

Reflection on Daping trip 3th – 7th April 2015

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As an exchange student from mainland China, it won't surprise me that in some extremely remote area, poverty, inequality as well as basic sanitary conditions do happen a lot in people's daily life. Knowing it, nevertheless, differs a lot from touching it.

I never thought that a well-functioned clean window, an independent bathroom could be a "Dream" to people, even, representing an ideal living environment. I did a lot of interviews with students, the smile on their faces, the faith and hope they keep in life do inspire me. To be honest, they are luckier than us to which extent that they are far easier to be happy and grateful towards life. Compared to them, we obtains more, however, we also want more. Hearing their description of their "little" dream, recalling the social resources we have consumed, I feel that it is our responsibilities to help those people in need. Something means little to us may be the treasure for others.

Thanks to Project Mingde, I've explored the life that I never really connected with before. Project Mingde is not only about construction, more indeed, but fulfilling the hope.