

Kipahulu, Maui, Hawaii — July 2004



John & Miriam with Seth & Erica at the entrance to the 180 acre reforestation project land.

Red sands beach trail outside of Hana.
The day of the Hana Taro Festival.



The composting outhouse building. Above is one of the machine storage buildings. Small sleeping cabins, a common kitchen yurt, bath house and office/barn round out the community buildings. The community feeds itself (mostly) from a large communal organic garden. Trees on the farm provide bananas, avocado, papaya and other fruits.

Kanaio Buddhist Retreat, Maui, Hawaii — July 2004



We stopped here in Kanaio to visit Jeff Munoz before going out the unpaved back road to Kipahulu (previous and last page). Jeff has built this post and beam building (and several others on the site) over many years. Note the Tibetan prayer wheels at the back. There is a large Buddha inside and a very handsome altar.

Stained glass windows and the handsome exposed timber interior feel like you could be half a world and several centuries away.

Monks and Lamas come here from Tibet and the Oahu organization for meditation retreats. There is a guest house a bit higher up the slope.



The “stupa” or relic shrine.

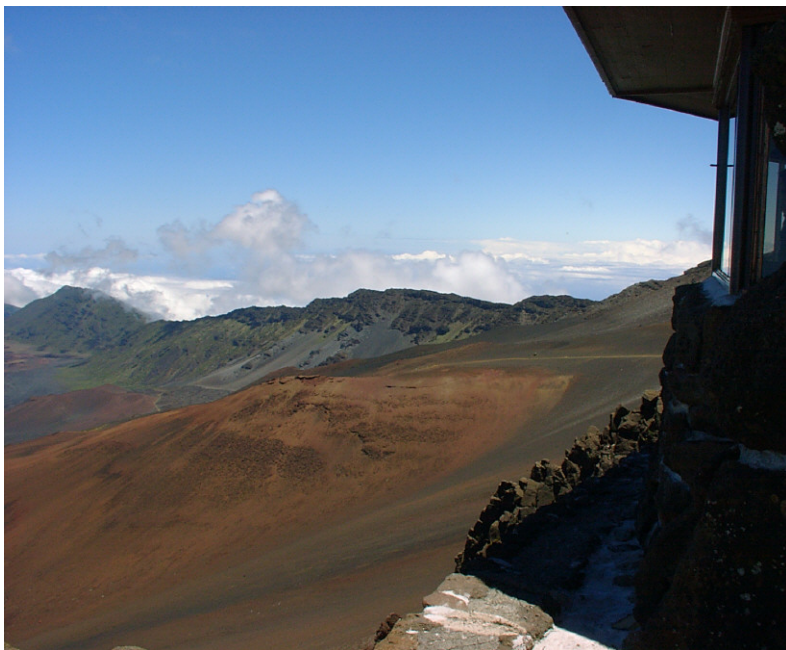


Miriam takes off her shoes.



Jeff's simple cooking cabin at the retreat. We walked in about a mile and $\frac{1}{2}$ when the road got too rough for the rental car (there is a 4WD road Jeff uses).

His office is under the slanting roof to the right. It has about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' of head-room. He works at his computer sitting down on cushions. He has a somewhat larger personal cabin elsewhere on the property



Haleakala Crater from the Visitor's Center at 10,080 ft. above the ocean. This road has the fastest elevation gain of any road in America. Sea level to 10,000 feet in about an hour.



Red trunks on the trees at Kanaio



Looking up country from the Reforestation Project land at Kipahulu. Tropical rain forest all the way to the top of the crater. We are @ about 350' Elev.



Seth with the work crew taking a break from cutting and chipping brush. They are replanting bamboo, teak, mahogany and other tropical timber and native trees.

Mero from Bulgaria is sitting on the right. He is doing a one year work/study exchange at the farm. Mark is sitting on the left. Another exchange worker is from Costa Rica. He was back at the kitchen yurt cooking lunch.

Erica and Kawai (daughter of Jody and Gianti) with Seth.



There is no utility power in the entire Kipahulu valley although there is phone service (and very slow internet). This leads to some creative solutions. There is a thatched roof open air smoothie stand on the Hana highway where the blender is powered by getting on a bicycle and having the back tire run a generator. The faster you pedal, the faster the blender goes.

The Ola Honua project runs all their machines on bio-diesel fuel and generates electric power from solar panels and batteries. Bath house shower water is heated by a passive solar water heater.

Several families live this way in the valley including actor Woody Harrelson. There is a small one room schoolhouse with about nine students of various ages.