

A dinner of Pakistani and Afghani food, door prizes, and a silent auction to benefit the work of Greg Mortenson and the Central Asia Institute

Friday, June 4, 2010
6:00 p.m.

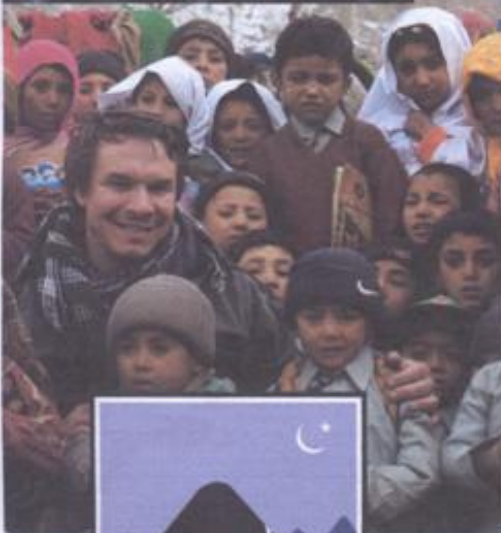
Berkley First United Methodist Church
2820 W. Twelve Mile Road
Berkley, MI 48072

\$20.00 per person

Please purchase tickets in advance.

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NOTE: Greg Mortenson will NOT be at this event.



GREG MORTENSON is the co-founder of nonprofit **Central Asia Institute**, founder of **Pennies For Peace**, co-author of New York Times bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*, and author of *Stones into Schools*.

Three Cups of Tea is required reading for U.S. senior military commanders, for U.S. Special Forces deploying to Afghanistan, and Pentagon officers in counter-insurgency training. The book has been read by General David Petraeus and several other U.S. military commanders who advocate for building relationships as a part of an overall strategic plan for peace. Several bi-partisan U.S. Congressional representatives nominated Mortenson for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mortenson grew up on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, served in the U.S. Army in Germany (1977-1979) where he received the Army Commendation Medal, and graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1983. In July 1992, Mortenson's sister, Christa, died from a massive seizure after a lifelong struggle with epilepsy. To honor her memory, in 1993, Mortenson climbed Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain in the Karakoram range. While recovering from the climb in a village called Korphe, Mortenson met a group of children sitting in the dirt writing with sticks in the sand, and made a promise to help them build a school. From that rash promise, grew a remarkable humanitarian campaign, in which Mortenson has dedicated his life to promote education, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

As of 2009, Mortenson had established or significantly supported 131 schools in rural and often volatile regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan, which provide education to over 58,000 children, including 44,000 girls, where few education opportunities existed before.

TV newscaster, Tom Brokaw, calls Mortenson, "one ordinary person, with the right combination of character and determination, who is really changing the world".

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