



# Crisis Recovery International

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## 2010 Humanitarian Trips

- Goats, ducks, pigs, chickens in Nepal
- Spice Grinder in Sri Lanka
- Tiffins in Nepal
- Money for womens' projects in India
- Project money for Minorities in Viet Nam

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## Humanitarian Trips in 2010

Greetings!

Crisis Recovery International continues to reach out to nonprofits working with women in countries where hope for the future is bleak. This year we took trips to Vietnam, Nepal (twice), India, and Sri Lanka. CRI partners with nonprofits in other countries to help put adults to work so that they can support their children. CRI is especially concerned about supporting women who have no way to earn an income to support their children. Women with

children who have lost their husbands have to turn to prostitution or begging as they have little education and no job skills. With a very small investment of American Dollars, those women can turn their domestic skills into income producing activities.

CRI staff also attended an international conference in Kathmandu, Nepal as invited speakers. One of the speakers with CRI is a widow and shared her perspective with the widows at the conference.



**A widow wearing white as required in Nepal. This is one of the widows who received animals from CRI.**

## Projects in 2011

When the CRI staff attended the international conference in Nepal, we met with many nonprofits who are working to help women overcome abject poverty. The goal of these nonprofits is to

help women find a way to support themselves and their children. There are projects in Delhi, Mumbai, and Chennai, India that we would like to visit to see if we can help. One

of the projects in Chennai is for women who want to weave nylon fishing nets but need the funds to make the initial purchase of nylon rope. We are excited about this project!



### Vietnam

CRI spent weeks in Vietnam looking at possible projects and talking with local nonprofits. We discovered that there are many nonprofits working in the large cities, but none that were addressing the needs of the “minority” groups in the small villages. CRI went into those villages to begin to organize, build relationships and establish

projects that would benefit the “minority” groups. The poverty in those villages is unrelenting and the children who grow up in those villages lack education and job skills. CRI provided money for items for women to weave. This is a picture of a “minority” woman in the village. **Your donations** made our work there possible. Thank you.



**“You (CRI) have raised my economic status. I can now afford to educate my children.”**  
**Widow with goats from CRI**

### Nepal

Females are married as young children, have little education and no job skills. When women become widows, they become targets for abuse by their fathers and brothers-in-law and the community. The local nonprofit, Women for Human Rights, has empowered hundreds of women with



Job skills and opportunity. CRI purchased tiffins for their catering business, items from their sewing business, and many goats, chickens, pigs and ducks. Many women can now support their children **thanks to your donations.**

### India

Some of the villages in India look like they are out of the Middle Ages. The poverty is desperate. Females are treated as property and widows have no legal standing. Females are married as children and when their husband dies, they lose their protection. The article pictured here de-

scribes the problem of child brides in India. Women get little education and have no job skills. CRI visited several projects and purchased material and items for women who are part of the Lydia Project, a sewing cooperative. We will look at other projects in India in 2011.



## Sri Lanka

The civil war in Sri Lanka has just ended and there are thousands of widows who have no way to earn a living to support their children. The local non-profit, War Affected Women, is working with the widows to empower them. The nonprofit said that with the purchase of a spice grinder, 100 women could support their children. The spice

grinder was \$400 US dollars and we were delighted to be able to purchase the grinder at an investment of \$4 per family. Not only are the women grinding and selling spices, but they are also able to grind wheat for flour. **Your donation provided the grinder** for the women and their children. Thank you for your generosity.



## International Conference in Kathmandu



The conference in Kathmandu offered an opportunity for women from all over the world to come together. CRI was proud to attend as invited guests and speakers. After attending the conference, we went to a village and purchased more animals for widows. The animals from



Our trip earlier in the year were healthy and providing an income for the widows.

*“It was the most incredible experience I have ever had. I don't look at things the same way I used to. I felt privileged to be there.”  
Beth with CRI*

## Faces Project



CRI has partnered with an art gallery to sell some of the photos that we take when we are overseas. The income from the photos goes to CRI to provide an ongoing income for more projects. We hope you will go to the website and take a look at some of the photos for sale.

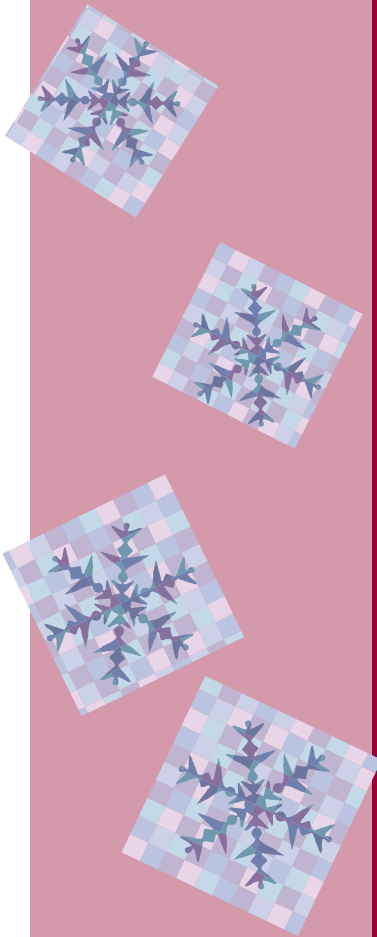
The gallery website is [www.GallerieF64.us](http://www.GallerieF64.us) Enjoy the photos and let us know which ones you like best!



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