

Update, October 2013

Canteen project at Huanquhu

As the number of students has increased significantly to more than 150, including around 80 boarding school students, the need of a larger canteen has become obvious. Having food outside or renovating the old small building does not make sense anymore, given the unexpected fast growth of this full primary school.

Thanks to Chongren's contribution and the local Government's support an adequate new canteen is being built.

Altitude: 3480 m above sea

Number of students 145 at the end of 2012,
has increase to 170 in September 2013

Grades: 1 to 4, plus 2 years pre-school
1 to 6, with the dormitory built in late 2012

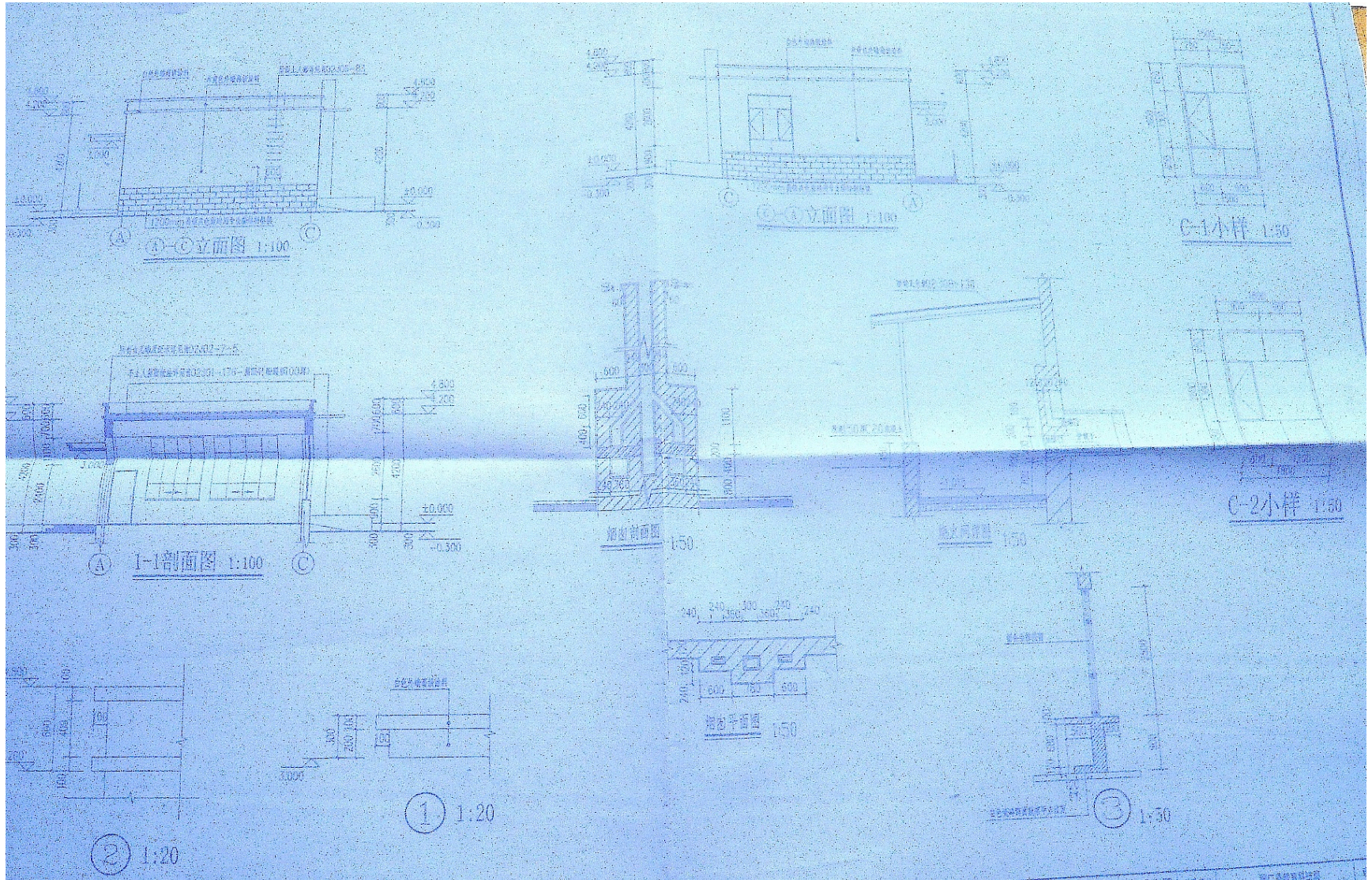
Teachers: seven, three of them paid by the local
Government; four paid by the nomads



When the weather allowed, the students were eating outside or in the corridor of the classroom building, in the past. But with the fast growing number of students, and temperatures going frequently below minus 20-25° C, the construction of a new large canteen has become unavoidable.



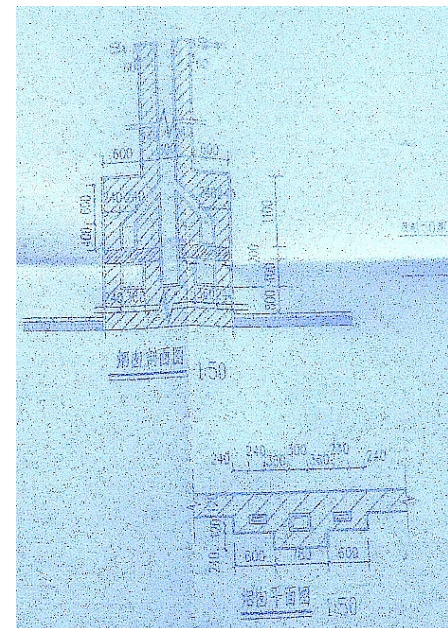
A new, large canteen, is being financed by the Chongren Foundation, with some support of the local Government.



Construction started in June 2013



Very solid steel reinforcements to make the canteen safe, in case of an earthquake, though Huanquhu has no records of earthquakes.



The building will be ready, before the toughest period of winter will be setting in. The formal opening by a representative of Chongren is planned for late November 2013.



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