

Pictures that were taken in October and December of 2019 of the property in Ecuador.

If you want to make the pictures larger, maybe you can click on them and then pull one of the corners with your mouse. This property is located in the southern part of Ecuador about 30 minutes driving time from Malacatos. The elevation here is about 5000 feet, but because were not that far below the equator, it is pretty much spring like weather here the year around. I do not know of anybody in this area that has either air conditioning or heater in their house.



These are the gates coming into the East property. But I am on the east looking through them to the west property with the chicken house and the green colored house where the hens laid their eggs when I was raising about 300 hens.





The water tanks on the highest part of my property – with the neighbors Calf in the background on his property.



This is looking at the southwest corner of the shop and work space on the bottom and the living part of the house on the top floor. This is a big Palma Rosa tree that produces hundreds of fruits.



A better picture of the house; showing the deck and railing upstairs.





Showing the south side of the house.



Showing the south and east sides of the home with the 8 foot deck on the east. The brick house was the original part there when I bought the property – where I lived for about 1 ½ or two years.



Showing the east side of the house, with the ever producing lemon tree on the right. All of the protective shutters are designed to go up like the one you see in the bottom left.



Another picture of the east side of the home close to one of the many almond trees – that are just now beginning to bloom.



The stairs outside that goes up to the living quarters on the second floor.





North side of the big building I put up in which to dry moringa leaves. Of course, that is the top of the North side of the house above the moringa shed.



Showing the top part of the north and west ends of the house. I decided to paint the house the joyful colors of Christmastide; with the white background and then green and red and the golden door.



Come in through the golden door.



The North and West End of the house from a different angle.



Mostly the West End, showing part of the original brick house with a storage unit in the foreground that I put together.





A closer shot looking at the deck on the south side of house. There are 36 pots to grow food and/or flowers.



This is a picture of one of the almond trees about ready to bloom.



Another shot of an almond tree getting ready to bloom.



This almond tree already has its blossoms open.



Hoping for an abundance of almonds from these trees in the future.



At least they look hopeful now of producing nice crops.





I forgot the name of these fruits but it begins with the letter S. When they get ripe they turn a red color.



Right now during the end of December these are just starting to turn red. They have one big seed in them about the same as a date. In past years I have harvested them and put them in the freezer.



One of the nearby orange trees.





This shows part of the new banana trees planted down near these Malabar chestnut trees.



Mostly almond trees, with a new banana tree in the front.



More of the new banana trees amid the Malabar chestnut trees.





New banana trees, and more of the Malabar chestnut trees. That bigger tree in the middle is an orange tree.



A native avocado tree, surround by some of the new banana trees.



I installed this laminated, floating floor inside the living quarters.





Another picture inside looking toward the east.



Some bananas on the northeast with the food drying machine in the corner. There are nine windows in this living quarters that is more or less 13' x 27'. With a skylight running the full length, there is usually quite a lot of light inside with a very excellent view in every direction.





A view from the inside looking out through the east windows. There are 10 of the 3" x 3" rectangular tubing filled with cement. That together with the triangle bracing in the structural steel makes it a secure dwelling. Personally, I would much rather be living in this house than one with a thick cement roof over me if Divine Providence would ever permit a really serious earthquake to take place in this area. The metal roof is far less likely to fall down; and far, far less likely to kill somebody in a really serious earthquake.



This is the outside of the door when it is opened and you are looking at it while inside the house ready to go downstairs.





The inside of the door – looking at it, of course, from inside the house.



Now I have turned 90° from the above picture; and this is where you can go downstairs while remaining inside the building. Did you notice that each step only goes ½ ways across? This design makes it the same as walking up regular steps; although these steps would otherwise be quite step and difficult to safely go up – and especially down them. I made the wagon/cart under the steps with the gas can in it. It has been used to haul tons of rocks out of the fields; as well as other practical uses. The writing in the cement as one comes into the shop downstairs, says: “Peace to this house and to all who enter herein.” Below the window you can see on the right, I also wrote in the cement as it was drying: “Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.” Those Latin words, translated into English say: “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.”



This is looking at my neighbor's place, about 15 minutes walking time from my property.





Looking south from the deck on the east side of the house with my neighbor's property in the background. It took me a lot of time to form all of this metal and weld it into place and paint it.



A closer up view of some of the hot chili plants.





Chili plants close to the retaining wall.



More chili plants by some of the new banana trees – with an avocado on the right side and other trees in the background.





The Palma Rosa tree producing hundreds of fruits.



More blossoms and food on the Palma Rosa tree. There is another one of these big trees down at the north edge of my property.

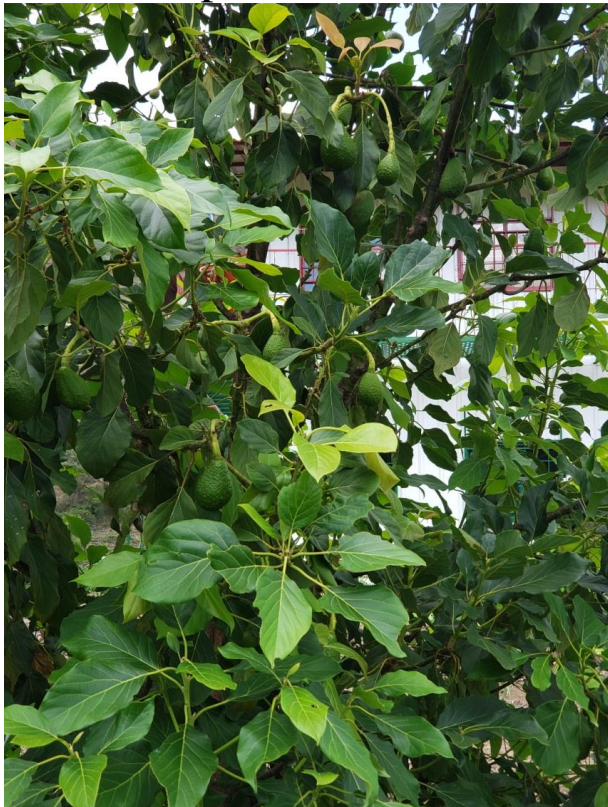


The Hass avocado tree that I planted is now starting to produce some nice avocados.





A closer up shot of some of the Hass avocados.



More avocados from a different angle.



This is the first year that this butternut avocado tree that I planted is making avocados.







The two Mora trees are producing a lot of very nutritious, delicious berries.





More blossoms on one of the Mora trees.



A few mangos on one of the mango trees, surrounded by alfalfa.





Grapefruit.



More grapefruit.



A picture of the house from down by the grapefruit tree with alfalfa and a few fig trees in the foreground.

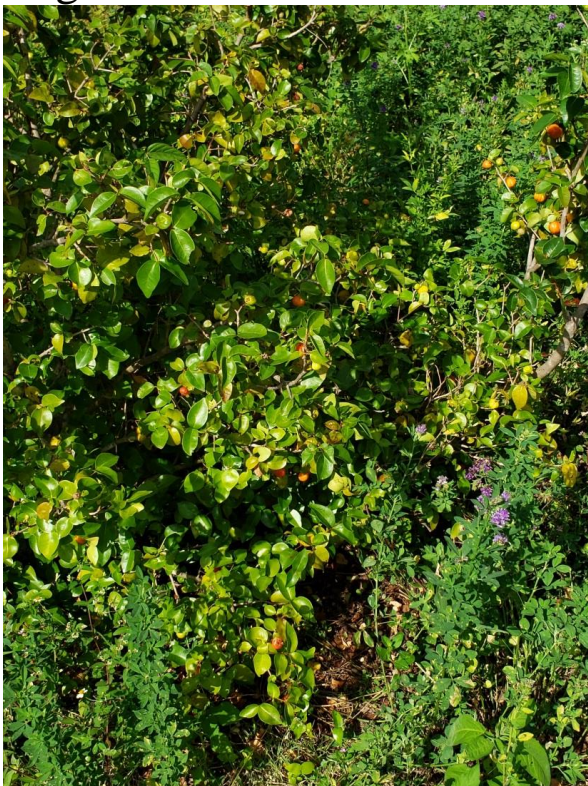


Some of the sugarcane.





One of the figs. These figs turn kind of a dark purple when they are ripe enough to eat.



I bought two of these little bushes from the nursery. They produce little red fruits about the size of a Bing cherry when they get ripe.



From the original two bushes I saved a good number of the seeds and now I have more of these food producing bushes down by the Malabar chestnut trees.



This is one of the almonds that will be the first crop from these almond trees.

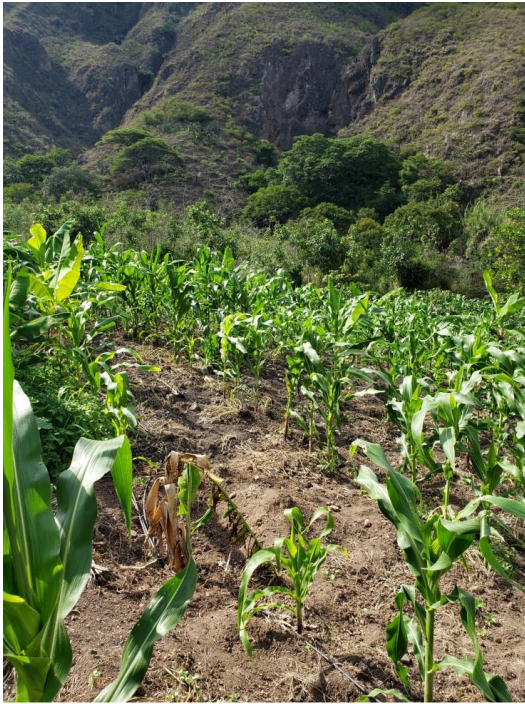






When the green fruits turn red they are ready to eat.





Some of the corn planted about two months ago. Do you see the heart Divine Providence built into the mountainside, in the background?



Some corn amid the new banana trees.



This is one of the pods filled with Malabar chestnuts.



Another pod on the same tree filled with Malabar chestnuts.





More Malabar chestnuts from the same tree. Eventually these trees should get big like the Palma Rosa trees and produce thousands of delicious nuts.



Another picture of some of the corn.



One of the many new banana trees.



Banana trees and corn down on the north edge of my property.