

JUDE 25 : 40 YEARS !!



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Dear friends,

Ah yes... it seems unbelievable, but Jude 25 is 40 years old !!! Forty years since the group first dedicated itself to announcing "essentials for the heavenless"

⇒ In fact, *Ursula and Elsbeth Wüthrich, Eduardo Cino and Dominique Fontaine* first began singing together during their stay in England in 1973, which is 45 years ago!

Ursula and Elsbeth came from the German-speaking part of Switzerland, Eduardo was a Sicilian born in Belgium, and Dominique came from the North of France (a true "ch'ti").

From the beginning, it was an explosive mixture, and everyone who heard them sing encouraged them to continue.

After their respective marriages and pastoral engagements, Eduardo wanted to make a recording and was able to motivate the other three "musketeers" to take on the project. This first album, "God wants to help you," came out in September 1978, exactly 40 years ago!!

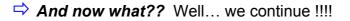
The album had a strong impact from the beginning and responded to a real need. The group took the name "Jude 25" (referring to the 25th verse of Jude, which you can read in your bibles) and produced album after album.

The quartet toured for more than 10 years, primarily but not exclusively in French-speaking countries. They then integrated their respective children to produce 3 "family" albums and toured for another ten years. What an amazing experience!

Afterward, each one having new activities and most of the children having married, Dominique and Elsbeth continued as a duo for the next 18 years up to the present. Jude 25 has therefore existed for 40 years under different configurations. In all, they produced no fewer than 14 albums, 4 videos/DVDs, and 1 book edited by Dominique.

You can watch over thirty video clips for free on the website created by Dominique and his son Luc by going to <u>www.jude25.ch</u> then clicking on the YouTube icon on the left of the homepage. We still see today the impact that Jesus Christ has made through Jude 25 throughout the years in

thousands and thousands of hearts, not only in French-speaking countries throughout the world, but also in English-speaking regions (one of their albums is in English).



Elsbeth and Dominique, alongside pastoral work in Lausanne, Switzerland, travel through Europe, Africa and other places, wherever God guides them. They give numerous concerts, share their testimonies, preach in Protestant, Catholic, evangelical churches as well as other denominations, offering hope to those who suffer from addictions, through Dominique's testimony about his own addiction to and liberation from alcohol as well as the book "Quand le verre vire au rouge," participating in television and radio programs, interviews for different newspapers and magazines, holding sessions for couples, seniors, and all other age groups. Brief anecdote: last month, a young girl (not yet Christian) who heard them for the first time said, "But... what you're doing is really young! I heard groups a lot younger than you... but what you're doing is even more young than what the youth do!"

⇒ We recently had two experiences in a prison in Lausanne, and the detainees, who have a really difficult past which gave us goosebumps, were profoundly touched by God. Several burst into tears, others cried silently while with the chaplain we prayed personally for each one who wanted it. Pray for these men, for God can pardon the most terrible things and transform these persons into new creatures. He alone can effect this miracle in their lives, and we are so glad to be



among His ambassadors! We offered them a box of DVDs, and they continue to watch the clips and listen to the message of the songs in their cells.

⇒ While you are reading these lines, we are on the way to Senegal, where we have already been last year. We will be there from the 9th to the 21st of December to encourage the on-site team



who works in the prisons, as they are going through a difficult time at the moment, but also to once again sing in several prisons, and also to give a concert at the auditorium of the University of Thiès. Several hundred or even several thousand persons, prisoners and otherwise, will hear the gospel. We need you and your prayers! What a miracle to be able to freely proclaim Jesus in a country that is 96% Muslim !

We do all our prison work, in Switzerland as well as in Senegal, on a *voluntary basis*. We assume the travel costs to Senegal ourselves, according to the conviction of our hearts. For other places, we try to cover the costs and, if possible, to have help for continuing the ministry, but we never ask a fee, leaving the liberty to those who invite us according to their means, as we don't want money to be an obstacle. God has been faithful throughout the years, and He will continue His faithfulness.

⇒ We warmly thank all those who wish to help our "Mission Jude 25" financially, regularly or occasionally, according to your means, modest or abundant. Each gift, no matter what the amount, is a big help and encouragement for us. And thank you also and especially for all of you who pray for us... this is vital!! We have put our practical information at the bottom of the page.

Plenty of engagements have already been added to the agenda for 2019: in Switzerland, in Belgium, a three-week tour in Southern France (even with a concert in Monaco, something that would have been impossible a while back), and we plan to go on tour to Kinshasa in the DR Congo next summer.

You can follow the details of our travel under the heading "concerts" on our website <u>www.jude25.ch</u> On the site, you also have the possibility to order CDs or books in hardcopy and in digital format. You also have the possibility to download songs individually.

United in Him,

Dominique & Elsbeth Fontaine / Jude 25

...AND WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A 2019 FULL OF BLESSINGS.

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