

Hi, (name):

My name is Dave Meader, and I live near San Francisco. I have been a business consultant and business professor for 25 years, and have provided free business consulting throughout my career to nonprofits.

I'm coming to Costa Rica in March and April. As part of my adventure there, I would like to offer my consulting services to your (name of project), for free, to help with your back office /capacity building efforts. All I ask for in return is your help in finding me a safe, clean, convenient place to live while I work with you. I'm happy to pay local rates, of course. But I'd like to avoid paying the high tourist rates. I expect no payment from you, and the only payment I'm offering is in-kind professional work.

I want to do capacity building work, not program work because I realize that's the area that most nonprofits have trouble getting support for. More specifically, I think I could help you with strategy, business processes, marketing, logistics, and anything to do with information technology. Think of me as your free business advisor, for whatever kind of project you want done!

While I have a good network of contacts, I discovered you by searching online and reading about what you do. I'm impressed by your work, and want to help. Honestly, I've also found that this is a good way for me to travel and get away from all the tourist stuff, to get to know local culture and make new friends among the community. All while helping an organization doing important work become more effective. :-)

Can you think of any capacity building or business work you need done in Costa Rica to help you deliver on your mission better? I'm willing to work for 4 weeks, 4 days a week, while I'm there. Would you like to talk about this? I'm excited about the possibilities!

Thank you!  
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