



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 third 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 8<sup>th</sup> is now believed to have killed at least 81,000 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 in higher elevations.***

We drove out of the flattened town of Balakot with a volunteer team of US doctors, on their way to "start" their service the following morning. The van had to stop because another rockslide had just closed the road ahead. A few of our group got out and started talking to several boys and young men along the road through a translator. A doctor in our group noticed the stitches in a boy's eye and asked how long they had been in. (People here are not used to having medical care.) The stitches had been in too long and the boy wasn't even aware that they should ever come out. Another doctor in the 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. Meanwhile, one of the young men answered that all the other members of his family were dead and his home gone. While one doctor worked on the boy, the other prayed for this young man. Just as the stitches were out and the wound cleaned, soldiers indicated the road was re-opened and we drove off. *I took some pictures but I can't get them onto my computer yet, but if they turn out well, I'll try to include one in a future BROWNEWS.*

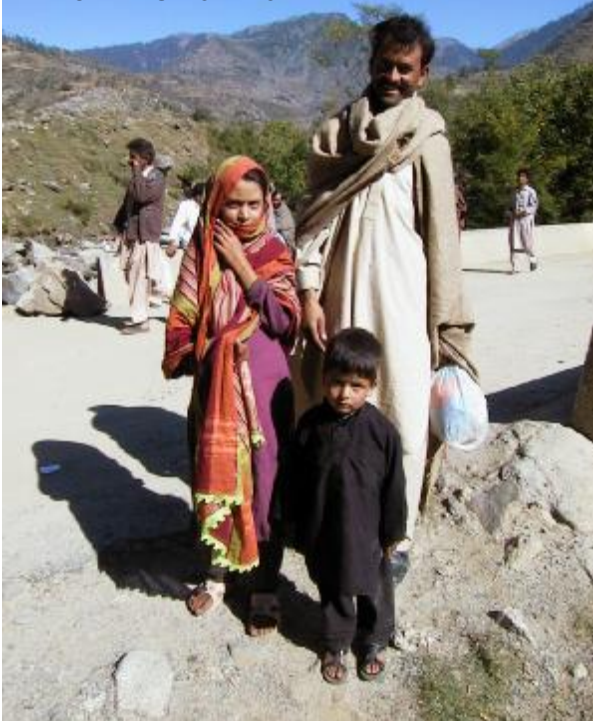
Sometimes the way these people deal with things is astounding. One of our medical teams that went to a remote area encountered a woman who came for medical care with her male family member. The man said that her hand "went out". When our people looked at her arm, they found that her hand was tied onto the end of her arm with cloths. "Went out" was their way of saying "fell off".

One of our medical teams was dropped in by helicopter to a remote mountain village as first-responders, a full week after the quake. This is an extremely conservative Muslim area. The women stay indoors all the time. Some suffer health effects from the lack of sun. One man from the village said, "My own brother who lives in the village has never even seen my wife." And now she is out in the open, because there are no more buildings here for her to be in. Another man said, "Normally this is a lawless area, but since the earthquake we haven't been able to find our guns." For many, this was their first encounter with real, live westerners. We try to and hope to represent our Lord well, and in the process we give them a new perspective on "the west".

We can't, of course, do everything. We can only do what we have the people and money to do. One thing we are going to try to do for a shepherding ethnic group in these mountains, is to help them get as many of them as possible through the winter alive, by supplying them food and winterized tents. We have already made one food distribution and one tent distribution in one of their village clusters. We want to do this where they live, not by having them congregate with hundreds or thousands of other people from other ethnic groups in the "tent villages" being set up around the region. We want to keep them

Someone in a village told us that there are four reasons we want to stay where we live and not go to the tent villages: our livestock that are still alive (that weren't indoors when the quake hit), our land, our women (maintaining their honor by keeping them from being seen by men), and the fact that we just don't get along very well with others.

A FAMILY ON ITS WAY TO AN AID DISTRIBUTION POINT



where they live, because *they* want to stay where they live. Ideally, a family would set up a winterized tent right next to their collapsed house.



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SCHOOL IS RUBBLE  
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