



Christma's Greetings

Christmas is an important time of the year. For many is a time to reflect on whatever their Christian faith means to them and for others it is simply a good opportunity to relax with friends and family. For everyone though, it is a time to reflect on the past, and to look to the future with confidence.



Christmas is also a time for communities to come together, to give and to share and to be at peace, a time to build the kind of respect for each other, that helps us to be stronger. Our hope at Portasol for 2008 is that the goodwill and respect that we all enjoy at Christmas will last all year round.

Feliz Navidad!

What is happening in the area

- Bridges and road along Quepos and Dominical continue under construction.
- School 2007 year is over.
- Copaza, Paz for Aguirre Commission, is running several social programs in the Quepos Area: theater, a new drug rehab house being equipped, modern dance, sports.

Corporate Social Responsibility

Communities Exchange.

For children from Portalón Primary School, members of the Club Ecológico Los Tucanes, and three teachers went to the Atlantic Zone for several days with the objective to share experiences and spent time with the Nogal Community. They had a great time, were very welcomed and on the way back had the chance to visit Poas Volcano, a free guided visit coordinated by Henry Chaves, Portasol's Biologist.



Weather

Christmas winds among us. No more showers... instead sunny days.

Portasol welcomes the summer time with gladness. We are ready to enjoy this season which always brings stunning sunsets.

These Days !!!





John Ruhl. Lot E2

It is a beautiful morning in Portasol. Having lived in various tropical regions the decision to choose Costa Rica was an easy one. After looking at many developments, the choice of Portasol was also easy. Our property, a ten acre parcel with a large plateau overlooking the ocean is wonderful.

The next step in realizing our dream was in choosing an architect. After interviewing several top people we found Franz Beer. Franz is one of Latin America's finest architects and the dean of architecture in Costa Rica.

Our home was a year in designs and development. It is a multi-level home, very contemporary, but is warm and comfortable. The house is open to its setting; its as though the jungle moves through the house. The views of jungle and ocean are stunning.

A key decision contributing to the success of our project was the choice of builder, VIDALCO, S.A. The two principals, Eloy Vidal, and Edgar Navarro are honest, dedicated professionals. We could not have found a better team to work with. Construction began during the rainy season, Oct.18th, 2006. The house was ready for occupancy 10 months later, it is a large and complex design which required innovation engineering and a "can-do" attitude, throughout construction.

The Portasol team, Guillermo Piedra, his brother Carlos, Manrique Salas, and all the others were always there to help. Its because everyone had a positive approach that our project turned out so well. Our part was to do our homework, have a vision of what we wanted and to understand not to attempt to impose N.American ideas and performance on Costa Rican customs and sensibilities.

Today we have literally hundreds of butterflies around the house, tucans in the trees, visits by monkeys, and the voice of the jungle as a backdrop. Building in a different country is challenging. We are finding the rewards very satisfying.

Words from our new engineering consulting team

For us, the **ABBITARE Team**, working on Portasol has been a valuable experience, because of the very original conception of the Project. Trying of doing a good engineering practice with the obligation of preserving the pristine environment has been challenging for us. We have had to use only natural and endemic construction materials and local workmanship, instead of the traditional systems. We are proud of making part of the Portasol Professional Team and working hard, day to day, trying to giving you, our clients, the best product of the real estate market in the Central Pacific Area of Costa Rica.



In the past people of Portalón use to make a local interesting drink, in a special place, next to Cazuela Park... so we are building up a RANCHO for us all to enjoy!. A site where we will hear more than one old story!!



New path to Cazuela Waterfall !!



ACOPOR remains that the next Portasol's Annual Owners Meeting will be on February 24 2008, at Portasol!!!