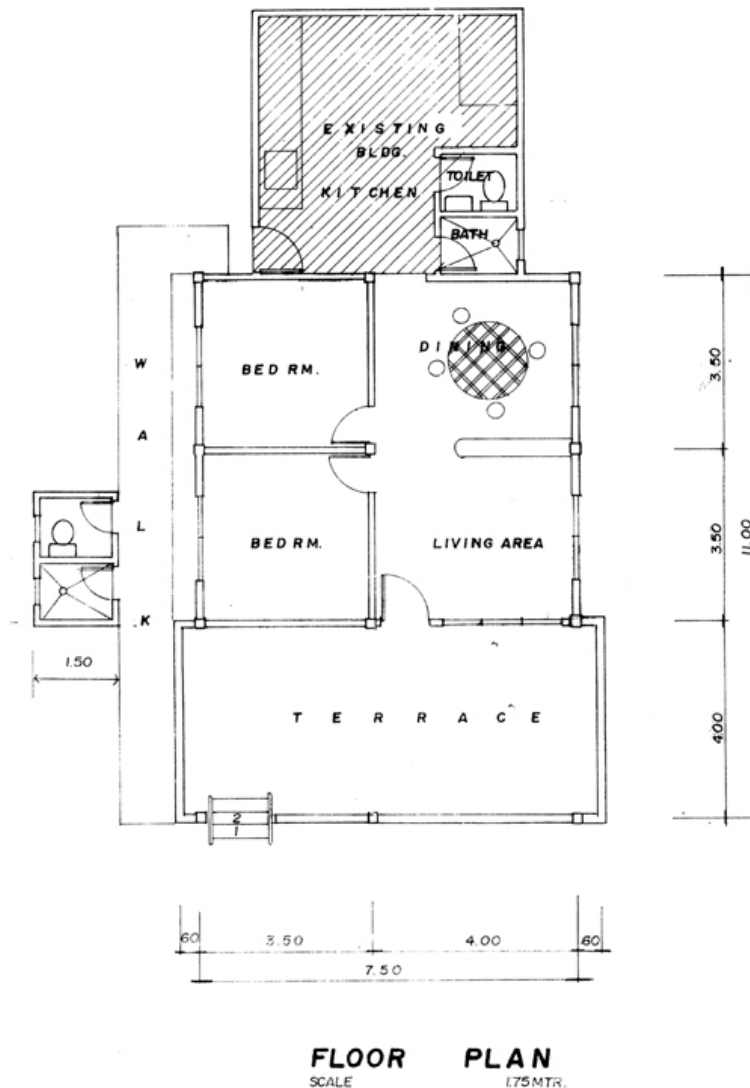


Hi Mike,

Rather than sending a bunch of photos of that beach hut I showed you at Amador's - presumably to make more convincing the prospect of settling down in the Phils - here I am stitching together a more coherent set in PDF format with annotations.

Hope Lirio will find this interesting, too.

Danny



The floor plan showing the original hut as cross-hatched. We added about 800 sq ft of purely native construction, after all, it literally is a squatter's shack, but with class: running water and tiled T&B with flush WCs and electricity. And since you asked, not bad for the \$3.5K it cost us, and that includes the fencing around an apprx 3000 sq ft of real estate. But as I said, no title.



The hut abuilding. Notice existing structure behind. It had concrete walls on 2 sides, with septic tank, etc.



All finished. This was the house blessing.



The beach at low tide, with beach hut on the right. That's me posing.



View from a fisherman's boat at high tide.



Harvesting the catch from fish traps. We bought one such trap, and the arrangement with the fishermen is that we split on the harvest, though we pay for the fuel for their boats. They set the traps weekly.



The beach house is 6 km away from town (Tanjay City, Neg Or) where the main house is located on the main street. Above is the sala prior to the extensive upgrades we made. Note the opened balikbayan box. We shipped 21 in all. That's Lisa doing some knitting.



Traveling to the other islands is easy. Here's a vintage WW2 landing craft rehabbed for ferry use between Cebu and Negroes, a 30 minute run. At \$18 per car, not bad as compared to the \$100 plus at Martha's Vineyard (but with as many as 300 cars). But what surprised me even more was when Amador brought me on a ferry at Greenwich to one of those resort islands. The ferry was 1934 vintage.



But back in the big city, it's all modern. That's Rockwell Center Makati behind my folks' place.



And perhaps you haven't ridden the newest LRT from Recto (Azcarraga) corner Avenida, all the way to Marikina. Neater and cleaner than NYC.



But in contrast, here in the US, you may have friends with Estates like that of Loida, or your very own at South Hampton.



Or quaint little places like Greenwich that pack a wallop behind the scenes.



You can even sit with Einstein.

But for me, home I go, to settle in Tanjay, and visit Makati once in a while.

Danny Gil

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