UW-River Falls 2004 Distinguished Alumnus

SIGURD HANSON

Urgently Needs Your Help for Earthquake Victims in Pakistan

A major earthquake struck Pakistan on Oct. 8, 2005, affecting more than 3.5 million people in one of the most remote and difficult terrains on the planet. The devastation is mind-boggling.

- 90,000 confirmed deaths, including at least 18,000 students and nearly 900 teachers
- 800,000 people without shelter
- 6,000 schools destroyed

Your donations can help feed and shelter victims of the disaster. Gifts are being collected in the CAFES Dean’s Office, 210 Ag Science Building • 425-3841 for use by Sigurd Hanson and World Vision as they provide much needed emergency relief. Make checks payable to the UW-River Falls Foundation (write “for Sig Hanson-Pakistan” in the memo line).

SIGURD HANSON, a 1975 graduate of UW-RF, is the country director in Pakistan for World Vision, one of the world’s largest humanitarian agencies. In the days immediately following the earthquake, he traveled in rescue helicopters (see photo far right) and walked among the survivors. He reports: “Conditions in Pakistan have taken a turn for the worse as the seasonal cold weather is now creeping into the mountain areas. Just as winter comes to Wisconsin, it visits Pakistan, too. Sadly, the cold will kill people displaced by the earthquake, especially children. All of us are challenged to ponder on what really happened in this part of the world…and what may happen in the coming weeks and months unless we can do more to help.”

Hanson will be on campus Wednesday, Nov. 30, to speak in classes and talk with those interested in his work.