

A Jungle Bridge

**Comments, Thoughts, and Pictures
From Costa Rica**



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We're just about ready to add Nanci's new line of images – "Flor'n More" to the Online Store, but we thought we'd give you an advance peek. Nanci managed to capture the elusive phosphorescent glow that surrounds the Blue Morpho Butterfly after Alejandro brought her a dead one. The blue glow was applied using the actual color from a Blue Morpho's wing...

RECENT NEWS

Being on "The Edge Of Safety"... an allegory to life. Your opinion on GIF animation is sought. Correcting an error – and an apology. A new name for me – "Gigante" – Giant.

THE EDGE OF SAFETY

Every Sunday, Nanci and I go to the beach. Last Sunday, we got there as a storm was approaching the shore. It was possible to see the approaching "edge" of the storm, and the oncoming falling rain.



No, this is NOT the scene off Playa Negra on Sunday, but it give you an idea of just what an approaching storm can look like.

The waves on Playa Negra are usually reasonably quiet. This day, however, they were increasing in intensity as the storm approached. They got higher, faster, and more frequent. As the waves broke, they traveled to the shore and bounced back into the ocean, creating return waves that greeted the incoming waves and formed a big vertical spray.

The water coming back from the beach toward the ocean was a powerful current, capable of swiftly sweeping swimmers off their feet. The incoming waves had the opposite effect – shoving swimmers shoreward, pushing them head-over-heels toward the beach.

The wave action got more intense as the storm got nearer. At one point, it was clear that we were not in control. After a few minutes of "enjoying" this condition, we looked at each other and nodded - time to get out of there.

We had been on the "edge of safety".

HAPPY FOURTH

We live a quiet existence here, at least as far as US Holidays goes. No fireworks display, just a memory of what it's all about.



From us to you – Happy Fourth of July!

WHADDA YOU THINK?

I'm thinking about adding a little "spice" to the website, using an animator to display a series of pictures, like this. I'm working to get it right, but I'd welcome any hints from people who know how to get this done. Here's a sample so far.



Kids teach themselves

Obviously, I could use a little help.

The little coffee cup in the upper left means I haven't yet paid for the animation software. Your comments will assist in that decision-making process.

CORRECTING AN ERROR

I mixed up two sets of names in the last newsletter. The "shirt off his back picture" was incorrectly identified.



The shirt is actually being handed to Nanci by David Powell, who visited here in early June with his wife LaSha and and son Dalton Powell.

Their visit here - and their generosity - was greatly appreciated.

Please accept my apology for the mistake.

GIGANTE

The Spanish word for "giant" is "gigante" – "hee-han-tay". The kids hanging around here have come up with a name for me – "Gigante".

In one sense, it's true – I'm almost twice as tall as Mayra. But wait – there's more!

Sometimes I've been known to be a little short-tempered. At that point, my name changes – they add "Picante" – or "spicy". "Esta Gigante Picante?" pronounced "ess-ta hee-han-tay pee-can-tay?"

I love it...

HERE'S A VIDEO OF THIS AREA

Great video, showing life here – and some aspects of Bribri life. ..

http://colinsito.blogspot.com/life_in_puerto_viejo/2007/06/puerto_viejo_se.html

Thanks to Colin for providing it!

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Thanks are due to those who have provided recent donations. Michael Kohan donated school and office supplies as well as cash. Frank, Mary, Daniel, and Sarah Hinkle – school supplies and cash. Haekke, a Puerto Viejo resident, donated clothes, as did Sylvana, from Magic Moon Cottages.

Priscila donated ponchos, umbrellas, flashlights – and small battery-powered radios. Initially, we didn’t think the radios would be useful, since we can’t get stations in our location. However, the kids who took them up to the mountain reported that “the reception is just fine.”

Thanks to Tashia Campbell, Oceana del Fuego, Sylvia, Selena Reames, Paloma Sacristan, Jeff Fisher, Scott Brown, and Candice for cash donations.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

We have several urgent matters here, beginning with a crucial need to ensure transportation. You’ll see more about that shortly. However....

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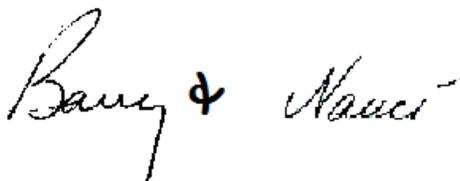
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Here's some Video clips showing activities at The Bridge:

[Nanci and Alejandro working together to serve lunch on the porch](#)

[Daniel, Barry, and Alejandro setting up for the movie](#)

[Watching the movie: this day, "Winnie The Pooh" in Spanish](#)

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