

# Groggs in Dominica

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## *Construction Zone* *Destruction and Progress*

Some of you know what it's like to live in a construction zone. I'm pretty sure I've done that all my married life. It's not pleasant, but sometimes very necessary.

That's where we are now. If you'll remember from the last newsletter, demolition of the apartment under our house started in late November. It continued through all of December and most of January. The noise, at times, has been headache-inducing. We're all thankful for earplugs.

In January, we started seeing some rebuilding progress and while slow, it's been very encouraging. Main supports have been rebuilt, and window and door openings shaped. Layouts have been drawn up and approved by Miss Sandy.

Through all this, Jason has kept her apprised of the proceedings with pictures, videos, texts, and voice chats. She has been extremely appreciative of all we've been doing.

This past Saturday, Jason and I drove to the East side of the island and picked her up from the airport. In the couple of weeks leading up to that, I was so nervous. I was disappointed in not being able to give her at least part of the lower to live in while she was here. But in her gracious way, she has put us all at ease. She will

live at her brother's until the lower is ready for her and there is no need to rush anything. She has come, been given a tour in person, expressed her thankfulness again, and we talked over some finishing details.

And, while we weren't able to pick her up at the airport in her transport, it's only because one tire looks very poor. Jason and Jamie were able to get it fully functional otherwise. Thanks so much for your prayers (in all things)!

## *Transports* *Feast or Famine*

Speaking of transports...ours is on its way! We finally got the loading notice about a month ago and then received the final shipping notice a week or so later. It just came through the Panama Canal and is now in the Gulf of Mexico. While the scheduled arrival date is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a couple of days of paperwork before we can pick it up.

In the meantime, the truck we'd borrowed went back to its owner today. That means we're now without a vehicle until March. At that time, our American friends will once again be going back to the States, leaving their car with us. Probably a week later, we'll have our overseas truck. (Miss Sandy plans to sell her transport before she departs in April.)

While I'm certainly not looking forward to being without a vehicle

## ... PRAISE ...

- Work on the lower apartment is still going well and safely.
- God has blessed us with more helpers for Jason on the lower apartment in the last week.
- Sandy's car was ready when she arrived.
- We are still staying healthy, even in the midst of it being flu season down here.

## ... PRAYER ...

- Continued safety and wisdom during lower apartment construction.
- Finances to send the girls to "Called" this summer at New Saint Andrews in Idaho.
- Jenn has made friends with a young lady from the further south on the island. They've been corresponding back and forth for a couple months now. She would love to have others praying for the salvation of her soul and wisdom for Jenn in her words. Her name (shortened) is Kersh.
- Continue also to pray for the salvation of Jamie, the young man who's been at our house almost every day for the past two months, helping work on the lower.

(you all know how convenient they are), we've been offered to use our American friends' car whenever needed. We have been very blessed by this couple and would love to see them come to know Christ as their Savior.

### *Preparing Our Children For the Future*

A wonderful opportunity has very recently presented itself. As some of you know, we started listening to messages and educational videos put out by Christ Church in Moscow, Idaho. This is the same church that started New Saint Andrews college many years ago. Through them, we found out about "Called."

This is a week-long summer training for teens "where they spend a week being taught how to respond as Christians to a culture gone mad. Called seeks to challenge students to live out their faith, to not just survive the cultural onslaught but to shape culture as they push upstream."

All things come at a cost, of course. This training is no different. While we've been in touch with the coordinators, and it looks like financial assistance is available for the cost of the course, we could use help with flights.

Jason felt strongly enough about this training he had each of the girls review it as well. They also believe this is something God wants for them.

After praying together as a family, we firmly believe God is leading us to send Hannah, Gracia, and Elijah to this event, which takes place in July.

If you are able to help financially (there is the event

cost, plus plane tickets), please contact Jason. You can find out more about the training here: [nsa.edu/called-conference](http://nsa.edu/called-conference)

### *No Man Has Two Masters*

"When the church is unsubmitive to Christ, it becomes submissive to the world. 'Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.' (Jas. 4:4) Conversely to be submissive to Christ is the same thing as becoming uppity to the demands of the world." *The Cultural Mind*, pp. 299-300

*The following are just some of the many pictures we've taken during the work on the lower apartment.*



### *Jesus is King!*

Until next time, the

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