

## Alumni Spotlight



**Name: Mike Schaefer**

**Chapter: University of Iowa**

**Bridges worked on: Linda Libuyu,  
Zambia**

**Mike is now a postdoctoral researcher  
at University of California Riverside.**

***Are there any engineering projects you are currently working on?***

**Most of my research projects relate to soil and water contamination by metals like arsenic, chromium, and vanadium, with a goal of decreasing human exposure to these elements.**

***What first drew you to engineering?***

**Solving problems and the importance placed on safety and service to society.**

***What's your essential gear that never gets left at home?***

**Camera**

***Any go-to soundtracks when you're traveling?***

**I try to keep my headphones off.**

***What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you on a bridge site?***

**We had an impromptu dance party near the end of the construction that was pretty exciting.**