

HIGHER GROUND

NEPAL

Another girl disappeared from the village. Reena watched foreigners promise schooling or stable jobs abroad and impoverished families send or even sell their daughters out of desperation. She knew traffickers targeted the poorest and most vulnerable—and that protection would only come with providing income for these women. With a dream to employ at-risk women in her village, Reena began a small bakery. Now Reena runs four sustainable micro-enterprises that fund her program's safehouse, counseling services, vocational training, micro-loans, and classes in literacy and health awareness. What was once a small micro-business has blossomed into a thriving multifaceted organization that lifts hundreds of lives to dignity, breathes hope into an entire community, and attacks trafficking at its root cause. When you purchase these beautiful products, you invest in this exciting, redemptive work and empower visionaries like Reena to keep dreaming.



STORIES OF RESCUE & EMPOWERMENT

COUNTRY: NEPAL • PROGRAM: MICRO-ENTERPRISE

Kumari

Kumari had never known a family. Orphaned as an infant, she was seven years old when she bought the lies of those who promised love and protection. But then they betrayed and abused her, selling her night after night to strangers. She was repeatedly raped and beaten. She contemplated and attempted suicide. When Kumari came to Higher Ground at sixteen, she hardly believed there was hope or anyone she could trust. But the staff first



gave her a home—a safe place from those who owned and controlled her. They taught her how to make jewelry, offering hope of a different lifestyle. Finally, they met with her every week, listening to her stories of suffering and whispering words of worth and value to her. As Higher Ground formed a circle of protection around Kumari, for the first time she found hope, healing, and a true family.

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