

## Day 250 – Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Another milestone day. The immediate outlook looks bleak. The number of cases on the province and country seem to be skyrocketing. When I look at the statistics, all the wind gets blown out of my sails. It looks like Christmas could turn out as slow as Easter. Check out [corona.help](http://corona.help) for more statistics

Internationally the rate of increase has slowly increased.

1,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – April 4	
5,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – May 20	47 days later
10,000,000 person – June 27	38 days later
15,000,000 person – July 21	24 days later
20,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Aug 9	20 days later
25,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Aug 29	20 days later
30,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Sept 16	18 days later
35,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Oct 3	17 days later
40,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Oct 17	14 days later
50,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 7	21 days later
55,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 16	9 days later
60,000,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 25	9 days later

In Canada the rate is the total number leveled off, and then there was a recent upsurge

10,000 <sup>th</sup> person – April 2	
50,000 <sup>th</sup> person – April 28	26 days later
100,000 <sup>th</sup> person – June 13	46 days later
150,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Sept 24	103 days later
200,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Oct 18	24 days later
250,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 4	17 days later
300,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 16	12 days later

If you look at the graph on Saskatchewan, we were doing great, but then ...

100 <sup>th</sup> person – March 28	
500 <sup>th</sup> person – May 6	39 days later
1,000 <sup>th</sup> person – July 22	77 days later
1,500 <sup>th</sup> person – Aug 13	22 days later
2,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Oct 8	55 days later
2,500 <sup>th</sup> person – Oct 22	14 days later
3,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Oct 30	8 days later
3,500 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 5	6 days later
4,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 9	4 days later
4,500 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 13	4 days later
5,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 15	2 days later
5,500 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 18	3 days later
6,000 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 21	3 days later
6,500 <sup>th</sup> person – Nov 23	2 days later

These figures can bring us down...if we only look at the small picture. But if we look at the big picture there is a lot of hope. Many countries are on the verge of a vaccine, and when that happens it will knock the stuffing out of the virus. This does not even take into consideration the real reason of Christmas. Christmas is not all about getting together with family. It is not even all about celebrating Christ's birth. It is all about the Incarnation, God becoming human. So that we can be saved from our sins, and by extension...the Corona Virus. We can never forget, that as powerful as the Corona virus is, it is insignificant in comparison to the power of God. And we can never forget the message of the Book of Revelation..." God wins." That no matter what chaos is reigning all around us—"God wins."

So rather than look at the small picture and get depressed, I choose to look at the big picture and be filled with hope.

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, champagne in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!" (Hunter S. Thompson)

Sincerely,  
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