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Extraordinary lettuce! Starting to see a seasonal decrease in banana quantities, an increase in herbs, multi-colored corn, and this exotic little purple cauliflower!







The Team! Bryan on harvest! Angél on planting, what a blessing! Anuradha on the Weekly Seeding! SuZen prepping the day's salad! Yogiraj caring for the buckwheat patch! Nirmala on bed/plant care! Jagdish on microGreen harvest! And Tara showing off the first chile dulce of the year!



Explorations Jan 2022

Our mielequilla banana continues to flourish and has grown its first hijo! A friend brought us a Jerusalem artichoke seed! The wild mini cucumbers set up to climb the mesh! Big beets! Our chile dulce patch is also flourishing, and seems to have benefited from the experiment of removing the flowers/fruits until the

plants were well established. They are loaded with fruits! The fennel bulbs are almost ready to harvest! And by the end of the month, the Jerusalem artichoke sprouted and has already grown considerably!



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Solar Dryer:

Abundant cacao harvests fermenting well! The herb experiment is promising! They like the heat! The buckwheat microGreens are still being enjoyed by the small birds, despite our hiding place on this out of the way shelf! And a big butter bean harvest from beds 5 & 6 (16m) produced 2.1kg dried beans, which was enough for 1 large meal for 30 people!



Palmito! We have been cutting very tall trees that have edible flowers and give huge hearts! We've been improving our accuracy which helps us avoid nearby fruit/avocado trees!

Anuradha caring for/harvesting green beans! Angél found 2kg of the winged bean roots while we prepared the bed for the next crop! And Bryan becoming very precise with his

harvest calculations!





Next generation bamboo trellis for tomatoes. JK bed work, upcoming determinate tomatoes, and successful cucumbers vines!

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More Trellising Experiments!

We are preparing several trellises for dry season crops. Orange King determinate tomatoes, Sugar Snap Peas, and indeterminate tomatoes will all benefit from these creative structures!



We continue to experiment/explore different styles of trellising based on the materials available and the observations we've made about the requirements of each plant.

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We were able to reutilize the same pea trellis from last year that was a great success! We gave it a deep clean, began restringing, and direct seeded the peas! **Repairs/Remodels:** A wet spot emerged one afternoon, by the next morning, it had grown. When we investigated, we found a loose coupling, which then led us to check and tighten all the unions! The cat scratch roof was a challenge to reach, and in the process several other scratches and many nail punctures were discovered. Carlos and Maicol work their construction magic to build a new harvest/sink station at Jagadamba Kanyaka (JK).



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Insects! The usual suspects plus some new arrivals...

...and we suspect pia-pia birds damaged the corn!

Catch All: More beauty from the land; an interesting lichen, the grumichama bushes flowering, and the agave flowers germinated into little agave plants on the tree! Interesting fungal spots on the beans, and a caterpillar cocoon. Scallion rootstock planting, celery,

and parsley in Svarga. The End of the parsnip seed saving adventure (20 months!) and bed #36 freshly prepped. And more beautiful ayotes from the land!

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Inspiring Beauty!

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