



GOOD NEWS THROUGH ZOOM

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Through Zoom we have been blessed to be able to join in fellowship with Christians from different countries who are part of the East African Revival Fellowship. These meetings came about because we weren't able to meet together in person. It has meant we've been able to see people we haven't seen for years.

The Revival had its beginnings in 1929 in Uganda, from where it spread out, touching individuals, mission stations and Churches across Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi. Small fellowship groups sprang up, then larger conferences were held, where many came together for preaching of the Word, to pray and to give testimony how Jesus was satisfying their formally cold, empty hearts.

In post-war Europe, teams of Africans and missionaries responded to calls from those who had heard of the movings of God's Spirit in East Africa. In Britain, the evangelist Roy Hession invited them to speak at a conference, where he heard for the first time the revival message. Roy and a number of others found that what was being shared by the team was something quite different from what they expected. The emphasis was not on some



exciting experience, nor did they speak so much about revival, rather they testified about how the Holy Spirit had met with them anew, convicting them of sin and pointing to Calvary, that place of deep repentance. As Joe Church, a missionary Doctor, expressed: revival is not the roof blowing off, but the bottom falling out.

A group of British evangelists and clergy desired to share with others how God had met with them. They organised fellowship weekends and regional conferences, sometimes joining international conventions, which have continued right up to pre-lockdown. The need of fellowship continues and this has inspired groups in each country to meet via Zoom, for times of Bible Study, prayer and sharing. An international group from five time zones have been meeting monthly. They are a time of blessing and encouragement as we seek to keep Jesus central in our lives and our fellowships, knowing that Jesus truly satisfies.

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