



Welcome to Bartoły Wielkie



[Diamond Way Buddhist Retreat Center](#)



The Beginning

In 1998 our friend Darek had a dream, in which he saw a huge, beautiful, radiant house on the land that he had recently bought. He thought: „it cannot be my house because it is too big, so I probably dreamt about a buddhist center”.

He gave this land to Lama Ole. Lama wanted to see it immediately, so together with Caty, Darek, Marcin Barański and Adam Jankiewicz he went to Masuria the next day, where the land was situated.

Lama Ole said to Adam: „You should build a retreat center for me here”. Adam, a young policeman, who has been with the Sangha for two years at the time, had no idea about building, but answered without hesitation: „Of course I will”!





2004

At the Marpa Course in Warsaw Lama Ole decided:
„It is time for Bartoły!”
He told us we should start with the project and then building.



2005

Hannah and Lama Ole visited Bartoły Wielkie.
They told us where the building and retreat huts should be.

Step one: felling of trees



Step two: building the road



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Step three: digging a large hole
for the foundation



Hard work, meditation & joy with friends



2007

We've done such a big job!

We started to build the center after a few years of designing, making architectural plans and getting building permissions. We stayed here for 3 months and we finished the 1st phase!



2008-2009

We came back to Bartołty in May 2008. Living in an old farm nearby for 1.5 years, we finished building the main house.

It was a very busy time, and Lama Ole visited us. See the video from then: [Bartołty Indestructible](#)

2008



The house finally has a roof!





2009

We manage to do heating
pump system



We started interior works



In May we moved in and we
celebrated!



Inauguration Event



2010

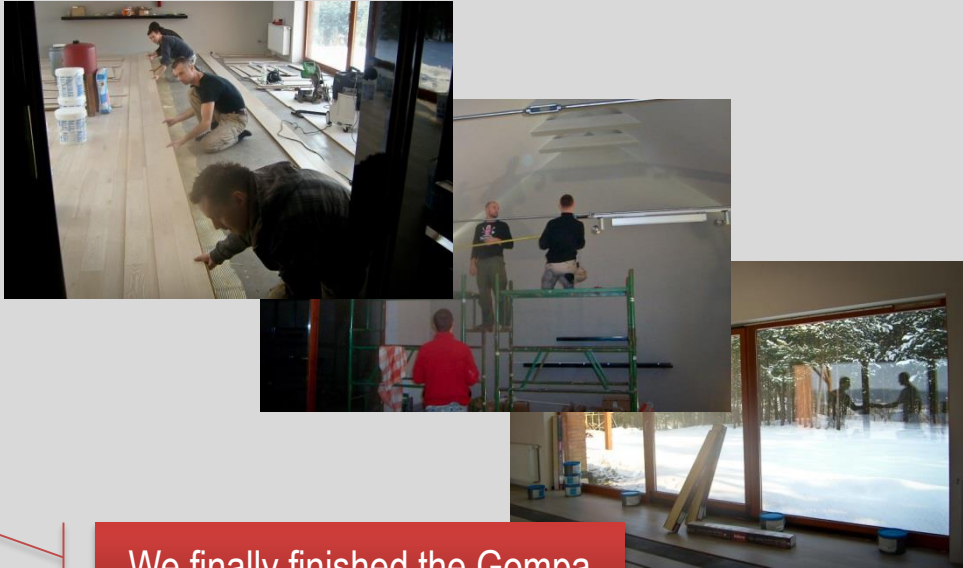
We continued with interior works. We organized the first big course in September! About 200 people came to listen to incredible stories of Tomek and Maggie Lehnert.

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2011

It was also the time when Lama Ole visited us



We finally finished the Gompa





2012

We finished the ground floor



2012

The Diamond Way Retreat Center in Bartoły Wielkie works solidly:
we organize courses and retreats



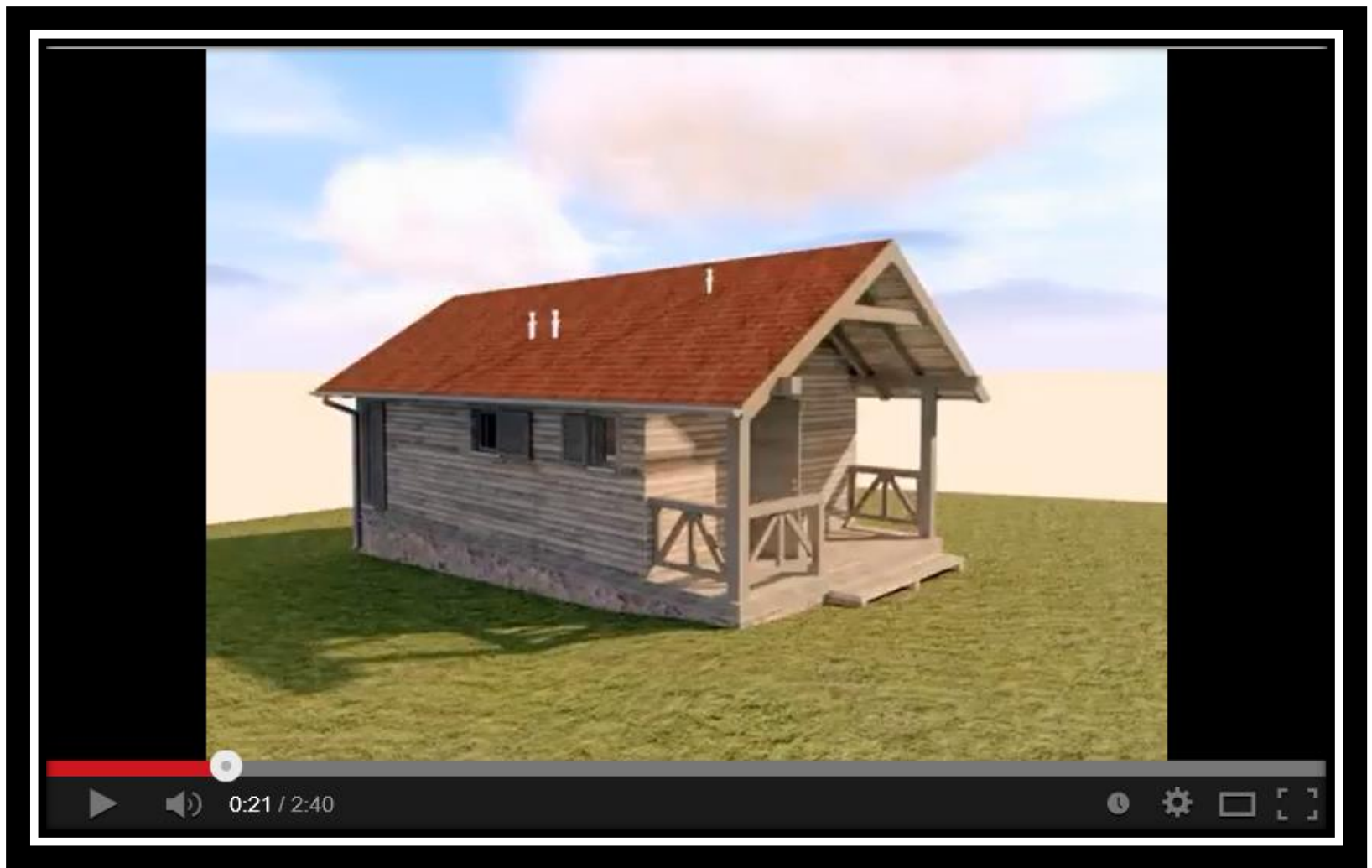
2013



Project Days with Lama Ole

The
First
Floor
Is
Already
Done!





Plans for 2014

In order to create favorable conditions to practise, we are going to start building the first of five retreat huts in May 2014 (watch the presentation here: [cottages retreat](#))



The Diamond Way Retreat Center in Bartoły Wielkie 2014

Bartoły Wielkie Retreat Center is one of six retreat centers in Poland. It has been built from 2007 to 2010 thanks to the generosity and efforts of friends and the Sangha.

It hosts meditation courses and lectures by traveling teachers several times a year, where one can find out about Buddha's teachings and buddhist practise. The main function of the center is to enable practitioners to focus on their individual meditation in a shorter or longer retreat setting.



The center is situated 27 km from Olsztyn, on the border of Warmia and Mazury, in a peaceful location surrounded by forests and lakes. It stands on a hill with a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside and colorful sunsets.

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The American Sangha is visiting Bartoły Wielkie Retreat Center!

