
Attached is a link to information regarding Greg Mortenson, a Nobel Peace prize winner who will speak at College View Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4801 Prescott Ave., Lincoln, September 22. The event begins at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m.

As explained in his book "Three Cups of Tea," not only was education the only tactic to combat poverty, but poor hygiene and lack of clean drinking water made it that one in three children died before they were 1 year old. Thus to accomplish his mission, he had to create water projects in remote areas that would bring fresh spring water to public taps in remote villages. Because the women and children no longer had to walk long distances to find clean water, he was able in one year to cut the infant mortality rate in half in every village he worked with. In Northern Pakistan, he helped construct their first water pumping station, clearwell and reservoir for a refugee tent city built in a desert for 5,000 people. All in all, in the last decade, he has helped build 55 schools in the forbidding terrain of Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as numerous water projects, in the forbidding terrain that gave birth to the Taliban. His story is at once a riveting adventure and a testament to the power of the humanitarian spirit.

<http://www.ucollege.edu/mortenson>

For additional information, contact Union College directly. Arnold Radloff, Lincoln Water System and NSAWWA Water For People committee, provided information on the event.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Tickets now available to hear Greg Mortenson

On September 22, Union College presents speaker Greg Mortenson, co-author of the New York Times bestseller, *Three Cups of Tea*. Since 1993, Mortenson has devoted his life to establishing education and literacy programs in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan, and he serves as executive director of Central Asia Institute <<https://www.ikat.org/>>, a nonprofit organization.

In January of 2009, the Congress of the United States nominated Mortenson for the Nobel Peace Prize, an honor awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee appointed by the Storting, Norway's parliament.

Mortenson will appear at College View Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 4801 Prescott Avenue. The event begins at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6.

To purchase tickets online, visit the event listing on the Rock Pile alumni community: www.ucollegecommunity.org/mortenson <<http://www.ucollegecommunity.org/mortenson>> .

Tickets and *Three Cups of Tea* also are available for purchase at the Union College bookstore, located in the lower level of the Don Love Building. Tickets are \$15 each for 19 or fewer, \$10 each for groups of 20 or more, and \$10 each for students (student discount available only through the college bookstore with a current ID).

Union College students, faculty and staff should note the evening lecture will be similar to an event with Mortenson earlier in the day for which they do not need tickets.

For questions or tickets via phone, please call 402.486.2973 and leave a message. A college representative will attempt to reply within two business days.