

Luohexiang primary school

Due to a seriously threatening landslide, the local Government of Tongren requested the whole population of the Luohexiang village in late 2013, to move their houses to a site around 6 km on the other side of the valley. The Government offered new jobs to the teachers in Tongren, and asked the children to attend a boarding school in the same city, including the 4-8 years old ones. After the villagers expressed their worries that the separation of the children from the parents at such an early stage would negatively influence their mind, the authorities agreed to let the pupils stay at a school in the new village, subject to work out a bearable solution for the financing of this rather large project. The *Bank of China* agreed to fully finance the buildings for the pre-school instruction. The Amici agreed, thanks to Chongren's support to co-finance, together with local Government of Tongren, the two floor classroom building for grades 1 to 3.

Once the comprehensive geological surveys were finished, the construction started swiftly and are since progressing steadily. The authorities expect the building to be completed by the end of the year, and to be ready for teaching in Spring of next year. There will be altogether 45 students in the classes 1-3 by then. The construction of the preschool building, financed by the *Bank of China*, and located next to the *Chongren Foundation* building. - Chongren visited the construction in August and again in October, and was impressed by the skilled and highly dedicated workforce from Sichuan.

Everybody concerned, the students, parents, Government officials alike, appear to be happy with the new primary school at the new site of Luohexiang.

High above Tongren city



The old school, on the other side of the valley



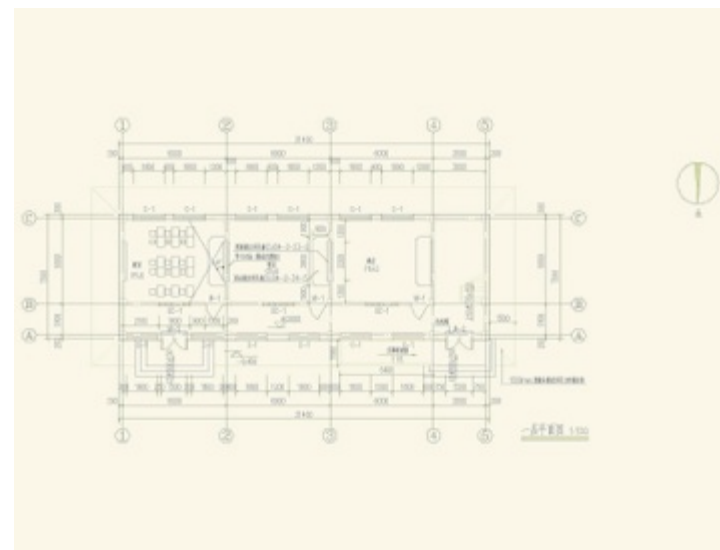
Nice site for the new school, April 2014



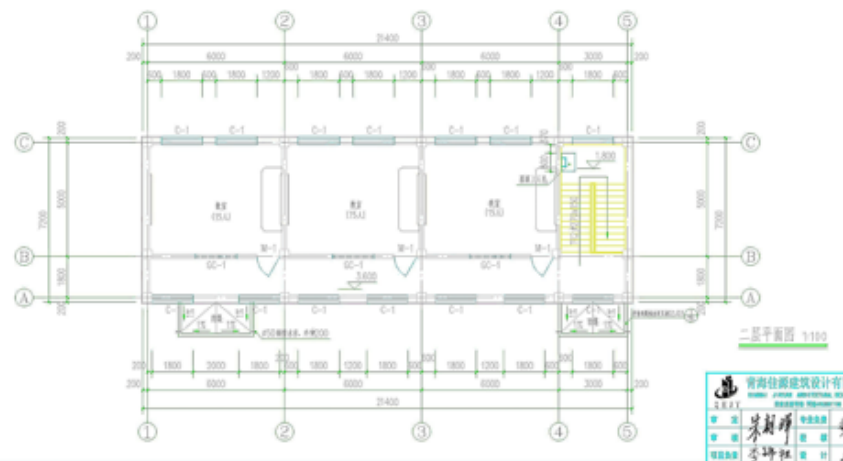
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1st floor



2nd floor



A very solid foundation, deep 4.3 m, with pillars of 2.5 m underground, shall withstand any earthquake up to 8 on the Richter scale.



Real professional and highly dedicated workers from Sichuan are doing a high quality work.



The work on the second floor was progressing well at the end of October, so that the roof is likely to be dressed soon and the topping-up ceremony take place before the end of the calendar year.

For the *Chongren Foundation*, Erwin in early November 2014

