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News on the Homefront Farm Life, Trains & More

The past couple months have found Jason trying to repair fences, only to find the ground is too frozen. So, he moved from that to planning fence fixing and locations for new or replacement fencing. There are over 60 goats and sheep here on the Hakimian homestead.

A larger project that got started was an extension to the barn for the female animals. So far, it has supports, rafters, and a roof. Walls and dividers will be coming soon. Even though not finished, the animals seem grateful for more shelter.

A group in the area purchased 18 miles of railroad track and are restarting the old short line, the Washington, Idaho and Montana Railway or WIM for short. With enough support, they, and the town of Potlatch, would like to see their display steam engine rebuilt and put into use. It would be amazing if Jason and Nathan could be a part of that!

A challenge that Nathan has been working on for weeks now has finally been overcome. His teacher keeps Rubik's Cubes in her room, encouraging and helping her students to solve them. Nathan had been



borrowing one until Grandma Arnold bought him his own. This week, he was finally able to solve it! Now he's trying to break a classmate's record time, thus

setting his own best.

Jason had the opportunity on Friday to record a podcast with a local resident and member of our church community. It's called [This Dude Podcast](#) and should be live on Monday.

God Will Provide Finances and Jobs

Last newsletter I said all I wanted for Christmas was a full-time job for Jason. While that

... PRAISE ...

- We have been very grateful for Logos Schools' Lost & Found. We've been able to purchase Logos apparel and uniform pieces for Elijah and Nathan from it.

- We're also thankful for The Hope Center. It's a Christian-owned thrift store and we've found great quality shoes and a variety of other items there.

- The Makers Shop is an official registered Non-for-Profit.

- Jason's trip to OK and TX went safely and smoothly.

... PRAYER ...

- Wisdom and guidance as The Maker's Shop starts looking for a building, businesses to Co-op with and materials.

- The kids' lawsuit going to trial in April. Please pray for transparency and obedience to law in the justice system.

- Official paperwork from the Dominica government regarding Jason's customs case still isn't filed. All our belongings are still being held by them.

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A somewhat unexpected treat for Jason and Nathan was being able to help move an old diesel from Palouse to Potlatch, which is only 10 miles north of us. Nathan got to ride inside the cab all the way and was allowed to blow it's horn.



didn't happen, God did provide a small job for me and Gracia. Every other Thursday we help at a business owned by a church family, bringing in enough to help with lunch groceries and giving Gracia some spending money.

Speaking of Gracia, she used that money, along with income from her digital art commissions to buy a new laptop so she can continue making commissions and her



comic strip more effectively. She's working on putting that comic on a website and once she approves it, I'll share the link. She did pick out two of her favorite commissions for me to share though.

As for Jason, God allowed him to get a part-time job at the kids' school. He works 8 hours a week to fulfill our Reduced Tuition Program hours and then another 10 hours a week he gets paid for. Every little bit helps until God provides something full-time. He's still applying for jobs and occasionally, has an interview. We would appreciate prayer for the two he has this coming week.

Legal Matters

The Wheels are Still Turning

I would be remiss if I didn't thank you all again for your prayers and continued support in our fight to hold businesses and governments accountable to their own rules, contracts, and laws.

As you know from previous emails, the kids' lawsuit is going to trial in April since the State wouldn't make mediation happen.

As for American Airlines, Jason returned on Wednesday from a pre-trial hearing in Texas. A date

will be set in June for the trial. They have yet to provide clear documentation proving they legally kept him from his flight to Dominica last June for his Customs trial.

We were very blessed to have had most of Jason's expenses for this trip covered by friends. Even his stay in Texas was covered. A New Saint Andrews student, one he'd supervised while he worked construction there, arranged for Jason to stay with his Grandparents. During the first two days, Jason was able to bless them by fixing an exterior door handle and dead bolt that had been bothersome for years and putting new shingles on their house, and the house next door which they also own, after a fierce storm went through Monday night. It knocked down trees and power lines, leaving them and the entire area, without power most of Tuesday.

I could also put under "Legal Matters" that the Makers Shop is officially a registered Non-for-Profit now. The steps to making this dream a reality are still steadily moving forward, we praise the Lord!

A Peek Into the Future

Christian Exodus Project

This past weekend found Jason in Oklahoma with a group of about ten guys from the Christian Exodus Project.

It appears God is leading them to a large expanse of land where the building of a Christian settlement can commence. If all goes well, construction could begin as early as this summer.

As for us, Lord willing, we will continue to reside in Idaho at least until Elijah is done with school. After that, if Dominica has not opened back up to us,

we will probably venture to Oklahoma.

The Future Generation

Big Announcement, Tiny Package



This shouldn't come as any surprise to most of you, but Jason and I would like to announce that we're *grandparents!* Come September anyway. That's right, Benjamin and Hannah are expecting! Gracia, Elijah, and Nathan will be aunts and an uncle, respectively. There's excitement and nerves at play all around.

So far, Hannah has been dealing with morning sickness along with the regular sicknesses that swarm around in the Winter.

We would love for you all to join us in prayer for a healthy baby and healthy Mama.

Below: E & I at her last Worldview Assembly for the quarter. Parents are encouraged to attend. Below that: One of the other digital commissions Gracia drew on her art tablet.

Jesus is King!

Until next time, the *Groggs*

