

Xi'an University of Architecture & Technology



XI'AN, SHAANXI, CHINA

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Work Description



- Worked primarily at the Macha Village Center Project in the Gansu Province in Northern China
- Provided design & construction support
- Oversaw villagers' work and gave feedback to the project managers to improve aesthetics and efficiency
- Helped construct the village center

Macha Village Project



Most Rewarding Aspects of Internship



- Being able to work on a project that has the potential, if successful, to be replicated all over China
- Project will help to build a sense of community and will hopefully increase quality of life

Project



Impact



- Other than providing an extra set of hands for labor and construction we were able to provide feedback on the original design and implement changes

Macha Project



Personal Impact



- Opened my eyes to the issues associated with urbanization in China
- Got me interested in Chinese language and culture
- Plan on learning mandarin and possibly doing junior or senior thesis research in China now

Project



Personal Growth



- Came in knowing nothing about Eastern cultures and am now completely fascinated by them
- High level of autonomy from supervisors allows for personal exploration and pursuit of your interests
- Highly recommended experience for anyone interested in architecture, engineering, urbanism, and China