

What's New



News From The Tropics 10/07

It's the end of rainy season now. October is typically the rainiest month of the season and this one is breaking records! While the heavy rains have damaged a lot of the roads and bridges in Nicaragua, they have been a godsend for the local farmers' wells.

The government of Nicaragua has promised to fix a lot of the roads this coming year. For us here in and around San Juan del Sur, the good news is that the road between San Juan del Sur and La Virgen (the connector road from the Pan American Highway to San Juan del Sur) is set to be repaved beginning on 1 November 2007. This has been a couple of years in coming. The city has also been taking a hand in the upkeep of the dirt roads going north and south of town. The Chocolate Road is in some real need of repair. Unfortunately, the roads in Paraiso de Amelia will need work as well. This is the third rainy season our roads have weathered and you know what they say about Mother Nature!



Our electrical installation is finished and the project is now energized. The model house is finished as well. Issy, family and friends will be staying during their upcoming visit in November. Fellow owners, Clay and Kim, are in the final stages of preparing the construction of their home. Ground breaking should be in a month or two.



Our planting continues during rainy season. We have expanded plantings of anti-erosion plants, ornamental flowers and several hundred fruit trees. Our reforestation is going well too. We have planted over 3000 hardwoods on the property this year with many more to come.

We now have 24 hour security on the property. Our main caretaker, Juan Jose, is now living on the property along with his wife and daughter. Juan Jose is also the supervisor of our grounds keeping team. The team consists of Eddy, Efrain, Cristian and Fernando. This outstanding team has done a really fantastic job keeping things looking great.

Please remember to pay your land taxes. Taxes are due the beginning of every year. If paid before 31 March there is discount applied. Taxes not paid by 30 June will begin to accumulate fines. Fines are assessed daily until paid. They add up quickly!