

# Groggs in Dominica

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## *Basic Carpentry Class And what's next.*

Jason's boys are on their last project right now. It's been a great time with these three young ones (and Nathan). They have received basic instruction into what God expects of them as they grow into young men, along with life skills as related to tools.

These boys have learned how to use many hand and power tools correctly, allowing them to take home a lidded box, shelf, and after this coming Wednesday, a storage bench.



Not only have these boys bonded with each other, but our families have as well. Jason and I made at least one trip to each of their homes, fixing things they weren't able to tackle on their own, with their single mothers.

As the Basic Carpentry Class wraps up, Jason has started thinking about who he'd like to teach next. Logically, after a boy's class should be a girl's class. He'd also like to have an adult class. Both of these are just in his thoughts right now. He has a lot on his plate currently so I can't say when these will start, but hopefully soon.

## *The Plate that Overflows. And I'm not Talking Blessing. But I could be!*

As some of you know, Jason doesn't do things half-heartedly. He's an "all in" type person. That being said, he takes every opportunity to talk to people, try to get to know them and see what he can do to help. Sometimes that just means talking, sometimes it means more.

The past couple months Jason and the kids have been helping a friend up in the Syndicate Falls area. This friendship came about by referral from our dear Deborah. This relationship has a lot of potential but it also takes up a decent amount of time. We're still not sure what this could, or will entail, but we'll let you know.

Another opportunity that has arisen is with a truck/delivery driver. This young man delivers items such as sand, gravel and whatever else he can to places all over the island. He and Jason hit it off pretty quick and there's talk about how Jason can be of

## ... PRAISE ...

- We've been able to order a truck from Japan. It's a larger vehicle, more geared toward work projects.
- A friend that has gone back to France for a couple months is letting us borrow her vehicle.
- We are continually meeting new people, being able to speak into their lives, finding some to be brothers or sisters in Christ and others getting seed planted.

## ... PRAYER ...

- Safety for the loading, travel, unloading/import of our truck and that it won't be a lemon. Buying via the internet/overseas is not without risk.
- Our "rented" truck has parts coming in this week. Please pray this takes care of all our major issues and makes it drivable again.
- We're still praying for no hurricanes to hit Dominica.

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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us  
~ Hebrews 12:1*

assistance to him in a way that will help provide for us also.

We had this young man and his girlfriend over this past Friday. It was an amazing time delving pretty deep into the Word of God, making them both think about where they truly stand with Jesus. We'd appreciate prayers for their salvation.

As I look at all the possible things we could be doing, we must have wisdom to not get into too much and be overwhelmed or be overly busy, like we were in the States. We must still be "on-call" if Feed My Sheep needs something and we have our own projects along with a couple friends Jason's still helping with their houses.

### *Churches Abound But the Cross is Left Behind.*

It's been almost a year and we've visited six churches and even had our time of trying to start up a home church. So far, nothing satisfies our souls. We were already fed so much back in the States on "meat" that everything here is "milk."

Yesterday, we found more "sour milk." The church was full of entertainment, music, drama, dance, specials...over two hours worth. The sermon was given about 45 minutes but even some of that was taken up by a second offering. While we were very warmly welcomed and enjoyed the music, the sermon was so fraught with theological inaccuracies, it would have been laughable, if not so serious.

We had been invited to this church by a new friend (another Deborah referral) and were thankful she was able to discern the problems with the message this Sunday and was gladly willing

to discuss them with us. She is no longer wishes to take her family to this church.

And so now where do they go? Where can the Dominican people come together for worship, fellowship and true Bible teaching that leads to reformation? We have yet to find it. While this family would like to now meet at our house on Sundays, we don't feel the pull to try a home church again.

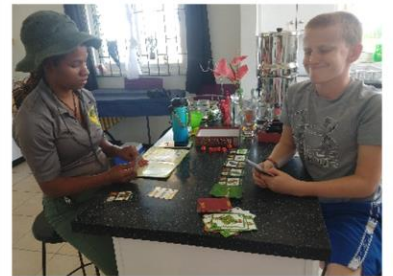
There are thoughts on trying to bring down a start from a church in the States (the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches denomination, aka CREC) but that's just going to take time, so we willing wait to see what He has planned. The start of such a thing would require a trip to Florida, to spend a week with a pastor and his family so we would know what we're asking for or, getting ourselves into, as they live a fellowship style that is based much more tightly than our traditional, US church set-up. It's a denomination that saw Covid mandates for what they were and only shut down for a week, if that. You can find out more about them here: [www.crechurches.org](http://www.crechurches.org)

Two weeks ago, Jason met with the elders at the Berean church we'd been going to. He wanted to find out how they viewed Biblical governance. It was a meeting that he went into hoping for the best, but was shown these men's allegiance is much more to the government of Dominica, than to God. They feel what they're doing is ok on the outside, but they're not internalizing the whole Bible, instead, choosing to cherry pick when it comes to the government and mandates that affect the church.

It's so disappointing to hear God's Word being preached (albeit softly) from the pulpit but then to see these same people not living out what is being preached. I struggle to understand how they can play the acting part of a leader without accepting all of the authority of their position.

### *Jesus is King!*

Until next time,  
the *Groggs*



*Top: Nathan and our friend Kaci, playing a card game.*



*Mid: Elijah, Gracia and their new friend Ché, drawing.*

*Btm: Five month old Mango, in his favorite chair, with his favorite stuffy, a snake.*

