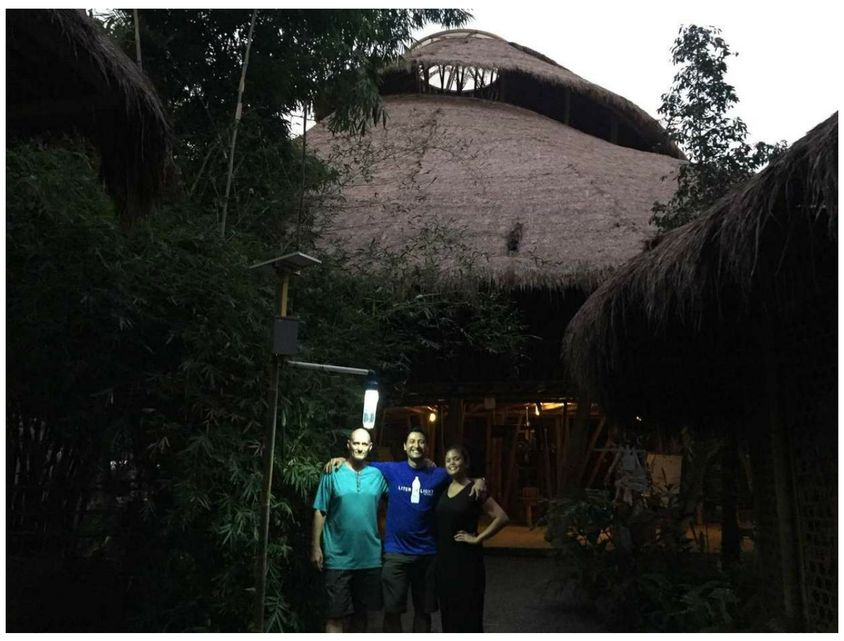
Let there be (local) light

A visit from an organization working to end energy poverty



“Liter of Light. Not only is the idea superb, but the people are superb. And the ethics are superb. It's amazing. I'm going to go to the Philippines to visit them. Their LED lanterns, lights and streetlights are all made out of local stuff. This whole United Nations thing of 'buying something from a factory somewhere and within six months half of them are broken and no one can afford to fix them' just goes away with these guys. Everything is locally made and made of stuff found locally. I really want to have this happen in Indonesia. It is a dream. Really a dream. Such integrity is hard to find.”

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My talk from TEDxBlackRockCity

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But... why not bamboo?

“Toyota has just created a wooden car to be launched at Milan Design Week in April.I have one question though. What about bamboo? Wood is wood, but bamboo is better.

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While this may sound like an idyllic utopia, John emphasizes that this idea can be translated around the world to introduce this sustainable lifestyle and curriculum into any environment. His rules: be local, let the environment lead, and think about how your grandchildren will be building the future.

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John shares, in one place, all the things he wants the world to know about - from the latest environmental innovations and ideas, to recommended talks and green products, as well as news from all corners of the Green world, including Green School and other members of his Green family in Bali and beyond. Green by John is also a space where he shares his thoughts and experiences with the people he meets throughout the world, all innovators and change makers in their own right.

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