

Day 47 – The big five-o for Lilli [Wednesday 09-Mar-2011]

When we got up, the sky was clear. It's one of those unusual winter days on Guadeloupe when the entire island is clear. Even the mountains were clear.



This is the new backyard of the place we're staying at



The sky was so clear that we could see Montserrat as we visited the diving place

After breakfast we headed over the “traverse” to the west side of Basse Terre and visited our favorite dive shop. There we set up three dives for the next two days.



A view of the lush Basse Terre island of Guadeloupe, where we are staying



Boxes are not just for wine anymore. My favorite rum is sold by the imperial gallon!

We then went to the opposite side of Guadeloupe and visited La Moule, to see the Damoiseau Rum distillery. They make our favorite rum. It is not that impressive of a place to visit, but we did stock up on some rum for the trip home.



The ocean by Le Moule (east side, facing the Atlantic) is rougher than the south



We found a quiet beach spot in St Francois, east of the town square and port

The sky was so clear we could see both Marie Galante and Dominica from the beach.



Lilli is preparing picnic lunch at the beach in St Francois, Guadeloupe

We ate a picnic lunch at the beach. Lilli took a few swims, afterward, and felt very good after. As we headed home, we stopped at several grocery stores, but none were open due to this being the “day after” Mardi Gras. When we had all but given up, we discovered that the local convenience store in Vernou was open. They saved us, once again. We relaxed a bit at our bungalow. Lilli called her sister, Anna, back in Sweden and we then also called the kids.

We had a light snack and then went up to the pool and bar where we stay as Anna had organized something for Lilli from remotely.



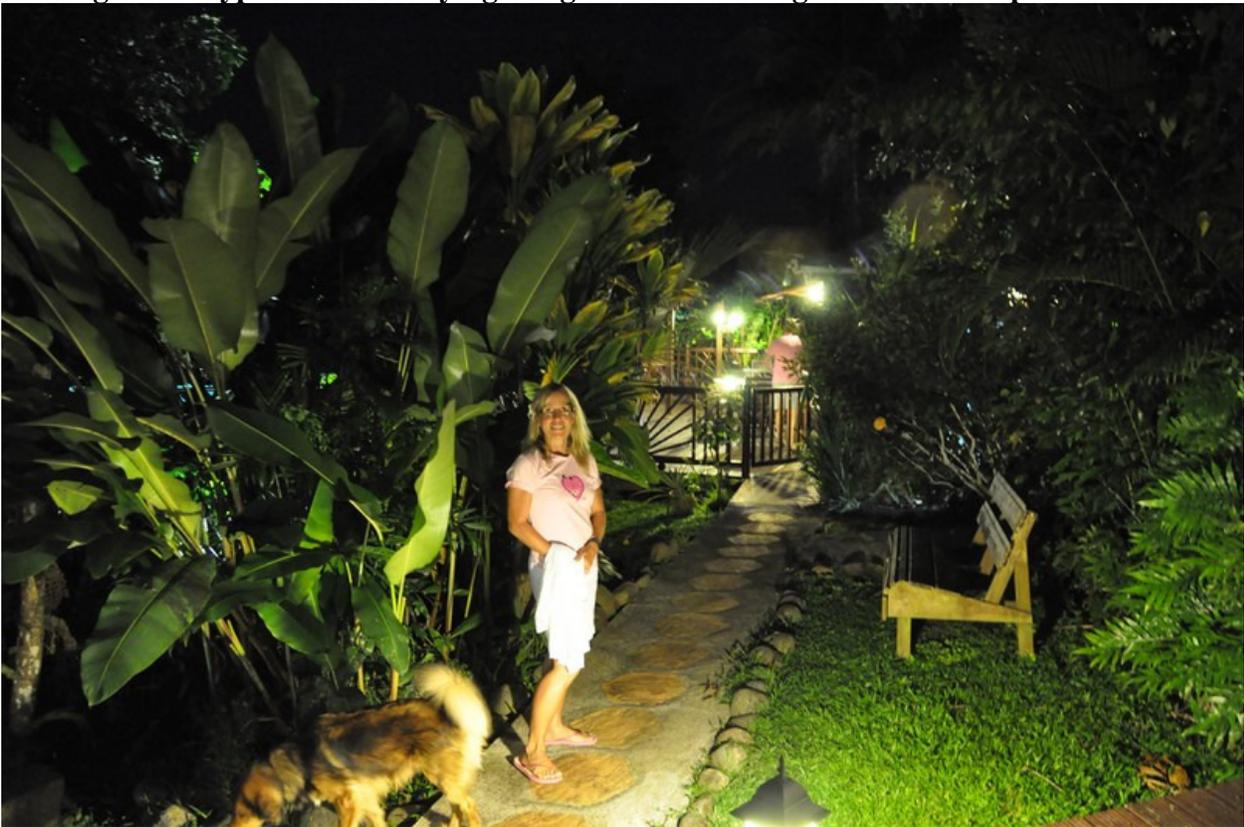
A view of Marie Galante and Dominica from where we ate lunch on the beach



Lilli is talking with her sister, Anna, back in Sweden, over Skype



Talking over Skype: Dexter is trying to figure out how we got into the computer



Heading over to the pool where we are staying in Guadeloupe. Elvis, the dog, is showing



Thank you! Enjoying a bottle of Champagne from Lilli's sister Anna and her fiancé Peter