

# Groggs in Dominica

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## Sustenance

*Where to buy & how to make*

To say we've been heartily welcomed here would be an understatement. Our neighbors have taken to spoiling the kids when they're over there working with Jason and Friday before last, she took me to the Roseau Market. Talk about crazy! There were booths and people jam packed into one section of town. It reminded me almost of its own little town.

Specifically, we went for meat. It's something we've been sorely missing here so when Jason found out Annette buys local meat at the market, he asked her to take me along and teach me the ropes. 😊

Beef is \$10EC per pound and pork is \$8. You tell the man how many pounds you want, he puts weights on a scale and starts tossing meat on until it's even. If you want no bone, he'll



put your meat on the table behind him and hack at it with his machete 'til the bone is out. The entire table bounces under

each hit. I'm glad I was wearing sunglasses because I'm sure my eyes were huge.



The next day, some of the women from church taught me how to make several local dishes, including one Jamaican dish, Festival. That's my favorite. It's like the local "bakes," which are just fried dough. They remind us of elephant ears but shaped like hamburger buns. The Festivals are like small hot dogs, but fried bread. So much is fried here. Bread Fruit can also be fried and is used just like potatoes and is almost as good.

## Into Nature

*Basically, the whole Island...*

This time though, Jason went with his friend (& broker) on a hike up to Boeri Lake, visiting one of many hot springs along the way. Such beautiful scenery! I'm sure the pictures don't do it justice. You can see more on our Gab page.



## PRAISE



- Deborah hired Jason to work on a couple projects at her house. She's just recently been able to start renovations after the hurricane took the roof off in 2017.

- We started a couple projects for Feed My Sheep finally. There were several places without tile or had broken tile. Miss Lena's quarters are now fully tiled.

- We have a place to stay for six months after we leave our current rental! This is another God-story so stayed tuned!

- God continues to allow opportunities to share the truth about covid.

- Jason was able to meet with the manager of the Voice of Life, the largest Christian radio station on the island. He might have a chance to share God's message of Faith over Fear.

Tyron, our broker, is also a brother in Christ. Jason has really enjoyed spending time with him and encouraging him in his faith.

## Encouragement

### *Reigniting Men using the Word*

The men of the island have been trodden on. They've been belittled and pushed down. Women have risen into leadership and fill many jobs for years now.

About three weeks ago, Jason asked to meet with the men of Mahaut Gospel Tabernacle. They agreed and they've been meeting once a week now for the past three weeks. Jason has been sharing with them the hopes and dreams of what he feels God is wanting for them and the Island. He's encouraging them to stand for the Truth using the Word.

## Renting a Truck

### *Or Two?*

It's been two months this week that we've been in Dominica. That equals to two months without a vehicle. We really were spoiled in the States. Jason finally decided he had enough work to get done that it merited renting a truck for the week. He asked for a quad cab but got a single cab work truck until the next day when a quad was available.

Turns out, the quad cab is actually too nice for the type of work Jason had in mind. It's an odd irony. The quad cab is a 2022 Nissan with less than 2K miles on it. While it's been nice to go where we want, when we want, and take a family getaway, we're still praying very

hard for a vehicle of our own. Something that we won't cringe if it gets scratched.

## Tile and Mirrors

### *Volunteer Work and Paid Work*

Jason and the kids (mostly the girls) spent a couple days at Feed My Sheep working on tiling Miss Lena's quarters and making tile mosaics where tile had broken out. Pics of those can be found on Gab.



Miss Lena's daughter, Deborah, has Jason working on some projects at her house so

she can finally move in come December. She's planning on moving her business from Roseau to Mahaut so she can work out of her house. He is making benches for her sauna, placing large mirrors on a wall for the dance studio and a couple other items that the Contractor she hired didn't sign up for.

*Jesus is King!*

Until next time,  
the *Groggs*

## PRAYER

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- Nathan contracted what we think is ringworm. I've been treating it for the past week with a coconut oil/tea tree oil mix.

- Our own vehicle for work projects and family adventures.

- A local bank account

- A source (or sources) of income that still allows us to freely minister to Feed My Sheep and those around us.

- There's an abandoned house that has caught our eye. Please pray we can find the owners and they'll be favorable toward us.

## Requests

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- If you'd be willing to donate toward a vehicle, or the shipping of two barrels our parents are sending for Christmas, please contact us.

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*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

*I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your Name, O Most High."*

*~ Psalms 9:1-2*

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## God's Guidance

### *Following His Lead*

God's plan is always best. We all know this but let's be honest, it's not always what we think we want. Our next move here isn't where I was hoping it'd be. This isn't what I wanted. My heart aches for a place of our own.

We've "chosen" where we want to live permanently. We've been praying, asking God to let us have it. So far, we've run into dead ends, one after another. It seems God is saying not yet; be patient and wait.

We've entered our last month at the current rental. We will miss the privacy, the view and our neighbors. What we won't miss is the price. This rental is geared toward tourists and those with money to vacation and it's priced as such. We knew it would need to come to an end.

A very slow search was crawling along in October and we were getting ready to gear up for a heartier search this month. A couple weeks ago, Jason, myself and Deborah were walking the neighborhood known as Belfast. It reminds us the most of home, its layout, and property sizes. The streets are flatter which would lend much better to biking.

Deborah has been our spokesperson during this endeavor since she knows the

culture, is trying to get us local prices instead of "white person" prices and how to talk with the people. Finding out information about abandoned houses from the neighbors means calling out to a house and hoping someone hears you, responds and is willing to talk.

Most of the houses in Belfast are gated, meaning you can't just walk up to a door and knock. So far, each time an owner has responded and been very willing to give whatever information they have, which unfortunately, hasn't been much. The house we really want, no one has a contact number for the deceased owner's children, not even their name. At least it appears they are somewhere on the island.

I've been reluctant to post pictures in case we don't get the house, but I think that may show a lack of faith. So...I'm going to do just that. I'm going to show you the house we want and ask you to pray specifically for this.

In the meantime, God has definitely provided a temporary place for us. As we called out to a house, to inquire about another abandonment, the woman that came out was very gracious. She had just moved back to Dominica from Holland in June. Our friend Deborah, spent many years there and the two of them quickly switched over to Dutch and chatted.

## PRAYER

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- Pray regarding a mother and baby at FMS. The law has stepped in but no laws have been broken.
- Nathan's ringworm is still present but definitely going away.
- Our own vehicle for work projects and family adventures.
- A local bank account
- A source (or sources) of income that still allows us to freely minister to Feed My Sheep and those around us.

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*Praise God from  
Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all  
creatures here below.  
Praise Him above  
ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son  
and Holy Ghost.  
Amen*

Being very new to the area, Sandy didn't know anything about the house next to hers, which she had just bought. Deborah told her a bit about why we were inquiring of houses and Sandy mentioned she was returning to Holland for a while, but not until December 14<sup>th</sup>.

This date she said almost apologetically, as if she wished she was returning earlier, for our sake. This seemingly outright generosity, to strangers, blew my mind. When we told her we had our rental until December 16<sup>th</sup>, her eyebrows raised and she said something about a lucky coincidence. We know better though.

After a little more talk at her gate, she invited us in to walk through, taking a look at her place. She's still in the process of renovating since it had been neglected. What she showed us was 4 bedrooms, multiple bathrooms, a laundry room, 2 patios and storage shed for our things. There's also a one room lower apartment that we could fix up once the workers get their stuff out of it. It's almost like there was no question that she would let us rent her place while she was gone!

Since that day, we've had Sandy over for supper so she could meet the kids and we could talk in more detail. During the meal, Eliyah got up the courage to ask if she could have pets. Sandy said YES! Her house already had a hen, which has stayed she feeds it. It now has chicks and another hen with chicks has joined the first.

Wednesday, Jason and Hannah went over to write

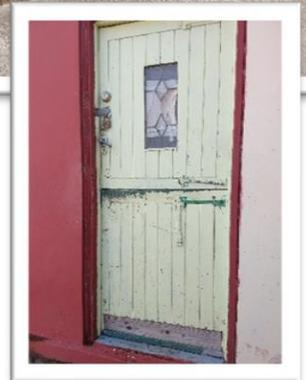
down all the projects we can get done for her while she's gone. This will help pay the rent. Sandy will be gone for six months, but once she's back, she told us she has a room at her brother's and that if we don't have a place of our own yet, there's no rush for us to move out.

She told us we can have family stay with us and even use her car! I'm blown away. God is SO good! How can I complain that I didn't get "what I wanted" when He has shown us such grace?

Eliyah started a count down until we move and she can bring two kittens from Feed My Sheep to Miss Sandy's. The cat-shaped hole in E's heart has been achingly empty since Toby and 'Disa went to their new home. I've been very thankful for this answer to prayer for her.

The pictures you see are of the house we ask you to join us in praying for. Specifically, pray that we can get ahold of the people who have control of that property. Pray that they would be willing to part with it, for a reasonable price. Please pray that the inside will not be in complete disrepair, but will need only minor things fixed.

We don't know how long this house has sat empty or how long it was without a roof after



the hurricane or if the inside was even repaired after that.

*Pics: (top to bottom) front of the house, back of house, cacti growing out of the "wall along the road," rear split door.*

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