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The Projects

- Macha
 - Building a new village center out of rammed earth
 - Sustainable, cost effective and efficient
 - Preserving culture and tradition
 - Demonstrating that traditional buildings can be modern
- Guilin
 - Transforming traditional building into a village center
 - Use of local materials for renovation/demonstration
 - Improving interiors of several dwellings



Guilin



Macha



Impact

- Huge benefits for the surrounding villages
 - Village center serving as much needed meeting space
 - library, kindergarten, health center and shop
- My personal impact
 - Both projects were in the middle stages so I was able to help with various tasks on site
 - Construction
 - Ramming earth and fixing earth walls
 - concrete work and aesthetic improvement
 - Contributing ideas
 - Design and aesthetics
 - Problem solving and efficiency





Academics and Career

- Impacting Academics
 - Gave me a new interest in architecture and design
 - Would like to take a studio class
 - Definitely want to learn more about architecture
 - Learned a lot about the construction and design process
- Impacting career
 - Construction and work experience helped me to understand what type of fields and environments I would enjoy working in





Cultural Awareness

- Wonderful opportunity to learn about a new country and its culture and lifestyle
- Allowed me to see and experience multiple different cultures and ethnic minorities within China
- Many situations and conversations that lead to personal reflection and growth
- Puts things in perspective





Most Rewarding Aspects

- Experiencing a new culture and learning from the locals about their traditions and lifestyles
- Friendships; interacting with the local students in various environments – studio, work, meals
- Traveling and seeing many new places, with the opportunity to go places that would not be possible if I was just a tourist



