Bridges to Prosperity - Rwanda

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My Work

- **Bridge Design**
  - Calculating safety factors and determine structural soundness

- **Site Managing**
  - Creating work schedules and supply lists
  - Overseeing workers and work schedule to ensure all elements are completed in the correct order and done properly

- **Construction**
  - Excavation, material moving, installations, and various other construction aspects
Rewarding Aspects

- **Work environment**
  - rural, living like the locals
  - Exclusively hands on (no tractors of power tools)
  - Actual physical accomplishment giving the local village safe access to markets, healthcare and schooling

- **Learning from their culture**
  - Hiking up the hills
  - Banana juice/sugarcane
  - Teaching English and Kinywanda
  - Becoming Rwandan
The Impact

- **Organization:** B2P has a well established system and workers who know just how to
  - We (as interns) helped that system run even smoother and more efficiently
  - Site Managers
  - Workers helping with construction

- **Locals:** The locals both hired labor and B2P staff I believe were able to learn from us as well
  - New ideas/efficiency
  - Integrating diverse elements
  - Culture and English
Impacting My Future

- Academic Choices:
  - Clearer picture of what I want to study
  - Eliminate major doubts

- Career Plans:
  - Hands-on, in the field
  - NGO
  - International
  - Manager position
Living in Rwanda gave me insight into how different cultures live and let me experience a new culture and learn from it

- Simplistic lifestyle
- People are the most important aspect
- Appreciation of the small things
- Outdoors and mother nature
- Relaxed change of pace
Thank You