. At the end of the week, we held our annual youngies vs oldies football match, with vociferous supporters cheering on.

Wherever we went we outreached, inviting people back to the camp, as well as to the regular local Bristol Revival Fellowship meetings. Bristol is a new centre in this area, having recently joined in with our fellowship.

Five people were baptised and many contacts were made. We all enjoyed the meetings, which featured a number of younger ones giving fuller, longer, confident testimonies of all aspects of their conversion and their walk in the Lord.

Next year's Summer Camp will be held 12-19 August. Contact your local pastor to find out how to register.

**PASTOR STEVE MURPHY**  
Medway, UK





## A RESTORATION

I first came to know about the Lord through my parents. I was brought up in a household where my family spoke in tongues, read the Bible and attended the Revival Fellowship in Adelaide. When I was around 11 years old I attended a prayer meeting at a Summer Camp and prayed to God to receive the Holy Spirit. I spoke in tongues and was baptised the next day.

I had a very good childhood and upbringing and enjoyed going to camps and spending time with my friends in the fellowship, but I never really felt like I belonged and didn't have a love or appreciation for the things of the Lord. When I was in my early 20s I chose to leave the fellowship and live a life without a relationship with God.

In 2011 I moved to London with my husband, and my daughter was born in 2012. By 2015 my marriage had broken up and I was left feeling heartbroken and crushed. Instead of turning to the Lord for comfort, I became involved in the partying lifestyle of the people I worked with in an investment bank in the city.

I started drinking alcohol casually and for a while this helped to fill the void I had in my life, but very soon it was sending me into a spiral of anxiety and sadness and I was finding it very hard to stop drinking.

By March 2020, Covid and the subsequent lock-downs then escalated my drinking problems to the point where I no longer had any control at all over my life due to my addiction. Ninety-five percent of my day was spent in a constant internal battle of trying not to drink, which was exhausting and terrifying. I would always end up drinking so I didn't need to think about it anymore. I tried reading self-help books on addiction and seeing different therapists but nothing could take the craving to drink away from me.

In June 2021, I attended an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting where the group discussed a higher power/God intervening in their lives and it felt like a sign that I should be seeking the Lord for a healing. AA seemed to be a wonderful tool for keeping addiction at bay, but I wanted a healing. I wanted the urge to drink to completely disappear from my life.

I started praying to God for a healing but I wanted it on my terms. I wanted a healing without committing to fellowshipping again. After failing at keeping sober yet again and hitting my absolute rock bottom, I met with my AA sponsor who told me that God was powerful, but not more powerful than alcohol. This felt like a challenge as I knew without a doubt that the Lord could heal me. I just had to stop asking him on my terms.

That weekend I spoke to Pastor Steve and Marion and told them I wanted to come back to fellowship. Within a week I was healed and the urge to drink was completely removed, and the thought of alcohol has never been on my mind again unless I am sharing my testimony.

The Lord healed me from my alcohol addiction and He also blessed me with a love and respect for his Word and the saints in the fellowship.

Praise the Lord.

**ERIKA - UK**

# Canada

## LOON LAKE

## SUMMER CAMP

AUGUST 2022



'Spirit-filled and Spirit-led' has always been a common theme in our fellowship, and by God's grace, it always will be. This year has been unique in terms of the unfolding of events that our gracious God has, by His providence, been leading us into for many years. In February, our Vancouver fellowship was united by the Lord with the Revival Fellowships around the world. To be reunited with brothers and sisters who are not similar but the same, is a true testament to the will and purpose of God being accomplished in His church and it has been a humbling honour for all who are a part of it.

As God works His purpose out, He always leaves His unique signature of wonders, signs and miracles obvious for all who want to see the truth. The march of events this year is no different. To not only see but be part of the miraculous unity that only the Spirit of God can create, provides an incredible assurance that we are a people led by our Saviour, who is the head of His church.

Our 2022 Summer Camp was a particular highlight, as the Holy Spirit brought over 100 souls together at Loon Lake, British Columbia. All present could see the fulfilment of many mighty promises, some notable ones being:

- God's evident love (John 13:35, Romans 5:5)
- assurance of salvation (2 Peter 1:8-10)
- healing (Mark 16:18)
- unity.

*'That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.'* (1 John 1:3,7)

As with all Holy Ghost revivals, ours began on the day of Pentecost. The particular revival movement that we are a part of took hold in Australia in the 1940s and spread around the globe.

The purpose of this magazine is the same as others that have gone before; to share written testimonies of God working among His people, to inspire, encourage, unite, revive, and build up. The great commission given by Jesus to 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature' (Mark 16:15) has been made somewhat easier through modern technology, but what has not changed is the simple requirement to repent, be baptised and receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), and this is the message we continue to declare.

**PASTOR BEN SMITH**  
Vancouver, Canada



# European

## SUMMER CAMP AUGUST 2022

In the first week of August some 275 brothers and sisters from different parts of Europe, the UK, Suriname and Aruba came together for our annual Summer Camp in the Netherlands.

The theme was 'Confidence to speak the word without fear'. During the week we put this into practice, through organised outreaches and preaching to passers by.

The camp is held in a very picturesque village where many people go walking, and is near a few bigger towns - making it a good 'fishing' spot for the saints! This all resulted in many new contacts and a few new people visiting the camp meetings.

They all received a warm welcome and had the opportunity to stay for a meeting, a chat or even spend the day at camp. Five of them were born again, the last baptism taking place even as the hall was being packed up on the last evening.

As always, it was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning for all of us. There were three meetings daily, several presentations, coffee on tap and ongoing fellowship times around the picnic tables on the terrace with plenty of food - spiritual and natural!

The campsite is situated in a large private garden with football fields, a playground, hammocks... and the weather meant we could make the most of it all. A highlight for the kids was a games afternoon, organised by the Next Gen.

One of the things that makes these camps really special is the way that brethren from many different countries come together as one family in unity. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to organise translation so that we can all get the full benefit out of the meetings, no matter what language we speak.

Brothers and sisters are always ready to translate during fellowship times so that no one feels left out. What a privilege to have spent this time together, growing our faith and receiving a spiritual confidence boost through the encouraging talks, testimonies and fellowship.

Let's continue to speak the word!

**PASTOR PIET VISSER**  
Dordrecht, Netherlands

'Confidence to speak  
the word without fear'



# Adelaide

## LEADERSHIP CAMP

'Culture of  
Revival'

MARCH 2022

Over 400 people, including over 100 interstate and overseas visitors, headed down to Carrickalinga Revival Camp over the March public holiday Weekend in South Australia for a great time of fellowship together. Covid complications restricted some from coming, so online streaming was made available for them.

The camp was an opportunity to look into the Word of God and reflect on what a 'Culture of Revival' could look like for the fellowships all around the nation and across the world.

Respecting the basic Bible principles, loving one another, committing to the work of God as a household, understanding the power of our testimonies, being Holy Ghost inspired and knowing the times were topics of discussion over the time spent together.

Ideas were shared, encouragement was given and possibilities discussed with a focus on how to move the gospel in this time and for this generation.



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