

FARM REST HOUSE



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Here's a series of photos and annotations to bring you up to date on the construction of the farm rest house. It will be a number of notches higher in standard than the goat house, with such improvements as coco lumber posts instead of bamboo, concrete footings, plywood flooring, walls, power and running water. Something like the beach house. There will be an outhouse for ablutions. This structure will allow us to spend a day and/or overnight at the farm. But mainly, it will also house a fridge to keep the eventual cow and goat milk after pasteurizing.

A. That's Moms and Nitoy with the staked-out footprint of the rest house, 30 ft x 24 ft.

B. It took 15 felled coconut trees to produce the coco lumber shown in photo C. Note the line of stumps and the sawdust in the foreground. The sand and gravel mounds are for the concrete footings. One shouldn't build near a coconut tree as the fruit or leaves do fall and cause damage.

C. That's 1,915 board-feet of lumber cut to various sizes by a contractor who comes with a portable saw mill and cuts the tree down and into lumber. It costs P5 per board-foot (bd-ft) for this service. Buying lumber from a lumber yard is P14 per bdft, plus transportation. I haven't worked out a comparison with US pine wood, but coco lumbers seems very much cheaper. Note the goat atop the wood pile.

D. No harm in putting a few coins into the footings base.

E. A footing after pouring the concrete; note steel strap for fixing the post.

F. Long view after 3 days of work by the master carpenter and his 2-3 helpers; posts are up, floor joists partly complete. They are daily paid, not pacquiao work.

G. Putting in the roof chords on day 6. The bamboo is temporary scaffolding. Note the notch on the post for the chord.

H. The goat house for comparison.

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