

# Project Update - Friends of the Central Highlands, Vietnam Inc.

J. Harlowe Reporting:

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FoCHVN, Inc. is sponsoring two tribal girls to learn the art of hand weaving traditional cloth patterns which will later be used to make custom items identified to a tribal association by the pattern.

This work is also being done by machines in the coastal cities, but this is the only artist way.

The girls train 8 hours a day. They live and sleep and eat in this room. But if they learn this craft carefully they will have a lifetime of employment.



The length of cloth will take over a week to fabricate



Counting the stitches carefully



Traditional bamboo needles are used



Another look at the traditional tools

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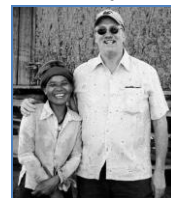
The three photos on this page show how the girls are strapped into the traditional weaving rig, use their feet to tighten the cloth and have a back-belt to help steady them in their work



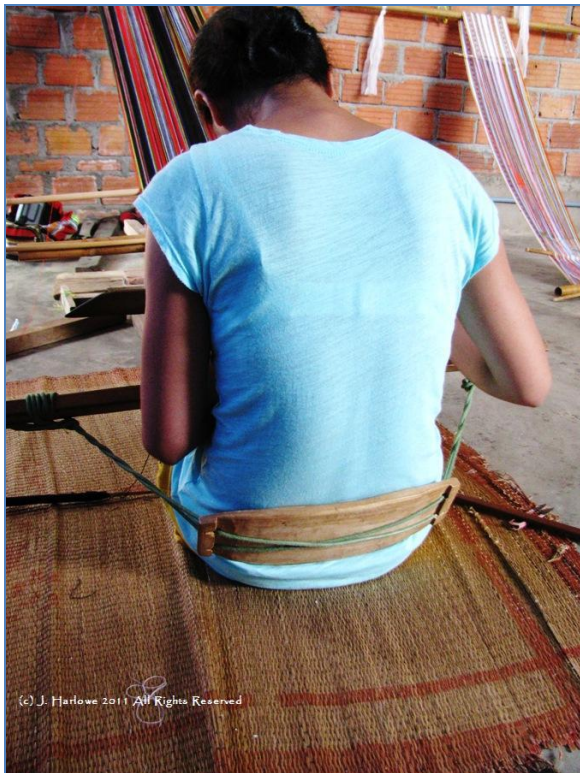
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I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me



Thanks for all you do...Gene Flynn, President



**NOTE:** This is an on-going training project. We had two girls previously and four more have just joined in a new class

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