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Legal Matters

Lawyers, Judges, and Lawsuits

First of all, once again, let me thank you for your prayers on our behalf. While nothing was settled on Friday as we'd hoped, it does look like things are going in a favorable direction now.

Around 9:00 am this past Friday, our lawyer, Jilane Prevost, and the new High Court judge, her Ladyship Justice Zainab Jawara Alami, were present along with the prosecution's most junior attorney. The High Court judge looked at our case and then encouraged the matter to be settled out of court. Instead of allowing the State to respond, she addressed our lawyer and Jason signaled that, yes, he'd like to do that. We have 60 days, plus more expenses on our part, for mediation to take place. If the matter doesn't get settled in that time frame, the next court date is January 4th.

Nathan and Elijah were present for some of the court proceedings and unfortunately, being brought back into court matters caused a downturn of spirits in them both. I'm sure they're very much ready for this to be all over with.



In regard to our other matters (still no paperwork for the

dropped Customs' charges or our deportation), we have hired a legal firm from outside Dominica. With what little we were able to give them monetarily, they are willing to "Shake the Tree" as they called it, and see what falls. We don't have any details to share, but will obviously keep you all informed. Please keep this firm in your prayers as they are working on our behalf.

Church Family

It's been too long!

Sunday, Sept. 29th found our family up in front of some 500 people, taking vows to become members of Christ Church.

I'm not sure I can even adequately describe the feeling of being a part of such a large body



of so devoted Believers. Here, we have found Brothers and Sisters who truly hold each other accountable to the Word and to each other. God has brought us true fellowship and in such large numbers that we are humbled. There is great strength and encouragement here as we've never felt before.

Speaking of large numbers, Christ Church and the other local CREC churches are growing at unprecedented rates. New

... PRAISE ...

- We are officially members of Christ Church, Moscow.
- God is supplying our daily needs and enough to get bills paid.
- Gracia just got paid for one of her NSA catering jobs.
- We are thankful for the ability to travel back to Indiana for Thanksgiving and that we didn't get rid of our winter gear before moving to Dominica.

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- Steady stream of good-paying work for Jason.
- Elijah and Nathan as they wrap up their first quarter in private school.
- The Maker's Shop idea to get off the ground as it is slowly gaining momentum.
- Mitigation for the kids' lawsuit to go well, quickly, and in our favor.
- Official paperwork from the Dominica government regarding Jason's customs case still isn't filed.

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members are being added monthly, if not weekly. New families are moving to the Moscow area monthly. Not too long ago, Jason helped a Hoosier family unload after moving here when he took a position with Canon Press.

These families are relocating from all over the nation, some, even as far as Africa. They are coming for the depth of the teaching, the quality of the fellowship, and even, might I say, for the righteous fight that is on the horizon.

The Maker's Shop *Creating, for the Creator.*

Please recall from newsletters way past, Jason's idea of a Maker's Shop. It developed in Dominica, to teach the boys a skill and about the God of the universe who created everything. This idea morphed into his wanting to help single moms and those who couldn't afford quality items. He wanted a place where they could learn to make things like a dining room table or bookshelf for themselves, at a very low price.

That idea didn't stay in Dominica with all the rest of our things. It came right along with us, alive and kicking. Jason has found many who are not only willing to donate money, but also time, tools, and talent to this idea. He is actively looking into starting a not-for-profit, building a Board, seeking a location and men who are willing to share and teach the skills and talent God has given them. Needless to say, he is very excited!

Life in Idaho *New Experiences.*

While one might think any State in the US would be like the others, that person would be terribly wrong. While there aren't major cultural differences, some do exist. For instance, the county fair

doesn't have funnel cakes. Gasp! The elephant ears were the biggest we'd ever seen though.

May and June have the most gorgeous yellow fields of canola you could ever imagine. And now, with everything harvested, the hills are filled with golden stubble. And what about those dust devils whipping across the recently re-plowed fields?

Speaking of dust, we experienced our first-ever dust storm, and it was serious! The wall of dust that came wreaking havoc across northern Idaho was like a tidal wave...of brown! It took down trees, tossed trampolines like toys, left most without power for hours, and covered everything in a layer of dirt. It truly was impressive!



Our Nucleus *A Bit of Grogg Family News.*

Not a whole lot has changed within our little circle. We are still living with the Hakimians and daily enjoying close fellowship with them. Every Saturday we try to get a couple of larger projects done. Fence work seems to be ongoing, but a repaired set of steps sure helps in this hilly terrain and plans for a barn extension are in the works.

Nathan and Elijah are doing well in school, academically and socially. There are a few places that need attention, like Latin for Nathan and a boy in his class that he's struggling with. Elijah hasn't said the word "lonely" for a long time now and we're very thankful for them being surrounded by Godly teachers, administration, and staff.

Last month, Jason, Gracia and I volunteered for a one-mile run Nathan was in with all the 6th

graders. His specific class put on a play, Hamlet, in which Nathan was a narrator and played the part of Lucianus.

Contact me if you'd like to watch it.

Elijah, and Jason as a chaperone, will be going on a field trip to the University of Idaho tomorrow to visit the entomology department. Her biology class is collecting and studying bugs right now. Next month, she'll be traveling to Spokane with the Logos choir to participate in the ACCS Northwest Choral Festival. It will be a full day of rehearsals and activities with other classical Christian schools, singing boldly unto God and encouraging each other. At day's end, they will gather to perform a 500-voice concert!

Jason is still working as a contractor at New Saint Andrews. They did not hire him for the full-time position but they haven't ended his contract either. So, he now divides his time between NSA, Logos maintenance, kids' activities, and side construction jobs for church families. Is it ideal? Is it what I had in mind? No. But it is what God has provided for us and we are getting bills paid, even if just barely. God is good. (Jason has put his name out to various other companies.)

I know I didn't mention Gracia except in the Praise section, but her life just isn't as busy as the rest. She continues to work on school at home while waiting for more catering opportunities.



Jesus is King!

Until next time, the *Groggs*