



## **WE'RE OFTEN NOT AT THE END OF OUR SURPRISES**

Dear friends,

Rossens, Switzerland, May 2025

Our last newsletter was sent in March 2024 ... which is more than a year ago ...

Yes, time flies by for all of us...

♦ We've been busy with various invitations for « Jude 25 » concerts, testimony on addiction, as well as preaching in different churches (in different denominations here in Switzerland, including the Chinese church in Lausanne where we are several times a year, as well as in France and Spain) and are happy to see God's hand on every occasion.

♦ Recently, during a testimonial evening by Dominique on his alcohol addiction, with an audience of around 90 people, 6 accepted Jesus as their Saviour, and 12 made a serious decision regarding their addictions! Not counting those who came up to us at the end to talk about their addictions, and for whom we were able to pray for about 2 hours after the meeting. Since then, Dominique has received many phone calls from people asking for advice and help. God is at work!

*We are delighted to bring our « Jude 25 Ministry » to ALL age groups:*

From young children upwards, as just recently in Nice, where we hosted a Sunday afternoon of songs we sang years ago with « Jude 25 en Famille ». It was wonderful to see them singing along with us, to the rhythm of the puppets and the projection of our video clips. Wow!

We are invited for all other age groups, including meetings for seniors, the « 60+ », Christmas parties for retired pastors, in a wide variety of backgrounds and denominations. It's the Gospel for everyone!

Elsbeth will share a few lines on this subject later.

### **♦ SOMETIMES GOD AMAZES US ... AND WE EXPERIENCE « SURPRISING » SURPRISES ... !**

We're going to try to sum up an experience that would have been absolutely improbable a few decades ago, but which we've been living for about a year now.

The canton of Fribourg, Switzerland, where we live, is very Catholic, very practising (Swiss cantons are of different religious denominations, mainly Catholic or Protestant).

♦ Last spring, Elsbeth was hired as a volunteer to teach catechism... *within the framework of the Catholic Church*. In our canton, this religious instruction is not given in the church, but in public, secular schools. *We were astonished that they would ask such a thing of an evangelical woman, and what's more a pastor's wife !*

♦ But early last summer, the person in charge asked to meet Dominique and, much to our surprise... asked if he too would be willing to volunteer to teach catechism... *This time they're actually asking a pastor to do it !* What open-mindedness on their part, what confidence ! We were clear, and told them the points we couldn't teach, such as praying to Mary, to the saints, the bodily presence of Jesus in the bread at the Communion, and the other points that set us apart. They agreed with everything!

♦ And so it is with total freedom that every Wednesday morning we teach the biblical message to these children. Elsbeth has 2 classes of 7-8 year-olds making a total of 19 children, and Dominique has a class of 15 youngsters aged around 10. It's a great challenge and we're happy to do it. It gives us a lot of contact with priests,

and other people in the Catholic world. They're very happy that we've accepted and appreciate us very much...and so do we ! One person recently said to Elsbeth: « You give a new freshness to my faith ». And we've noticed with joy that their teaching is truly Jesus-centered.

♦ The priests asked Dominique to take part in a celebration, and... he accepted. They asked him to lead the worship, with our « evangelical » songs, accompanied by his guitar, and enjoyed it immensely.

♦ Just recently they asked us to give a little « Jude 25 » concert for the leaders and presidents of the local Parish councils. They were very blessed. Some of them told us it was the 1st time in their lives that they felt what they felt during our singing. The hand of God was there!

There's so much more we'd like to share with you, but we've run out of space !

[The 2 header photos:](#)

On the left, our Evangelical Church at the Place de La Riponne, Lausanne,  
and on the right, the view from our home of the Catholic Church in our village of Rossens.  
In the middle... « Jude 25 »... a bridge ?



⇒ THANK YOU for supporting us in prayer for our Ministry in all its varied aspects, and THANK YOU for your financial support, which we still sorely need to continue living out what we've been called to do. Every donation counts, whether occasional or regular, from the most modest to the most substantial!

Our Switzerland is so beautiful, and we've been happy to live here for nearly 46 years...but it's so expensive !! You experience this in your daily life too ! We surround you with our prayers that the Lord will also provide for all your needs, whatever they may be.

In closing, here's a note from Elsbeth, written during our rehearsals for several of these invitations:

« When I read that a great artist, singer and composer, Jean-Pierre Ferland, had retired from the stage because he didn't want to grow old in public view, I found it both understandable and horrifying.  
I now realize why, as a young singer, I already wanted to project myself into old age...  
I knew that one day the frustration of age would hit me too.  
I was always looking for older people, to identify with their desires, fears and so on.  
Time has passed and, what luck, I don't have to retire from « the stage » so that the public doesn't see me ageing (although sometimes I've been tempted to do so) as this brilliant artist must have done!  
I've always loved singing for and in front of audiences young and old ! At the moment, I'm working with my « dearest and sweetest », both now seniors, on a forthcoming concert for seniors and another for children.  
Long live human beings! Long live music! Long live life forever ! »

So... whatever your age...

**WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER,  
AND GOD'S BLESSING ON EACH OF YOUR LIVES !!**

With our affection in Jesus  
**Dominique & Elsbeth / Jude 25**

*PS . A little more personal information:*

*At the beginning of July, Elsbeth and Dominique will celebrate... their 50th wedding anniversary !*

*Yes, everything is possible with God!*

*Thanks be to the Lord for his faithfulness. We're happy to have been able to live out these years in His service in so many ways, to have been able to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus to so and so many people, and... we intend to keep going for as long as He wants us to !!*

[If you would like to invite us, please contact us at info@jude25.ch](mailto:info@jude25.ch)

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