

Dear Greg Mortenson,

I love reading, and I couldn't imagine not being able to read, and not being able to read signs, flyers, tags, letters, and a lot more would be really different. People who don't go to school can't get jobs either; education really impacts their lives. I never realized how important school really is. Now I see that everybody should have the right to an education, and shouldn't have to cross rivers to get it.

We are such a big country; it's hard for me to imagine any place else. There are a lot of countries that I will never learn about because, supposedly, they're "not as important" as our "big" country, but really, all places and people should be treated the same; none of us are better than the next one. Here in the U.S.A., people don't usually think about other countries because a lot of us don't care or don't know about them, but other some countries really aren't as well off as we are and need our help.

Your book *Three Cups of Tea* really inspired me. It is hard to believe that one person could make such a difference in the world, and it makes me want to do things too. I may not be able to build schools when I'm still in 5th grade, but I can do little things, like giving food and toys to homeless shelters, until I can do big things like building bridges and schools. You built bridges in many different ways; it makes me want to also. Now I know that all of us can make a difference in the world if we really try.

Your book makes me feel that in this country, a lot of people have all that they need and more, but they always want more and aren't grateful, but in some countries, they have just enough to survive, and they are grateful for what they have. After reading your book, it made me think that although in the U.S.A., a lot of kids don't like school and take it for granted, but kids in other countries where they don't have school, kids would give anything to go to school. People in the U.S.A. have the opportunity to learn, and when they are in school, they choose not to learn and don't listen. They have the opportunity to learn and they don't take it! It makes me feel really angry that they don't listen to their opportunity.

I hope that everyone will read your book and have the same goal in mind that you did, to give kids an education. Thank you for showing me that there are people out there who need our help.

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