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This was my fourth time going to Daping Village, Guangxi Province of China in a trip organised by Project Mingde. Before going there, I already had a basic understanding of the local situation and culture like the food, clothing and architectural features. I had already been to some construction sites there and learnt something about the regional construction experience and practices. Frankly speaking, this trip did not tell me more in these aspects.

However, I earned something related to our project of building a teacher dormitory. From the first trip I joined to the fourth trip, I witnessed our project's transition from the design stage to the construction stage. Seeing the drawings on papers becoming a real building that we can touch and even live in means a lot to me. As the construction team was building the brick walls and columns of the first floor of the dormitory, I started to be able to see the outline of the building and visualise its look after construction. It is a huge sense of accomplishment when the building matched what I thought before by looking at the drawings. Besides, I also felt that I have accumulated a lot of knowledge from these four trips and I am glad that I can be a part of Project Mingde.