

# Grexit to Dominica

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## Grexit

### A.K.A. The Grogg Exit

First, welcome and thank you! Thanks for being a part of our adventure!

Second, we've never done anything like this newsletter before and it's a bit intimidating. In Jenn's book, intimidating and procrastination go hand in hand.

Here it is though! Finally. Now for some, this will be just

a recap, for others it will fill in the details. For all, I hope it's encouraging.

I realize that if I try to recap and fill in details from everything that's gone on so far, this would be a REALLY long newsletter. I don't want to do that to anyone, so let's start off slow, maybe with just the backstory.

*When God stirs your soul, you must act!*

*In God's will is always the safest place to be.*

## 2020

### That Infamous Year.

It's one we all know well. To some, it invokes feelings of fear, loss or anxiety. To others, anger and frustration surface. For Jason, He felt God stirring his soul to do *something*. He didn't know what that something was though.

This stirring of Jason's soul prompted a flood of conversations between others and himself. It seemed as though he were talking to everyone he came across. With some, it was just talk, with others, it was

## EARLY PRAISE

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Although we all came down with Covid a while back, it was mild and we recovered well.

We are surrounded by many brothers and sisters in Christ that we can seek counsel from.

God directed and clarified our path very quickly and He's not done yet!

*"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."*

Proverbs 19:20-21

more serious and included seeking advice.

One piece of advice prompted Jason to start researching the little island of Dominica, in the Caribbean. During that research, we found a mission there called Feed My Sheep.

The “something” was now starting to become clearer. Feed My Sheep (FMS) appears to be a do-it-all ministry on the West side of the island.

Jason’s first attempt to call the cell phone number for FMS brought about a 30-minute-long conversation

with none other than the founder, Lena Augustine.

It didn’t take long for Lena and Jason to realize they were on the same page regarding Covid and the way our world is headed. By the end of the call, they were both excited about what God might be doing.

For Lena, and her daughter Deborah, it started looking like God was answering a couple of their prayers. You see, FMS is still damaged from the hurricane back in 2017. They don’t have the tools or the skills needed to repair properly.

Since that phone call, several others have been made along with texts and emails. They are doing all they can to answer our questions and help make this transition easier.



## Prayer

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-Finding our kitties their new forever home.

-Packing our shipping container efficiently.

-Details regarding the sale of our house.

-Our car and van to sell in timing with our move.

-Continued wisdom in decision-making.

### Long-Term Prayers:

-No hurricanes on Dominica for one year after we arrive.

-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.

### Pictures:

Taken from Feed My Sheep’s Facebook page.

Bottom right picture is Lena Augustine with her daughter, Deborah.

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Volume 1 ~ Issue 2

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Welcome back to Grexit Catch Up Part Two! I heard there were some feeling as if the last newsletter just dropped off. I'll try to do

better this time. 😊 For now though let's talk about the Commonwealth of Dominica. After that, we'll get to Feed My Sheep.

## DOMINICA

### *The Nature Island.*

Dominica is one of the Windward Islands in the South Caribbean. She's very small, being only 29 miles long and 16 miles wide. Her climate is tropical with a rainy season and temps in the 70s and 80s year-round. There is a

week on which he spotted it – Sunday ("Doménica" in Italian), which fell on 3 November 1493 <sup>1</sup>.

Originally inhabited by the Ortoroids, from South America, they were

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multitude of birds and insects but nothing poisonous. Praise the Lord!

The Caribs called the island Waitikubuli, which means "tall is her body<sup>1</sup>." However, Christopher Columbus named the island after the day of the

followed by the Arawaks and then the Caribs, also known as the Kalinago. This people group resisted the Spanish but were not able to hold off the French nor later, the British. Many fled back to South America, leaving

## Dominica PRAISE

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There are no poisonous creatures!

Homeschooling is allowed.

The temps stay in the 70s and 80s year-round meaning Jenn should have issues with Raynaud's anymore.

## Personal PRAISE

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We have someone willing to take on the yards the girls mow once we've moved.

It looks like we've sold Jason's car!

An agreement is pending to rent a beautiful, 4 bedroom home for the first 3 months we're in Dominica.

*My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. - Phil. 4:9*

only a couple thousand. They live mostly on the northeast part of the island while the rest is inhabited by French, British, African descendants and others<sup>2</sup>.

In 1978, Dominica declared it's freedom from Britain. Struggles ensued but things finally settled by the mid-1980s.

Their economy was highly based on banana exports but has recently turned into more dependence upon tourism.

According to Wikipedia, the Constitution of Dominica establishes freedom of religion. The dominate one being Roman Catholic<sup>3</sup>.

There's so much more to Dominica it would really take up a huge newsletter so I'll stop here. I do encourage you to check out the island, its history and people more though.

## Feed My Sheep

*Making Good Things Happen.*

In our last newsletter, I mentioned Jason's call to Feed My Sheep (FMS). That was first time we really saw God's hand at work in this crazy decision to leave the United States.

You see, Lena, the Director of FMS told Jason her phone rings off the hook. She had just sat down when Jason called and was going to let it go to voicemail. However, she felt God telling her to answer this one.

Most of our conversations now are made with Lena's daughter, Deborah, and we feel as though we're already friends.

Deborah has been going out of her way to make sure we have the information and the contacts we need for this transition.

Just a couple examples include her putting us in contact with the island's transportation consultant and finding someone willing to rent to our larger family for an extended time.

We are so excited to be able to finally meet Lena and Deborah in September. I'm pretty sure I'll give them both a big hug right away! (Well, after mandatory quarantine.)

Thank you again for all your prayers!

Until next time,  
the Groggs

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