

Timeline: Greg Mortenson's Adventures in *Three Cups of Tea*

DATE	EVENT
1947 – August 14	Pakistan Declares Independence
1957 – December	Greg Mortenson Born in Minnesota
1958 – March	Greg's parents move to (Modern-Day) Tanzania (In Africa) when he is 3 months old as Lutheran Missionaries
1959 – June	Greg's Sister Sonja is born (In Tanzania)
1960	Greg's parents move to the South Slops of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania
1963 – May	Greg's Future Wife, Tara is born in Maryland
1963 – June	Greg's Sister Kari is born in the United States
1969 – June	Greg's sister Christa (The Future Inspiration of his climb of K2 and of building Korphe's first school) is born. Greg is 12 years old.
1972	Greg's parents leave Africa and move to Minnesota
1974	Christa is diagnosed with Epilepsy and permanent brain damage
1975 – June	Greg Graduates from Ramsey High School in Minnesota and joins the Army 4 days later (Right after the Vietnam war ended).
1977-1979	Greg attends college in Minnesota and plays on the National Championship Football team.
1979-1988	The Soviet Army (USSR) invades Afghanistan and stays for 9 years
1980 – September	Greg's Dad (Dempsey Mortenson) dies of cancer in his 40s while Greg is attending college.
1983 – September	Greg Graduates from the University of South Dakota (Double major Nursing/Chemistry) and works there as an emergency room nurse
1985	Greg Moves to Indianapolis Indiana
1988	Greg moves to Minnesota to live with his sister for a year (Take care of her, teach her how to live on her own).
1992 – July 24	Greg Falls on Mount Sill in California while mountain climbing. *Christa dies the

	same morning
1993	
June	Greg Begins Climbing K2 in Pakistan (2 nd Largest Mountain in the world, after Everest) to immortalize his sister's memory.
September	Greg get's lost hiking OUT of K2 and arrives half-dead in the village of Korphe
October	Greg returns to the United States and begins
1994	
August	Dr. Jean Hoerni (Entrepreneur of computer conductors etc). hears of Greg's work and sends him money to build the school for Korphe
October	The Taliban start their campaign of Jihad against the Western presence in Afghanistan and attack the United Nation's compound in Afghanistan
October – December	Greg returns to Pakistan to buy materials there to build the school
1995	
Spring	The first elementary school in America collects "Pennies for Peace" (62, 345 pennies)
Summer	Greg and Korphe villagers decide to build a bridge across the Braldu river before they build the school
Fall	Greg returns to the US and shows Dr. Hoerni a picture of the bridge
September 13	Greg meets Tara Bishop in San Francisco. They get married 6 days later
October	Greg goes to Pakistan to build Korphe's school – but villagers have their own ideas
November	Greg returns to the US where he and Tara start the Central Asia Institute with the help of Dr. Hoerni (CAI)
1996	
May	Greg Returns to Pakistan as director of CAI
Summer	Construction starts on Korphe's School
August	Greg is Kidnapped and held for 8 days in Waziristan, Pakistan
September	Greg's daughter is born: Amira Eliana Mortenson, in Bozeman Montana
December	The Korphe village school is completed
1997	

January	Dr. Jean Hoerni (Greg's financier) dies of leukemia in Seattle, Washington
August 7	Al Qaeda bombs the USA Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, in a Jihad against the West
Summer	Greg, Tara and Amira visit Pakistan for the Korphe school opening
1999	
May	Fighting breaks out between Afghanistan & Pakistan. Many refugees enter Skardu (Most Southern and most populated city/town in the Braldu area where Korphe is)
June	Pakistan denotes its first Nuclear Bomb
Summer & Fall	Greg & his family spend several months in Pakistan, Greg builds a war refugee school there in Skardu
2000	Greg's wife Tara Bishop earns her Clinical Ph D degree in Psychology
July	Greg's son Khyber Bishop Mortenson is born in Bozeman, Montana (Amira is 6)
2001	
September 11	The WTC Attacks, Pentagon Attacks and the Pennsylvania Hijacking crash occurs in America
September 12	Greg finds out about WTC attacks and the Pentagon Attacks while in Pakistan. His Pakistani guide tells him it is Osama Bin Laden on the spot.
September	Greg discovers that Haji Ali (Chief of Korphe village) has died
October	The US (And 18 other countries) invade Afghanistan
October 31	Greg returns to the USA
Winter	Greg visit Wash. DC where he meets with House of Rep. Mary Bono
2002	Greg with the CAI start building girls' schools in Afghanistan (branching out from Pakistan)
September	Greg & Reporter Kevin Fedarko visit the schools in Pakistan
2003	
April	The USA invades Iraq
April 6	"Parade" Magazine runs a spread on Greg and his work (Courtesy of Kevin Fedarko)
2004	

Summer	Greg with CAI begin building schools for girls in Northern Afghanistan (Badakshan) for the Kirghiz people
2005	
October 8	A MASSIVE Earthquake kills 70,000+ people and devastates over 1.600 schools
November – December	Greg visits areas in Pakistan affected by the Earthquake and starts Tent Schools
2006	CAI begins building Earthquake-Proof schools in Kashmir, Pakistan
2006-2008- “The US Tour”	Greg begins to visit USA schools to promote building peace through education (200 cities, 400+ schools)
2007 – Fame Hits in the USA	
January 30	“ <i>Three Cups of Tea</i> ” is published. It becomes a NYTimes Bestseller Book
Summer	Greg and his family (Tara and the kids) visit friends and schools in Pakistan
Summer	The Taliban attacks one of Greg’s schools “Lalander School” in Afghanistan, shutting it down for two days. People are killed.
2008- Fame turns into Legend	
May	Amira and Khyber Mortenson meet Oprah Winfrey and Jane Goodall
May	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i> is chosen as required reading for Intelligence Training by the Pentagon and US Military
June	CAI starts building schools in Eastern Afghanistan