



Jeff & Diane Brown working to lengthen the list of tribes, peoples, and languages that worship God

Jeff is in Pakistan, participating in the earthquake relief effort. This is the fourth newsletter from there.

"We thought the tsunami was the worst we could get. This is worse." ~ United Nations

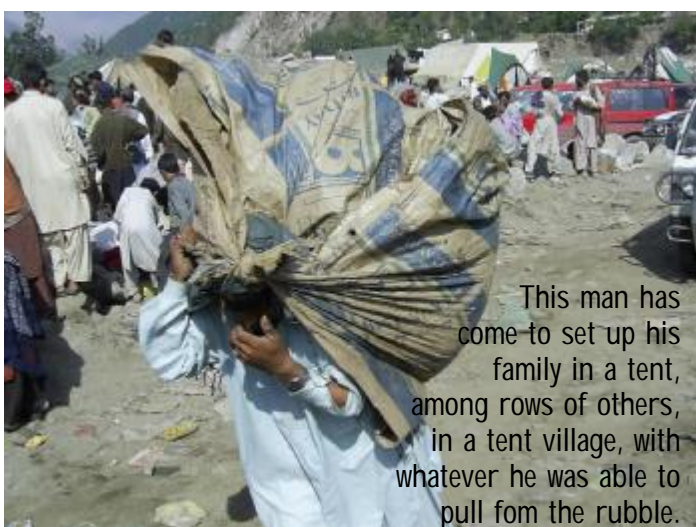
The magnitude 7.6 earthquake on October 8th is now believed to have killed at least 87,000 people, mostly in the Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province and Pakistan's portion of Kashmir. More than three million people have been made homeless. At least 800,000 people have no shelter. Winter snow has begun to fall. Tents are badly needed.

This issue is mostly photos from the earthquake area, which some say are worth a thousand words.



B A FIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SITE. A CHAIR SURVIVED THE COLLAPSE OF A HOUSE. RUBBLE IN THE BACKGROUND. ACCORDING TO ALL THAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE SEEN AND BEEN TOLD AS THEY TREAT PEOPLE, THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME THIS WOMAN HAS SEEN A WHITE PERSON, AND CERTAINLY THE FIRST TIME A MAN OTHER THAN HER HUSBAND HAS TOUCHED HER. MANY WOMEN ARE NOT BROUGHT FOR TREATMENT, EVEN IF MEDICAL PEOPLE SET UP NEAR THEIR VILLAGE, SO THAT THEY WON'T BE TOUCHED, OR EVEN SEEN, BY WHITE MEN. WE HAVE FEMALE MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD AS WELL. THEY ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO REACH THESE ISOLATED WOMEN. THIS FAMILY ALLOWED A MAN TO TREAT HER, PROBABLY SAVING HER LEG, AND MAYBE HER LIFE.

I told you about the boy we met alongside the road as we waited for the bulldozer to clear yet another landslide. He had stitches in his eye that had been in too long and wasn't even aware that they should ever come out. A doctor in our group had a medical kit in the van with suture removal tools, and went to work on the boy's eye, standing at the edge of the road. Just as the stitches were out and the wound cleaned, soldiers indicated the road was re-opened and we drove off. Here is the photo. à



This man has come to set up his family in a tent, among rows of others, in a tent village, with whatever he was able to pull from the rubble.

This is a very conservative, traditional area. One of our medical teams reported that the burkha was blown off a woman who was about to be evacuated by helicopter from a remote mountain area (she had clothes on underneath). A boy ran and fished it out of the big mud-puddle where it landed and brought it back to her. She put it on, wet and cold and covered with muddy, and got in the helicopter.

"When we asked to pray for one person, we were asked, 'Who will you pray to? Because Allah did this to me!'"



This was one of the finest buildings in the flattened town of Balakot. It is one of the few structures even partially standing in town.

SOME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE BALAKOT AREA



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