

Groggs in Dominica

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A Place to Live Blessed Above & Beyond!

Thank you to everyone for your prayers! God has blessed us yet again, exceedingly beyond what we asked or thought. We're staying here (for the time being)!

You may recall that we've been renting from Sandy Prince until she returns from Holland. She's now decided to only return for February and March! She has a room at her brother's if needed, but has asked us to fix the lower apartment so she can stay there instead. She told me she can't get me off her mind knowing how hard it is to find a nice place to live for a family of our size.

This is a huge answer to prayer but with a lot of work involved! The lower apartment hasn't been lived in for years and it's painfully obvious. With it being in such a state of disrepair and multiple unknowns, Jason decided to gut the entire thing to "start over."

In the demo process, he found crumbling support columns and terribly wired electric, amongst other things. While this time frame of this project makes me nervous, I know God brought us this blessing and He'll give us what we need to get it done. He is to be praised!

The past two weeks have seen us begin this project without help. However, Tuesday and Wednesday, God brought us Jamie, a young man just out of

college, who is a great worker. He is not a Believer, so we'd ask for you all to pray for him.

Also please pray for safety during demolition, wisdom, accuracy and knowledge during reconstruction, and things to flow along quicker than we think possible to meet our deadline, the end of January.

Along with the main project, Jason offered to fix Sandy's car (so it's done right) before she arrives. It's sat in our backyard for over a year now, not running. She bought the needed parts, which should be here this week. Please pray Jason can get it in good running order for her.

Once Sandy goes back to Holland in April, we've been given permission to rent out the apartment, recouping our expenses and even bringing in a little income. We will talk more when she's here in person, but from the sound of it, her desire is for us to stay until we find a place that suits us well. God is SO good!

Our First Visitors! My Parents Came!

What a joy and blessing it was to have my parents come down, even if it was for only two weeks. They had safe travels and thankfully nothing "worse" than bug bites while here. Although, if you ask

... PRAISE ...

- We have been granted another extension to live in our current rental in Belfast!
- Everything went very smoothly during my parent's visit here. Praise the Lord!
- New ministry opportunity with the State College's Christian Fellowship Club.

... PRAYER ...

- Safety during lower apartment construction along with the wisdom and knowledge needed to get it in a very nice, livable condition before Sandy arrives in February.
- For Jason to get Sandy's car in good working order before she arrives.
- We are still in need of a place for Jason to hold carpentry classes.



my Dad, those bug bites were pretty irritating.

The kids learned Yatzee, Euchre and Dutch Blitz (although Hannah already knew that one). There were so many other games played together and so much laughter!

We spent time at Mero Beach, visited our favorite spot in the Layou River, were invited to lunch by dear friends and had other



friends over to meet my parents. We even scheduled an early Thanksgiving celebration during their visit so we could celebrate the holiday with them and friends. I think we had 22 people here.

CFC and CEF

Open Doors & Briefly Closed Ones

We've been very encouraged with the amount of ministry opportunities opening up to us. I mentioned in the last newsletter about Child Evangelism Fellowship, their Christmas Event and us awaiting training so we can do more than hold lyrics & Scripture. I'm sad to say this ministry has been put on pause, at least for the month of December.

With CEF's coordinator (Melissa) out of country (or, out of State as some say) due to the health of her infant daughter, the government's snap election that was called (a topic for the next newsletter) and

having only two other volunteers, all Good News Clubs have stopped and the training and coordinating for the Christmas Event never took place.

On the bright side, before Melissa left, Jason and Hannah went with her to the south tip of the island, to attend two Good News Clubs. At one of the schools, the principal and the teachers asked Jason if he would be willing to lead a Bible Study with them next time he came.

The CEF "door" may be briefly closed, but the Christian Fellowship Club at the Dominica State College opened its door wide this past month. That's where Jason and I found ourselves Tuesday of last week. He had been invited to speak at one of their monthly, in-person meetings.

Side note: College in Dominica isn't like in the States. From what I understand, it's 12th and 13th grade (although, they don't use grades like that). After graduation, if you wanted, you'd go off island to University, since there aren't any here.



Once on campus, we were met by Persan, the Club's VP. We walked around trying to find a free room to meet in during "prep hour."

At the start of Club, there were only two guys, but by the end

there were eight students total, listening to Jason talk about the difference between praise and worship. (Personally, I think it was my chocolate chip cookies that brought them. 😊)

Some of the students just sat and listened, while a couple others moved to the front row, asked questions, had eager eyes and even stayed after trying to ask more questions. Jason and I offered our home for their Christmas Party this year. We'll see what they say.

This past Tuesday, also at the State College, Jason and Hannah visited the Debate Club. They were each allowed to join a side (opposite sides!) and helped the students debate. The topic for this meeting was "Should LGBTQIA+ have rights?" Talk about a hot button topic to come in on.

Jason and Hannah both had a great time even though Hannah had to debate FOR the "gay rights." The students told Jason how much they appreciated the coaching he gave them.

Once the debate was over, the Moderator asked if anyone had anything to add. No one did so Jason asked if he would be allowed to. He was, and he took the time to talk about why the question "By what standard?" is so important. That standard is obvious to us, it's God's, but it's very much hidden to many here. To see the Truth settle on them is worth the effort.

Jesus is King!

Until next time,
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