

Seeds are sprouting in our neighborhood and beyond!

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Stretching horizons: Casa Cuenca

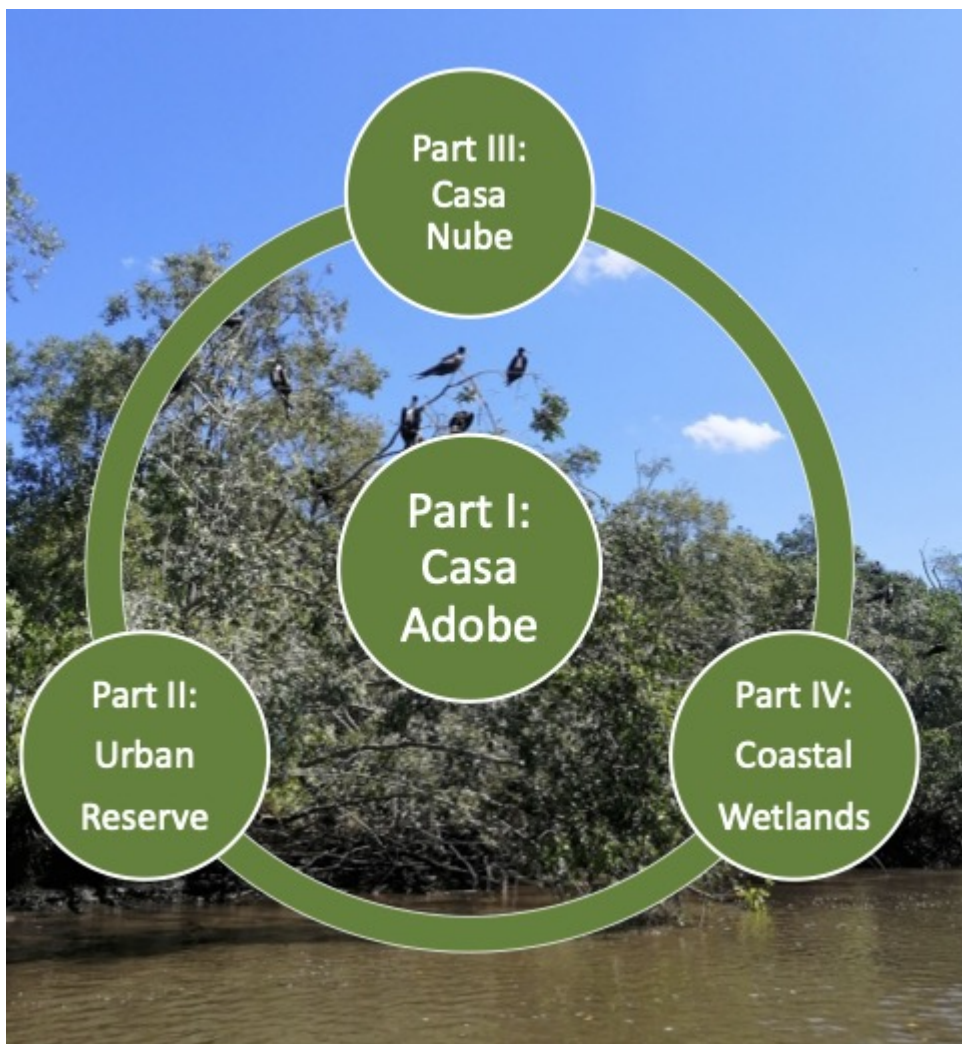
Yes: As you've heard through the years, our Casa Adobe community and association, has been engaging in creation care for a long time. We've spearheaded neighborhood composting and river clean up; we recycle our grey waters and use solar to heat our water; our garden is thriving.

Well, now our horizons are stretching beyond anything we imagined when we began this work over a decade ago! We are now [Friends of A Rocha](#), a global Christian conservation organization. Having been planting trees along the river and advocated with local authorities for a green park with public access for quite some time, we recently got word that the municipality is including this park in its urban plans. AND a beautiful property in the cloud forest, which we are calling Casa Nube, is being leased to us for scientific research, environmental education, community retreats and other initiatives. We are very grateful for these developments, while at the same time sobered by all the work ahead! We also need to raise funding for running the place. We'd love to count on your prayers and would be happy to share far more information if you're interested!



Neighbors of Santa Rosa (Santo Domingo, Heredia, Costa Rica) remember bathing and fishing in the Virilla River. Today, they live with their backs to the river. The vision of Casa Cuenca is to restore the relationship with the river and its entire ecosystem so that neighbors and the whole watershed or “Cuenca” might flourish.

The vision rests on Casa Adobe’s current conservation work (part I), expands it into a full urban reserve along the river (Part II), and reaches up to Casa Nube, in the cloud forest (Part III), to affect the entire watershed. The dream is to reach down to the wetlands, where these waters join the ocean (Part IV).



Another opportunity to Re-Connect

Given our new life rhythm, with the year split and 2/3 of it spent in Costa Rica and 1/3 mainly in Michigan, we are nearing another opportunity to reconnect with friends and supporting churches. We will be available for church visits from mid August to mid December. We've prepared [this form for you to choose](#) a Sunday and indicate a couple other things regarding our visit. We will prioritize scheduling churches we have not visited recently. Please do get in touch with us if you'd like to connect personally while we're in the area. Looking forward to this!

With gratitude,

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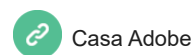
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