



## **HIT BY THE FULL FORCE OF COVID ...**

## **BUT STILL ON THE WAY**

Dear friends

Rossens, November 2021

We hope you are all doing well since our last letter in mid-December 2020.

Yes ... as you just read above, as far as we are concerned, a few days after this letter was sent ... **everything turned upside down !!** Many already know, but for many of you, we haven't had the time or the strength to let you know.

On December 23, we both went to the Emergency Department of the Cantonal Hospital in Fribourg (10 minutes from our new accommodation), with very serious symptoms of Covid. Elsbeth was suffering from a terrible, deep cough, and had very little strength. Dominique could see and feel his lungs weakening rapidly with the dangerously low oxygenation rate.

We were immediately referred to two different departments. **The tests were clear: we were both infected with Covid ...** After some treatment Elsbeth was able to go home but in strict quarantine for 10 days (this one day before Christmas Eve ...). As for Dominique, he was taken at a run in a wheelchair to a special, ultra-isolated room, treated by doctors in cosmonaut outfits !!

⇒⇒⇒ ***The next morning the verdict fell: Dominique, in intensive care, had to be placed in an artificial coma, intubated, under machines etc. otherwise he risked not surviving because the Covid had already severely attacked his lungs (already weakened by the illness of February 2019).***

It was December 24th... and Dominique spent Christmas Eve "in a nativity scene between heaven and earth"...! Elsbeth found herself alone at home, in the moving boxes, not knowing when Dominique would come out of the coma ... or even if he was going to wake up or not ... But God supported her in these hard times, being also herself suffering from the famous Covid.

Doctors were talking about ten days in a coma first. But after 4 days, these same astonished and happy doctors announce to Elsbeth that they can get him out of the coma because things have improved quickly for him. In tears, Elsbeth thanks Jesus and everyone who prayed for this great miracle.

But, you know... whether it's 4 days in a coma or 10 or more.... When you come out of it, you are in a state of total weakness, without any strength, and you have to... learn everything again, until the gestures, more basic.

But... God has promised never to forsake or abandon us, and our God keeps His promises. He continued to give Dominique the gift of his extraordinary and difficult to explain peace. What love! what fidelity!

But it is obvious that alongside the inner peace, the sufferings are there ... this weakness that knocks you down, these pains, this very painful feeling of suffocation, the realization that there is a very long and difficult road to go back up the slope.

Today, life is punctuated by many medical appointments, physiotherapy etc. (between 2-3, up to 5 per week). **But things are progressing, and he is regaining ground on everything that was sabotaged by this disease.** (His pulmonary functions, after almost 2 years following the 1st illness, had recovered to 90%. Then they plummeted to a very low level. Recently tests have shown that he is now at 70%. Please pray that 'it is getting closer and closer to 100%!)

In addition, there is a herniated discs that generates not obvious and crippling suffering, but we are moving forward.

Elsbeth, has recovered well from this illness and is doing well, still very active in visiting with the elderly and others, and in street evangelism and in all its forms.

⇒⇒⇒ Before we give just some more news, we would like to leave you this again: There are some extraordinary, wonderful things that you only learn in hardship. There is enormous wealth there. If, you who

are reading us, you are going through difficult times... do not be discouraged, and above all do not blame yourself, and do not let anyone make you feel guilty. God is not the God of shemas. He has a very personal plan for each and every one of us, he sees much further than us, he keeps us in his hand, not allowing trials to be beyond our strength, he has everything under his control, he is there, present every second !!

#### ⇒ Our activities and the Jude 25 ministry:

Everything was put on « pause » in view of the circumstances. BUT ... last July Dominique shared the preaching to the church of our eldest son Yann in Oropesa (Spain) and ... "historic event" ... Jude 25 sang for the 1st time in all this time, in this Spanish church!

Shortly before, he shared his testimony about alcohol via Zoom on the french TV show « On s'y retrouve », which you can watch on YouTube, « On apprend à gérer la critique et on entend l'histoire d'un pasteur alcoolique » (« We learn how to handle criticism and hear the story of an alcoholic pastor »).

Then he preached again at the Lausanne Church in October; another date is soon planned and... at the end of November, a weekend with Jude 25 concert, preaching, testimony, is scheduled in Sallanches (near Chamonix, France). Details will be on our website [www.jude25.ch](http://www.jude25.ch)

All this will therefore also depend on the sanitary conditions imposed on the organizers.

Please pray that God will lead us where he wants, with courage and wisdom ...

At the same time, the work is done via our site, e-mails etc. Here's what's in the works:

#### ⇒ Dominique's book « Quand le verre vire au rouge » ("When the glass turns red") comes out in German:

Its title: "**Vom Genuss zum Verdruss**" (From pleasure to trouble). It is now available for download on our site. Please pass the info on to your German speaking contacts !!

#### ⇒ We plan to put **all of our songs**, including backing tracks, on our site:

All the titles of all our albums since 1978 will gradually be available for download. This is a very big job that takes a long time, but we really want to do it because we always have requests from different countries of people who would like to get them and make them known.

#### ⇒ What about our needs ?:

*As you can imagine, our needs are always present. The charges remain the same, but the entries have decreased... (We are now touching our modest pension)*

*Our need for support is therefore still relevant! Thank you in advance for your loyalty ... and your prayers!*

*A BIG THANK YOU to those who help us according to their possibilities.*

*We did not have the energy to respond individually to all of your loving gestures.*

*This is of real help to us. Please do not hesitate to contact us personally at [info@jude25.ch](mailto:info@jude25.ch) if you would like more information regarding our needs.*

Here are the accounts infos for those who want it:

⇒ Account Switzerland:	Postfinance	CH66 0900 0000 2302 0023 1	BIC	POFICHBEXXX
⇒ Account France :	BNP	FR76 3000 4004 0900 0016 4526 289	BIC	BNPAFRPPBSC

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Mail forwarding from our old address is about to expire.

Please send your letters exclusively to this address:

**Route du Barrage 64, 1728 Rossens (Suisse)**

Otherwise... your letter will unfortunately be returned to you, which would be too bad.

*The months go by.... we wish you a happy end of the year  
as well as a year 2022 richly blessed by God !*

*Dominique & Elsbeth Fontaine / Jude 25*

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