

Groggs in the States

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The Rest of the Story As Paul Harvey used to say.

There were so many details that had to be left out of our story over this past year. Since last month was the one-year anniversary of this ordeal, we wanted to take a moment to share some of those details with you. In doing so, we hope it will clear up some questions and Lord willing, raise no new ones.

I realize in some of this, you may have to go back and reread some previous newsletters. I will try and provide you with the references to make it easier as we go along.

They can all be found [here](#) though.

In [Vol. 3 Issue 4](#), you'll recall how I started talking about our issues by speaking of Sandra, our landlady in Belfast. We are quite assured now, that our issues actually started way before that. This wasn't really about Sandra, the house, or the construction on the lower apartment. This wasn't about Jason and our family volunteering our time, talent, and tools at Feed My Sheep.

From what we can tell now, this was (and still is) about the righteous vs the unrighteous, the world and its tyranny versus God's Kingdom and just rule. This is a fight for the spiritual dominion of Dominica. We came seeking reformation and those reigning in tyranny felt attacked.

If you would like to view all the videos, listen to the recordings, and hear the evidence we have gathered over the past year, they will eventually be posted [here](#), on Jason's YouTube channel.

The Bigger Issues An Overview

Here, I'm just going to highlight the left-out items that we believe are the most important to our story.

- The longer Jason volunteered for Feed My Sheep, watching the goings on, it became evident to him that FMS was using the name of Christ to fundraise but then using that money however they wanted. That included personal gain and luxuries, of which the Mahaut community saw none.

- Deborah Augustine and the Minister of National Security, Raymond Blackmore, have (or had) a very close relationship, which enabled her to so thoroughly throw us under the bus.

- The church in Dominica has chosen to believe they are not to play any part in the nation's governing. Therefore, they do not admonish the government for even the most basic of sins.

- The judgment of sexual perversion has taken root and is now clearly visible. This was something Jason warned of shortly after we arrived on island. Pastors, laymen, and people on the street all told him the "woke agenda" wouldn't come to Dominica.

God's Will, God's Way We are but mere servants.

In all this, we realize the Almighty has full control, always did and always will. Everything that has happened has been ordained by our Creator. Nothing

... PRAISE ...

- We are being well-cared for.
- Bills are once again getting paid, even if slowly.
- Nathan is getting in lots and lots of missed cousin time.
- US friends in DOM were able to pick up some small but missed items from our apartment and mail them to us once back in the States.
- A friend bought me a keyboard and the solar eclipse was breathtaking!
- We were blessed with free tickets to both the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. It was a wonderful final vacation as a family of six.
- Jason and I are receiving Biblical counseling on how, as parents, to make sure our kids are handling life's "excitements" in a way that honors our Lord.

... PRAYER ...

- May 15th is the next High Court date for the kids' lawsuit against the gov't of Dominica.
- PLEASE pray for Jason's June 3-8th trip to Dominica for his court date!

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has been overlooked or is outside His control.

Being back in the States, traveling to different churches, visiting with family and friends, we keep hearing, "I'm so sorry...." Sorry you and your family suffered, sorry you went through this, sorry you lost all your possessions, sorry you experienced such trauma, etc.

I ask you though, how are we to grow, if not through trials and tribulations? How are we to learn to have faith and trust in our Lord? Would I wish the past away so we didn't have to experience such pain and loss? Not for the loss of our spiritual growth!

Further Up & Further In More growth to come.

As we look to the future, we see several options. One possibility is returning full-time to Dominica. There may also be an exciting opportunity in Tennessee later this year.

Lord willing, we'll be traveling to Idaho next month to help Hannah and her fiancé Ben build their apartment so they can get married sooner rather than later. They're currently planning for August.

These are all things we'd like to see come to fruition, but again, the Lord's will is what matters most and the Lord's will is what will ultimately be done and we must not only be content with it, but we must find joy in it!

A rather large item that I'm struggling to find joy in is Jason's short-term return to Dominica from June 3rd through the 8th for his court date on the 4th. Instead of taking one news report's word for it, Jason called the Magistrate court to find out if his case was still before the court. It is!

We also found out, through a call to Mr. Blackmore's secretary, that Jason will NOT be allowed to enter Dominica when he arrives on the 3rd. How this can be, since he has a matter before the court

that he was ordered to be at by the Magistrate, is beyond me.

We have been told over and over, by Dominicans, that their government's actions can simply be described as evil. As yet though, no one outwardly stands against it. No pastors, elders, deacons, or church members. They shrug their shoulders, click their tongues, and say "It's a sign of the times, the end is near, there's nothing we can do."

"Let not any one pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without a protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, and with the means which he helps to supply, because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject."

~ John Stuart Mill (an atheist), [1867 inaugural address](#) at the University of St. Andrews

I have SO MANY "what ifs" that swirl through my brain when I unwillingly wake before the sun. Before they turn into tornados, I must capture them and bring them before the Living Word. I remind myself that my Shepherd commands me to not fear, to not be dismayed for He is with me and will strengthen me and uphold me with His righteous right hand.

I am trying to trust in the Lord with all my heart, to not lean on my understandings, but to acknowledge Him in all my ways so He can make my path straight.

I remind myself that God is good in all His ways, that His plan is perfect and it's for our good and His glory. I admit though, that I'm struggling to rejoice always. Being content in every circumstance is trying in itself. Sanctification comes at a price, but I know it will

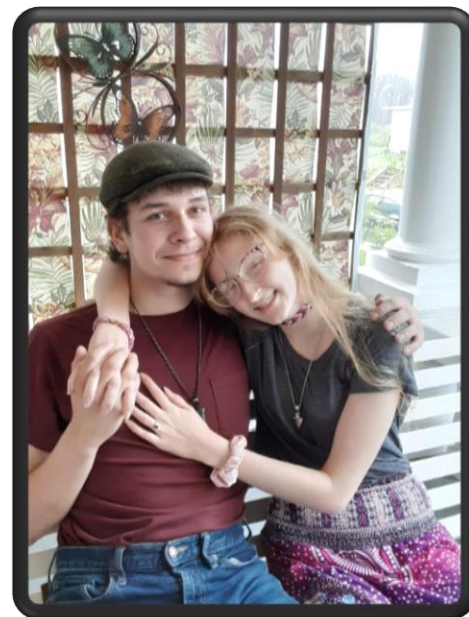
be worth it. God's Word tells me so. And as C.S. Lewis states in the Final Battle, Chronicles of Narnia, we are to go "Further up and further in." We are to learn more, grow more, enjoy more, love more, live more! All to the glory of God! It truly is Christ or Chaos. To God be the glory, great things He has done and will continue to do.

Jesus is King!

Until next time, the *Groggs*

"Sometimes standing against evil is more important than defeating it. The greatest heroes stand because it is right to do so, not because they believe they will walk away with their lives. Such selfless courage is a victory in itself."

~ N. D. Wilson, *Dandelion Fire*



***On April 9th
together with their parents,
Benjamin Hakimian &
Hannah Grogg
proudly announced their
engagement!***