

Groggs in Dominica

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Happy Thanksgiving

Albeit a bit late. 😊

Many times a week, I wake up and thank the Lord that my husband is still next to me, we have a roof over our heads and a comfortable mattress underneath us. We have God-honoring landlords, running water and electricity (most of the time). The weekly times we don't have power are hopefully saving on our bill, so that's nice.

I'm thankful for indoor plumbing and warm water in the shower. The Lord has given us amazing views from all sides of the apartment in a neighborhood that is friendly and mostly quiet. We still have food to eat and I'm learning how to cook with just the bare basics, altering recipes to accommodate using what I have and learning to substitute for what I don't.

This is our third holiday season away from family. It's certainly not what we wanted and to be honest, it's been rather painful. I'm very thankful my parents were able to celebrate Thanksgiving with us last year though.

Although we're not where we'd like to be right now, I know it's where God has us, so we're trying to focus on thankfulness, rejoicing always, and being content in our circumstances. While there's absolutely nothing we can do to physically change our current situation, we work to make our attitude one of gratitude and try looking at this through God's eyes.

Also, I'm working on honing my sugar crème pie skills, and for the first time, Gracia made a

homemade pie crust for our Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. She did a really good job.



Legaleeze Update

Customs and Chrysler

In the last newsletter, I stated we had intel that Jason's court case would be adjourned. That is exactly what happened, with no one from the prosecution even showing up, they sent a letter. The next court date is scheduled for February 6th.

Also, since Jason got the green light to sue Stellantis (Chrysler) for wrongful termination and discrimination, he's been trying to find a law firm that would be willing to tackle his case. This has proved to be a dead end in more ways than one. He hasn't found a single firm even willing to talk with him about it and his lawyer from the discrimination charge told him the Indiana courts are favorable to employers and not employees. So even if he found a law firm and the case went to court, the judges would most likely rule in favor of the company.

... PRAISE ...

- We have made it safely through hurricane season!
- Two very generous couples gave towards our rent! Our arrears were squared away and we're paid through December. Praise the Lord!

... PRAYER ...

- We are struggling mightily with finances.
- Customs is still trying to play dirty. They have accused Jason and our legal team of not showing up at a meeting Customs didn't tell them about.
- The lawsuit for the kids to move quickly through the court.

Skeeter Sickness

Dengue Fever Strikes

These past two weeks have been rather difficult for us in the way of health. One Saturday after visiting a grocery store in town that was laden with European cruise ship passengers, Jason came down mysteriously ill. He ran a mid-to-low-grade fever for two full days and hardly left the bed. By the time he was finally recovering, he'd had a range of symptoms, ending with a rash on his feet and ankles.

A concerned family member asked if it might be Malaria (based on symptoms) but I was assured by a local nurse that while Malaria is not present in Dominica, Dengue Fever is and it's spiking right now throughout the Caribbean.

It wasn't much longer that the rest of us fell like dominoes. First, it was Hannah, then Gracia, only a day apart. Next, it was Eliyah then me, again only a day apart. We are so thankful that Nathan hasn't fallen sick. Please pray with us that he continues to stay healthy.

This virus has been no joke. It laid each one of us out flat for at least two days and is taking pretty much a full week to recover. Our symptoms were all mostly the same and reminded me a little bit of Covid. However, I would have preferred Covid to this. Thankfully we're all getting better even if it feels like we're walking through molasses to get there.

Blessings from Above *God's Hands and Feet*

On the 27th, Pastor Steve was given a bag full of groceries to deliver to us. We don't know who gave it as there was no name attached but it was very timely and brought tears to my eyes. I have since written a thank you letter for Pastor Steve to give to the generous person.

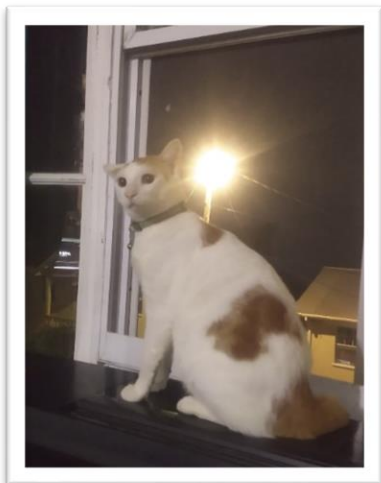
Spreading her Wings *The Time has Come....*

December will find us searching for plane tickets for Hannah. She wants to be back in the States sometime in February. She has some pretty big plans developing that we'll talk about at a later date. For this newsletter though, I'll just say she'll be living with her grandparents, working on her senior year of school, and taking on any side jobs she's offered to help defray upcoming costs. (So if you're local and want your house

cleaned or tidied or just help with a small project, let me or either set of grandparents know).

Random Tidbits *And other Miscellaneous Things.*

The local boys have been lighting off their bamboo firecrackers almost every night since Independence season. From what I've learned, they take a dried piece of bamboo about three to four feet long. A square is cut into one end and the top and inside. Then it's set up at an angle, a little kerosene is poured into a notch, it's vaped off, then something is lit on fire and put into the bamboo. (There's more to it according to Nathan....) The result sounds like a good-sized firework mortar going off. It's rather impressive, even if Mango doesn't think so.



I've been very thankful that cooking gas is sold only one street away. When we run out, either Jason or the girls can just go get some with the 2-wheel dolly.



Since Jason was granted bail, he has signed in at the Saint Joseph police station 78 times. Just for reference, there's an accused murderer also signing that book currently. He was ordered to show up only once, every other week. Jason must sign it three times each week.

Restful Anticipation *Contentment in the Waiting*

This is the title of a devotional I recently finished (and probably need to read again). A quote that stuck out to me was by Charles Spurgeon.

"If the Lord Jehovah makes us wait, let us do so with our whole hearts; for blessed are all they that wait for Him. He is worth waiting for. The waiting itself is beneficial to us: it tries faith, exercises patience, trains submission, and endears the blessing when it comes. The Lord's people have always been a waiting people."

This quote was followed by Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." We are fervently praying for this season of waiting to be over very soon. Please continue to pray with us.

Jesus is King!

Until next time,
the *Groggs*

