

Wed, August 22, 2007

Dear Friends of Nah Uxibal,

We wanted to let you know asap how we came through Dean since it is clear to us that so many of you have been thinking and praying for Nah Uxibal, Javier, Victoria and the family, and of course Lady and Sola. We thank each and everyone one of you that have reached out with your concerns and care about Nah Uxibal and all the people and animals that are a part of this incredible place.

Well, we were once again blessed and spared a direct hit, which in this hurricane would have been devastating. Dean was/is a huge and powerful force indeed. We were north about three hours from where the eye came in (Mahajaul) and still we sustained the same amount of damage as we did in Wilma. Hallelujah!

Skip and I stayed in a hotel in Tulum with the dogs that night and listened to the winds howl. Javier, Victoria and family all went home to Kantunil and only experience high winds that night. Skip and I were so exhausted from all the preparation that we actually slept that night at the hotel. There comes a point where you just surrender to what will be, of course after you have done the best to prepare.

What did happen? A lot of damage in Majaul and Xcalack, although we have not heard the details. Chetumal took a big hit and there is a lot of damage but luckily no loss of life. Closer to home Tankah Bay seemed to get it a lot worse than us, probably because there is not the same kind of high reef that we have here. Casa Cenote has been destroyed (Palaypa still standing but no floor or foundation) and Blue Sky sustained considerable damage, as well as a few homes down that way. Dean pushed an enormous amount of water ahead of it, it washed right through our lobby and into the mangrove behind the sandbar, where all these houses are built. Now we see the importance of the mangrove, it absorbed all the water when the big waves came over, preventing more erosion because it did not need to wash out again in a big wave, taking more sand and homes with it. Skip and I walked (the dogs swam) through thigh deep waters from the highway the next morning to get to Nah Uxibal. The water drained off the Mangrove within a few hours and we got to work. There is plenty more to do but Javier and his family is back from Kantunil and we are getting the place back in shape quickly. We only needed to cancel two reservations and hope that they can come back another time to enjoy Nah Uxibal. We will be back to normal within a week so those of you who have future reservations please know that for now (con el permissio del Dios) they are still good and Nah Uxibal is still with us.

Thank you all for your prayers and good thoughts, we were again blessed and we can't help but think all the love from so many had something to do with it.

With Appreciation and incredible gratitude and joyous celebration,  
Hasta Luega!

Skip, Jeannette, Javier, Victoria, Alejandra, Amallia y  
Aresela, and of course, Lady and Sola and Donkey (our newest addition)