

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in the Amazon Rain Forest, one of the three largest primary forests in the world. With 4 million trees disappearing each year, the Amazon Rain Forest is suffering. The deforestation is mainly caused by a slash and burn philosophy used by the local farmers, a technique consisting of burning land to provide temporary soil fertilization to grow crops. After exhausting exploited land, farmers abandon it and replicate the process on other nearby lands in a circle of endless deforestation.

The area of our tree plantings, in the State of Rondônia, Brazil is the area most affected by deforestation in the Amazon. Among the species to be planted, all are local. These include the cocoa tree, which will enable producers to generate additional income by selling cocoa; the acai, which produces berries with highly nutritious qualities; the cupuaçu, which produces a vegetable butter sought after for its soothing and repairing properties; Roucouyer and andiroba, known for their medicinal properties; peach palm and Amazon walnut, whose fruits or nuts are consumed by local populations; and courbaril, which will eventually be used to produce quality wood.

Planting your gift tree will have wide-ranging community benefits; restore burned areas, conservation of tropical biodiversity, improvement of the water cycle, diversify forest fruit production, ensure food and nutritional security, and store carbon to fight climate change. Besides planting trees, our program teaches local farmers to integrate agroforestry into their farming practices allowing them to earn more income per acre than before. Thus, they are becoming aware of the importance of forest cover for their food crops, and of the ability of trees planted in and around their fields to enrich cultivated soils. As a result, slash-and-burn farming loses its interest. Your gift tree thus makes it possible to mobilize local populations towards a sustainable agricultural production method and thus break the vicious circle of deforestation by burning.

You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link:

<https://binged.it/2VKziy8>

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Europe and the world. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting as the reforestation projects conducted by The Gifted Tree take place in a number of regions. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at www.TheGiftedTree.com.

