

STATUS REPORT 8 – AZAGRA FARM – MAROONED

Here are the first few pictures of the farm progress soon after our arrival after 4 weeks in the US. The panorama shot below shows the vegetable plots and garden with pechay, squash, and a host of other veggies. This is the view as seen from the partially finished rest house on the right photo, taken last week. We had the work team restart yesterday, Monday, and today, there was electricity in the rest house, with the lines strung to the meter.



So, as can be seen, the emphasis now is on flora, not fauna. Note the mango tree in the background with all the fruit, covered by paper bags and managed by a subcontractor. A “comprador” comes for the pechay tomorrow.



Above panoramic photo shows the goats scampering back to the goat house when it started showering last week, all except Emil the male ram, who lounged in the grass (to the right of the coconut tree with close-up in the inset). When Nitoy said he'd again have to coach/carry Emil, the harem wash-out, to the goat house, I put my foot down, and stated he should be made mince meat. Lower inset shows him as such the next day. It was delicious, perhaps because of the way Nitoy prepared him, and the condiments used by our excellent cook. We already have another male ram to impregnate the females after they give birth. Moral: perform or else....



This noon, we were effectively marooned. The above bridge collapsed. Inset on right shows the Google map detour route which I will try tomorrow enroute to Dumaguete for more hardware supplies.

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