



**Krzysztof and Aneta Rutkowsky**

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Dear Friends,

### **NO TASTE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Aneta and I would like to thank you for the prayers for our health. We got coronavirus just before Christmas and it was confirmed by tests. It seems I had been the first one to experience COVID's symptoms and Aneta just followed a couple of days later. Although I was the first to suffer, I did not go through the pain Aneta had to endure with the help of pain killers. The pain was accompanied by a high temperature, cough, and lack of appetite. I was really unwell for three days and lost the sense of taste and smell to a large extent and could not enjoy any food for Christmas. I could not enjoy food anyway because of my lack of appetite. In the worst moments, we slept and are thankful to our Lord for that.

### **RECOVERY**

I have been recovering much quicker than Aneta. She was unwell for nearly two weeks and still is fairly weak and has sort of bad days. The doctor advised her to take things very easy for a couple of weeks. God willing, we did not have to go to the hospital and things are gradually getting better. For me being in quarantine for thirteen days was the most difficult part.

### **EVENTFUL END OF THE YEAR 2020**

It is not difficult for Aneta to take things easy because at the end of the last year she joined the voluntary leave program launched by her company which aims at 15% employment reduction. There are four basic reasons behind her decision. Firstly, it had become too hard for her to spend four hours traveling to her office and back, and getting up around 4.20 am to catch an early morning train. Secondly, she wants to find new work and had been looking for it even before the voluntary leave program was launched and she still is. Thirdly, her company will make some people redundant if it does not reach a 15% employment reduction with the voluntary leave program. So, there was a risk Aneta would be made redundant. Fourthly, Aneta's company offered compensation for those who join the voluntary leave program.

### **THE LORD'S WORK**

Although we were affected by COVID, I was able to preach, and our group did not experience any trouble in that respect. All of our meetings and services are online due to restrictions so I can do the ministry of the Word from my office at home. Unfortunately, I could not pay any visits, and even over-the-phone pastoral care had been reduced but now I am back to my routine.

Aneta and Kasia are doing postgraduate studies at Higher Baptist Theological Seminary in Warsaw to become RE teachers. The reason for it is that we want our children to have evangelical RE classes equivalent to Roman Catholic classes at school. Our RE classes will also be offered to anyone interested and hopefully, become a means of outreach in our city.

Thank you for your faithful support in 2020 and your prayers for the Lord's work in our area.

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