An Interview with Greg Mortensen

by Bob Schieffer of the CBS News Show, Face the Nation

Background information: Face the Nation is an old and respected TV show where important people talk about the events of the week. Often these shows have leaders of the government to explain policies or to discuss politics. Greg Mortensen was interviewed on August 31, 2010 by Bob Schieffer and afterwards, Mr. Schieffer afterwards asked some more questions. The interview is introduced by a women. We start listening there and then go to the interview. Click on http://www.youtube.com/user/ListeningtoEnglish and listen to the video in the playlist for Three Cups of Tea. The title of the video is "Hope in Afghanistan with Three Cups of Tea." Ignore the advertisement.

Follow along with these questions as you listen.

The Introduction

- 1. How did Bob Schieffer describe Greg Mortensen?
- 2. The woman says the book is required reading for the US military. What does that mean?
- 3. Bob Schieffer asks Mortensen "How much do you think you've raised now?" What is Mortensen's answer?
- 4. How does Mortensen think about the girls who are in the schools? What is important to him?
- 5. Besides building the schools, what else is Mortensen doing for the children?
- 6. Who is he very proud of and why?
- 7. According to Mortensen, What is the emphasis of the book?
- 8. What three things do the women want?
- 9. When is he moved? Why is that so important to him?
- 10. Mortensen says that the wives have read the book first. Why does he mean and why is that important?
- 11. What did you learn about Mortensen and the book Three Cups of Tea from listening to this video?
- 12. If you could interview Mortensen, what questions would you ask him?