

# Whispering Earth

## Nawng Nang Community School

### The Project



To build a model school in Nawng Nang, Kachin State, for over 150 children; to transform their educational environment, and, provide a model for cost effective sustainable school development

### The Work



- The first of its kind 1200 sq ft earth & bamboo construction in Myanmar (two classrooms).
- 40 local participants trained in earth and bamboo construction
- Bamboo treatment tank built and operational



### The Change

- 50 students educational environment transformed into a more productive and comfortable space leading to improved educational outcomes
- Local team empowered and committed to leading future building projects
- Community revenue stream created from bamboo treatment tank

### About Us

Whispering Earth is a natural building and permaculture consultancy based in Myanmar. We promote the use of sustainable earthen and bamboo construction practices and permaculture. Through our consultancy, construction and training services we build local capacity with every new project.



## The Difference



- **Building with natural materials** creates a far more comfortable environment offering insulation in both hot and cold weather
- **Sustainable materials** which are plentiful and locally sourced reduce costs and the negative environmental impact
- **Training with every construction** ensures capacity is built within the community creating long term independence and therefore a multiplier effect on the impact
- **Bamboo treatment** creates the opportunity for social enterprise and a long term revenue stream

## The People



- **Ja Nu Community School Teacher**  
“I am really happy about the new building. We can find the materials easily around us and build for ourselves” “The project has taught me a lot about co-operation and inspired me and the children”
- **Lung Grin craftsman from neighboring village who will graduate as master trainer in June**  
“My community doubts adobe houses. I will build one they can visit and when they are comfortable they will want to build a community school. I can now teach them so they can build for themselves”
- **Htu Mai community leader who donated land for the school**  
“In the hot season the children get too hot and cannot learn. This building fulfills my dream of a comfortable learning environment for the children.”



## The Future

**Shwenadi Monastic School Sustainable Training Centre:** work on a 7000 square foot training complex with training hall, accommodation, kitchen and dining hall is currently underway with a bamboo training workshop scheduled for July.

**Naung Taung Monastic School: Eco Temple & Clean and Green School:** in partnership with Pestalozzi Children’s Foundation, Whispering Earth will build a 600sq foot classroom from earth & bamboo.