

Groggs in Dominica

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Terminated.

One Year Later.

Today marks the one year anniversary of Jason being let go from Chrysler, something I never thought would happen. I mean, who would fire such an amazing worker?!

Apparently, it's more important to be immorally compliant than have a great work ethic with skill to match. I believe we're seeing this all over the nation right now though.

The reason I mention this in our newsletter is because this part of our story isn't closed. Since day 1, Jason has been keeping up with the Union, making sure he's being properly represented.

After six months of getting nowhere with them, he filed an NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) charge. That got the Union moving! But here we are, at the one year mark and they're just now getting to final litigation, trying to decide whether his wrongful termination case is worth taking on.

Back in March, he filed double EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) discrimination charges against Chrysler and the Union. He's now waiting on the EEOC investigation to come back so he can file a lawsuit.

He's been encouraged to see multiple Covid-related terminations being taken to court and litigated successfully. Ultimately, he knows it's all in God's hands but we'd appreciate prayers for a favorable outcome.

It Goes Vroom!

Most of the time...

Thank you to everyone who's been praying for a transport for us. We finally have a vehicle at our disposal, and while not ours, it has almost everything we've been praying for, plus an opportunity to be speak into the life of yet another Dominican.

In our previous searching, each pick up (aka van) we looked at was not worth the price they were asking. Most were already well past their prime, ready to kick the bucket. If they were worth the price, it was too high for us.

Back on February 5th, we found a promising one but when we contacted the owner, he said it wasn't currently working, but only needed a head gasket. Long story short, he said he wasn't ready to sell and we moved on.

As one truck after another was dismissed, I came across the aforementioned truck in my notes (now about 3 weeks ago) and we contacted him again to see if he'd changed his mind.

... PRAISE ...

- We have a truck! Granted, it's a rental, but it's a God-ordained, person to person rental. We'll have it for a least three months.

- Ringworm is slowly starting to clear up.

... PRAYER ...

- We have brought our rental truck's owner under prayer for salvation. We'd love you all to join us. His name's Brian.

- Discernment regarding best timing for family to come visit this year.

- Hurricane season started today so we are praying, once again, for no hurricanes to hit Dominica, but also wise preparedness on our part.

- Our Work Permit applications still have made no progress.

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Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. ~ Ps. 27: 3, 4

He agreed to meet with us this time! He actually said he'd been trying to find our number as he'd felt an urging (from the universe he said) to make something work for us regarding the truck. Jason and I just smiled, knowing Who's in charge of said "universe."

Things didn't just "flow" after that like I thought they would, but an agreement has finally been worked out. The owner, Brian, (do pray with us for his salvation) really likes his truck and still isn't ready to part with it permanently. However, with no money to fix it, it had sat for two years. We agreed to fix it and he's letting us use it for the next three months.

It's old, a 2004, but hasn't racked up the miles yet. That said, it's an import from the UK and has been driven crazy (that's normal driving here). It did (does?) need more work than Brian initially thought and we almost got stranded our first trip out.



After purchasing a new battery (and wipers) it's started right up every time. This Mitsubishi L200 is a double cab, 4x4, has a roll bar and hitch, all things we wanted in a truck. Also, it's very Dominican looking so we don't stick out (as much). We're thankful!

Please pray this truck will continue to be reliable (we think it'll need transmission work soon), with no major needed repairs while in our possession and that the Lord will provide for us once we return it to Brian.

Friends for Everyone But So Many Girls!

This month, our South African friends introduced us to their expat Dutch friends. We had a wonderful time at their still-under-construction house even though they've been here a very long time. Nathan played with their 9-year old boy while the girls (there were 7 of them) hung out, talked and played ping pong.



Both of these families each have an older daughter that is overseas at university, otherwise, there would be 9 girls! And, Expat or Dominican, this seems to be the flow of the genders, more females than males.

Expats Who and What are They?

You were wondering that, weren't you? I thought so. It's short for expatriate. For the most part, they're people who live outside of their own country. So far, we've met people from Canada (lots), Egypt, South Africa, Haiti,

Netherlands, St. Lucia, Wales and Germany. We've been told approximately 5,000 expats are living in Dominica and that number is increasing rapidly.

To put that in perspective, before we came, we read the number of Dominicans on the island was roughly 75,000. Now that we're here, the locals are saying it's closer to 55,000 since Hurricane Maria. Also, those just out of high school are fleeing in record numbers.

Our Mission Where does all this put us?

The more expat families we're introduced to, I'm realizing that we have the ability to reach not just Dominica, but other countries! If we can win expats to Christ, they can take Him back to their families and friends when they visit. Talk about an exciting thought!

While our South African friends are followers of Christ, the Dutch family we just met are atheists. The German couple Jason has been helping with the veranda are also not Believers. This past week though, the husband started asking a LOT of questions and Jason gladly answered them.

Jesus is King!

Until next time,
the *Groggs*



The bunch of bananas from the tree on our property.