

Bridges to Prosperity, LaBurrera

LaBurrera, Honduras

Project Description

La Burrera is situated in a mountain valley and is split by the river that winds down the valley. For half the year, this river can be crossed by stepping across the large stones in the riverbed. However, in the rainy season, it swells to a level that is difficult and often dangerous.

Since 2001, Bridges to Prosperity's mission has been to provide bridges to communities like this throughout the world. The site conditions in La Burrera necessitated a suspension bridge design. Because B2P's expertise has long been in the construction of 'suspended' bridges, this required the development of a new design. This design was tailored to the local resources and expertise of the region and B2P.

Jeremy Johannesen designed and in 2008, had the privilege to work with B2P and the project sponsor, Ross Construction in the construction of the La Burrera Suspension Bridge.

Owner

Town of La Burrera, Honduras

Contractor

Bridges to Prosperity/Ross Construction

Designer

Jeremy Johannesen

Our Role

Jeremy Johannesen was the designer of the pioneering footbridge. He also traveled to Honduras and built the bridge in conjunction with Ross Construction.

Total Contract Value

HNL 400,000

Timeline

Design: Summer 2007 Construction: Spring 2008

Construction Method and Specifications

Timber and cable suspension bridge, built using hand tools and local labor.

