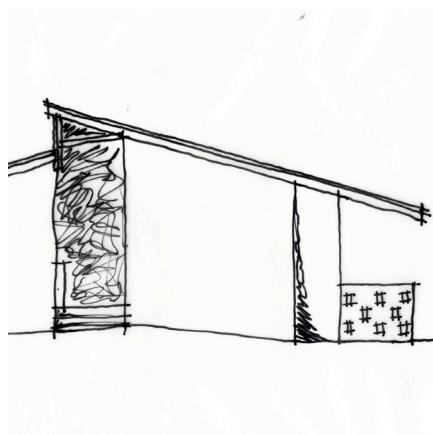
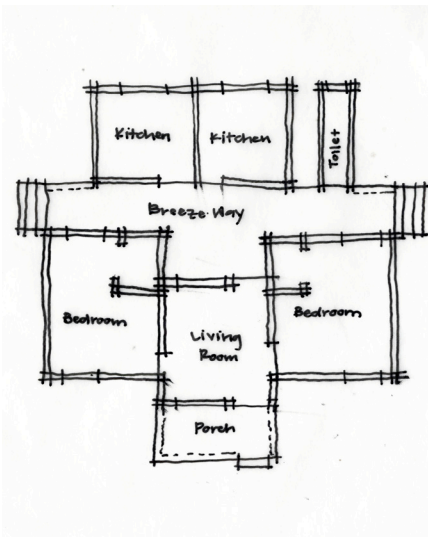


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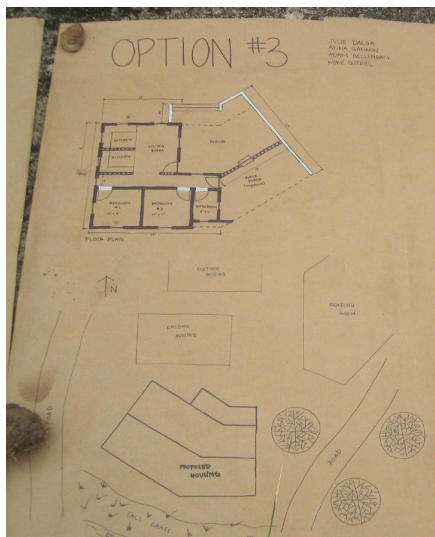
Design and Build Summer Studio in Ghana, Africa





The group of 16 students, along with the local workers from the village of Abrafo Odumasi near Cape Coast, Ghana, worked side by side for 4 weeks to build a double occupancy teacher's cottage near the village school. Before designing the cottage, 2 weeks were spent traveling the country of Ghana to learn more about the culture, climate, and living conditions of the people, all critical factors in the design of the home.





The process began with designing the housing. There it progressed from digging and laying the foundations to building up the floor, walls and windows. When the vertical planes were complete it was time to add the roof and shading devices onto the house.



As a group we worked together to make the designs for the teacher's cottage become a reality for the village. We started off as strangers and grew closer as the weeks progressed, ending the month long journey as close friends we will never forget.





The final product, as shown at the top of the page, not only stands as a summer studio project for the students and a home for the teachers, but as a symbol of the connections and friendships made between them throughout the 6 weeks in Ghana. The image on the far right of the next page displays my create project symbolizing these connections and friendships made.



