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The life and times of Greg LeMoine, international educator since 2001.

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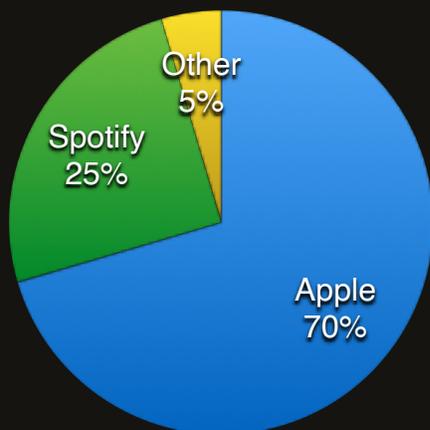
GLOWFORGE - LASER ETCHING

It is usually "best practice" to use something cheap and familiar for learning a new tool or procedure. My initial project with the GlowForge was an opportunity to "personalize" my new



10,000 downloads

Our podcast is now a year and a half old with listeners from over 100 countries. Kent has really added to our team.



**MOST PEOPLE STILL LISTEN
TO PODCASTS FROM APPLE**

ITP Growth

Podcasting remains one of my ultimate distractions here on the island. There isn't much else that I choose to do anymore. Life is bland here, but exciting elsewhere.

Our reach has been extended through other podcasts and spreading a bit more word of mouth on social media. We've had about 15 different guests reach out on email or Facebook instead of me initiating the interview.

David and Audrey will publish their podcast and website in December. JPMint has been a great resource and new connection for ITP and me personally. The owner, Jaqueline, is a former Admin and Teacher that now lives in Mexico. She revamped my resumé (CV) and gave it a professional makeover. That's the first time I have ever had so much help with recruiting documents of my own.

It's hard to believe it has taken this long to get to 10,000 downloads. (It would be nice to have that many buyers for my book. Hah.) No matter what, the ITP is growing in fame and reach. We are building some excellent relationships with other Int'l educators spreading the word.

"I've applied for lots of jobs I haven't gotten interviews for, but there's very few jobs I've interviewed for that I haven't gotten."
- Jacqueline from JPMint Consulting

Hours and Hours at StarBucks

Life has Come Down to This?

Go ahead. Ask me what I have done every weekend for the past three months? Funny you should ask. I sit at StarBucks in my spot. Reading, writing, web-design for BSS. I'm here now, as I compose this newsletter.

I sit like an Italian Don at a little Italian Restaurant. People I know come and go, retrieving over-priced coffee concoctions. Some sit and talk for a few minutes, others just wave and comment "got your spot?"

When I go up to the counter, the barista usually has my vente black tea ready. It's quite tricky now to get a coffee or cappuccino. I guess if you stay at a table from 6am to 2pm some people notice.

Tea? Why tea? Who knows. I just got sick of coffee. I know that is like announcing the end of the world, but it was time for a change. Did I ever mention that even though Chai Tea is listed on every Starbucks (that I have been to in this country) but it is never available? I question why Chai isn't simply taken off of their display menus. But that would be too logical.

International travel is rarely logical. Leave logical expectations behind. When logic does show it's pretty face, you can be pleasantly surprised.



Letting the Bosses Know

If you aren't yet aware, I am leaving the island for next school year. The end of this school year makes it seven years for me. Seven years in one place. That is a record for my life.

I basically have four bosses and I hit the trifecta with the main three. Ben Jacobs was our technology guru for a long time. He was recently promoted to adjunct superintendent, so he still fits in as a boss. I called him to let him know about my decision.

The other three bosses are the people I directly report to. Josh is my principal. Marc is my tech coordinator. Mike is my super. I set a meeting with each one of them to let them know I made the decision to leave the Middle East. This is quite a rare occurrence at this school. Practically unheard of. Highly appreciated by the admin, though.

Mike was surprised I had told him in person. We talked about Wisconsin (he's from Minnesota) and the Packers. Mike shared a little about the way this company recruits and assured me I have a job if my search falls through. Imagine that. Going into a recruiting season knowing that you have enough job security to stay at your current position. No pressure. The only pressure I have is self created. Imagine the headlines: "Author of the professional international teacher job fair handbook leaves a job fair without a new job." Oh crap!

"Hi, I'm Greg."

GRC is a new job fair that started back in 2016. New to me at least.

Just when everything in life gets a bit blaaaah, something new and exciting pops up. I heard about this new-ish job fair this week. Yep. Just days before All Hallows Eve. Why didn't I ever hear about this before?

The Global Recruitment Collaborative was started by Steve...Something in 2016.

According to my sources, Steve and some other heads of leading international schools decided they could meet for a weekend and horse trade names of quality candidates. They could cut the costs of memberships and databases, eliminate paper, and offer a free membership to candidates.

Don't ask me. This is all second or third hand information. I'll see if I can sniff around for some evidence while I am experiencing the event. I'm not looking for any specific job. But, if some school has beer/bacon on their recruiting table.....

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School and Candidate Registration For the Face-to-Face-Fairs is Open



The Face-to-Face-Fair is free for schools and candidates. All registered schools and candidates are invited to attend the Fair.

GRC Face-To-Face Fairs 2022

A trip to Dubai is a no-brainer for me. I am in no way prepared for a serious job hunt. I just finalized my current CV. I'm still working on my current video. I've registered for the ISS fair in Washington D.C. Now, this falls into my lap. I registered for the GRC fair because...why not. I have nothing to lose. I'll just see what is out there. Do schools want MakerSpace teachers now or is it just rumored. I still have my position secured at school. I have the ISS fair in February. Life is grand.