Grexit to Dominica

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Countdown Let it Begin!

We're now looking at our final five weeks. The next major packing step is getting our cargo trailer in the shipping container. Hannah said best, while rolling her eyes, "That will be fun!"

After that's loaded, we'll be putting in whatever is left. The trailer loading will be tricky though and require help as it will involve moving a lot of items out and then back into the shipping container.

This won't happen until mid-August though, once we've completed a kayak trip on the Tippecanoe River with Jason's extended family.

We received word this week that Dominica is planning on making the Covid shot mandatory. Please pray with us for this to be stopped.

Timeline

How We've Progressed.

With so much more to say, I think the easiest way now is to give you an overview with some details and just highlight the more major events. So, here we go!

Dec. 21, '20 – We applied for our adult passports.

Jan. 29, '21 – We applied for all four kids' passports and Jason, with Hannah, drove to Indy to pick out our shipping container.

Feb. '21 – We joined the social media platform, Gab.

PRAISE

- Jason's car sold.

- We have a forever home for our kitties!

-Beautiful weather to wrap up a tree take-down-project of Jason's.

Urgent Prayer

-That Dominica will not make the Covid shot mandatory for its citizen.

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Ephesians 3:20

Feb. 3, '21 – The shipping container arrived. We were able to park it in an empty lot just one block away from our house.

Feb. 4, '21 – The passports for Jason and myself came.

April '21 – All four kids' passports arrived.

May '21 – The shipping container's solar powered lighting was finished so we can work after dark if need be.

May 29, '21 – Zone 1 of the shipping container is full and inventoried.

June 1, '21 – Jason's employment with Chrysler was terminated because the company didn't want accountability in regards to their covid polices.

June 5, '21 – Prospective buyers came to look at our house.

July '21 – Both our cars sold via word of mouth and we had the wonderful opportunity to speak to the PrimeTimers group at our church. We're very thankful for their committed prayer support!

This month also saw the start of our first GREXIT Project: Bibles. (Check our Gab page.) •••

These last couple of months have been so full of God on the move and providing more than I ever imagined that Ephesians 3:20 keeps coming to mind. "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

It's obvious to me I've been putting God in a box. It's also crystal clear that He's showing me He doesn't belong in one. Time and again, He is providing for our needs and even more so, our wants. I have no doubt that we are doing what He is calling us to.

Any doubts that I did have, were erased back in June when God brought the potential buyers to our home, without the involvement of a realtor. Very specific prayers were answered for both parties. And that, is a topic for the next newsletter.

Until next time, the Groggs

Prayer

-Packing our shipping container efficiently.

-Details regarding the sale of our house.

-Our van to sell in timing with our move.

-Continued wisdom in decision-making.

-That governments will STOP treating Covid like a pandemic. They will seek the truth!

Long-Term Prayer

-No hurricanes on Dominica for one year after we arrive. (Jason thinks it would be exciting though! He's crazy like that.)

-Finances for one year so Jason can focus on helping Feed My Sheep instead of looking for jobs to support us.

-Quick and easy cultural adjustments.

-That we stay healthy.

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Potential Crisis Dominica on lockdown.

This past week, Dominica seemed to melt into panic mode while we watched. A curfew was put in place, then a lockdown as non-essential workers were required to stay home. Churches were forced to close their doors. Why? Because there was a rise in cases. Still, no one has dies from the virus. The majority of cases are still asymptomatic. Why this power grab? We don't know, but we are praying for them. And we are praying that things will not escalate to the point that our departure date will be set back. We ask that you would pray with us.

Pray for the Dominicans to turn their eyes to the One they proclaim in their heritage. Pray for hearts to be opened.

God our Realtor Not us, but Him.

Putting our house on the market was tying my stomach in knots. From the very beginning I was dreading it. Taking pictures of spotless rooms, tidying and cleaning each time a person wanted to walk through, those were black clouds on this adventure. When we were ready, Jason's sister was going to be our realtor, but God had other plans.

The first week of June found Jason calling his friend, Jim, to see if he could store his work toolboxes in Jim's shop. You see, Jason

PRAISE

- God is faithful, always!

- The kids get extra time with our kitties before being taken to their forever home.

-We're down to only 2 projects left to wrap up for others.

Urgent Prayer

-God's intervention in Dominica to reveal Truth and stop the spread of fear.

-That Dominica will not make the Covid shot mandatory for its citizen.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:10

had been terminated from Chrysler for questioning their Covid policies. Although, they'll give you a different reason.

Once the toolboxes were tucked away, our plans to move came up. The house needing to be sold was of great interest to Jim. His daughter was getting married later this year and had been looking for a house.

With "strict orders" to overlook the current state of things on our property, we welcomed Niki and her fiancé, Nathan, to come take a look.

After two hours of showing them around, talking, laughing, asking questions and explaining, we felt like these strangers were now our friends, almost family even. I'm sure this is the connection of the Holy Spirit.

For months, leading up to this, I had been praying that God would provide a buyer or a couple for our house that wouldn't be intimidated by the tweaks Jason had made and that they would be able to utilize, with ease, these changes.

I had also been praying for someone that would love

plants, like I have come to. I prayed they would take over where I left off, continuing to plant flowers and vegetables.

Nathan and Niki were a complete answer to my prayers. They say you can't have your cake and eat it too. I disagree. With God, you can! Not only did He answer these prayers of mine, but He gave us new friends! We are so blessed!

God didn't stop with answering my specific prayers regarding this home we've poured our heart into, He answered Niki's very specific prayers as well. She'd been asking God for a house with a loft, spiral stairs, a garden and she wanted a green house. Our place has it ALL! To God be the glory, great things He has done!

I love to tell this story. I get so excited to share what God has done and is still doing.

Jesus is King!

Until next time, the Groggs

Prayer

-Smooth packing of our trailer in the shipping container.

-Our van to sell in timing with our move.

-Continued wisdom in decision-making.

-That governments will STOP treating Covid like a pandemic. They will seek the truth!

Long-Term Prayer

-No hurricanes on Dominica for one year after we arrive. (Jason thinks it would be exciting though! He's crazy like that.)

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Countdown: Four weeks

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Potential Crisis, con't. Lockdown extended.

The government of Dominica is claiming its first Covid death even though the person was asymptomatic, vaccinated and reportedly passed away at home. We are praying, again, for the truth to be revealed.

As positive cases are still on the rise, the curfew and lockdown have been extended. We are thankful the borders have not been affected, since we now have PLANE TICKETS! That's right folks, this is REAL.

That's what Eliyah tells me anyway. Now that we have tickets, she finally believes we're going. Yesterday, she packed all her clothes, ready for plane travel. She told me today (again) that she's really excited.

"The grass withers, the flowers fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. ~ Isaiah 40:8

Bibles for All! New and Used.

Our first Grexit Project was to raise money to purchase Bibles for Dominica. We had hoped to take down a case of English Bibles and one case of Chinese Bibles. (There's an embassy on the island.) Deborah, from Feed My Sheep, suggested getting used Bibles. As she said, most of us have Bibles on our shelves that we don't use anymore.

PRAISE

- Our van sold in ONE day, for the exact price we were asking!

-Dominica has stated it will NOT make the Covid shot mandatory for its citizens.

Urgent Prayer

-God's intervention in Dominica to reveal Truth and stop the spread of fear.

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." Isaiah 5:20 An email was sent out and used Bibles started pouring in to the church foyer. To date, we have been given over 113 used Bibles, 2 boxes of new English Bibles and one of new Chinese Bibles. I've been inventorying everything going into our cargo trailer since that load is coming up this week. Please continue to pray for this to go smoothly.



We are honored and blessed to be taking so much of God's Word to Dominica. Thank you to all. Pray that these Bibles will not only be received, but read in spirit and truth!

Now that we're caught up to the present in our newsletters, you'll find more time between them. That doesn't mean we've been still though!

Jason has been calling around for a couple weeks to find a company that will take our shipping container to the port in Miami. Today, God provided that. One large project we started last week was the gathering of information required to submit our work/residence permits once we're on the island. As our friend Deborah put it, they like their red tape on Dominica.

Jesus is King!

Until next time, the Groggs

Prayer

- Smooth packing of our trailer in the shipping container.

- For our cats to adjust quickly to their new home & owners this coming week.

- To gather from here, everything that's required to submit our work/residence permit successfully.

-For the price to ship our container to come down.

Long-Term Prayer

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Countdown: Three weeks