"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 municipality of Tadó in the Choco Department (state) in western Colombia, one of the world's most biodiverse areas, with more than 8,000 species of plants and 600 species of birds. In the 2000s, Choco suffered 60% of the deforestation in Colombia, due to mining and logging.

Your tree will be part of a project restoring 250 acres of tropical forest, protect over 2,000 species of plants and animals, rebuild habitats for mammals, birds, and insects and reverse biodiversity loss. This project will help fight global warming, improve air quality, soil quality and water quality of surrounding watersheds (restoring fish habitats as well), prevent and reverse soil erosion and desertification.

Besides planting tree species that are native to the region including algarroba, chanó, carrá, milkman, caimito, guino, cedar, and achiote, the project also aims to plant edible fruit trees. Communities will be able to sell the resulting fruit and nuts to help increase household income. Finally, community families will be taught best agro-forestry and sustainability practices



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

https://binged.it/3RPbNPM

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 Colombia, Central America, and the world. The link is best viewed on a personal computer. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree and visiting the tree is unfortunately not possible.

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: <u>www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/</u>. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at <u>www.TheGiftedTree.com</u>.

