

Children's Charity Tendol Gyalzur's restaurant Soyala and 1000 Year Old Shangri-la (Gyalthang) of China Burn to the ground on January 11, 2014

Maria Gates Foundation Donates to rebuild the Soyala Restaurant for Children's Charity Tendol Gyalzur

Full story of the fire on CNN link below....
<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/01/13/world/asia/china-shangri-la-fire/index.html>

National Geographic cover for the February and March 2014 issue of Traveler features a remote Shangri-la in China while the real renamed Shangri-la burns to the ground, the home town of Children's Charity Tendol Gyalzur. Soyala Restaurant burns down as well. The orphanage started Soyala for the children to work at when they mature into adults.



On the cover of Traveler: Remote Tibetan Village of Yubeng is situated at the foot of the Meili Snow Mountain Range in Yunnan province of China. Unknown to the outside world for centuries. The village is only accessible by foot or horse.

NEWS FROM CHILDREN'S CHARITY TENDOL GYALZUR:

"Unfortunately it's true. 80% of the old town Shangri-la burn down. Apparently due to electricity problem in a small hotel. It's so sad.

Tendol and family and all kids are ok. Sonny's restaurant Soyala is gone as well. So many friends lost everything.

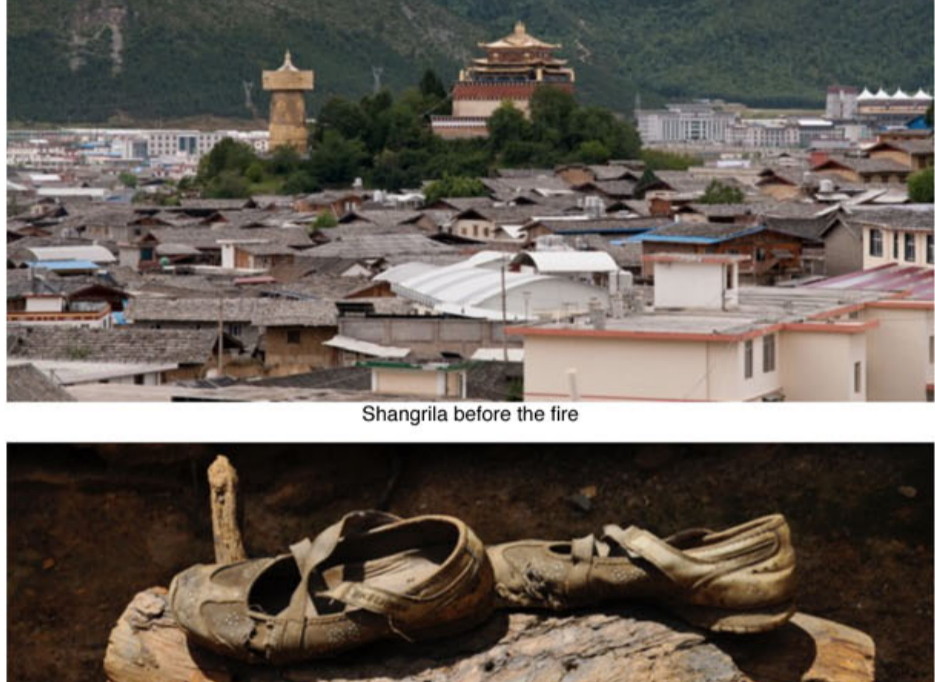
Best wishes"
 Monika

"People in Shangri-la (Gyalthang) slowly get out of their shock situation and are beginning to realize what does it mean to have lost everything;

Tendol reports that the stories are getting more and more dramatic from day to day and people are so sad about their losses.

High officials from Kunming came to Gyalthang and even to our orphanage to express their condolences. Songsens restaurant Soyala burn down as well, but he is trying to stay realistic and not to dump their. His parents are very much proud of him.

Did you know that he is brewing ShangriLa-beer now? The pity is that many of his customers lost their restaurants and he cannot sell his beer anymore to them. But he has customers as well in Lijiang, Dali and Kunming - fortunately."
 Monika



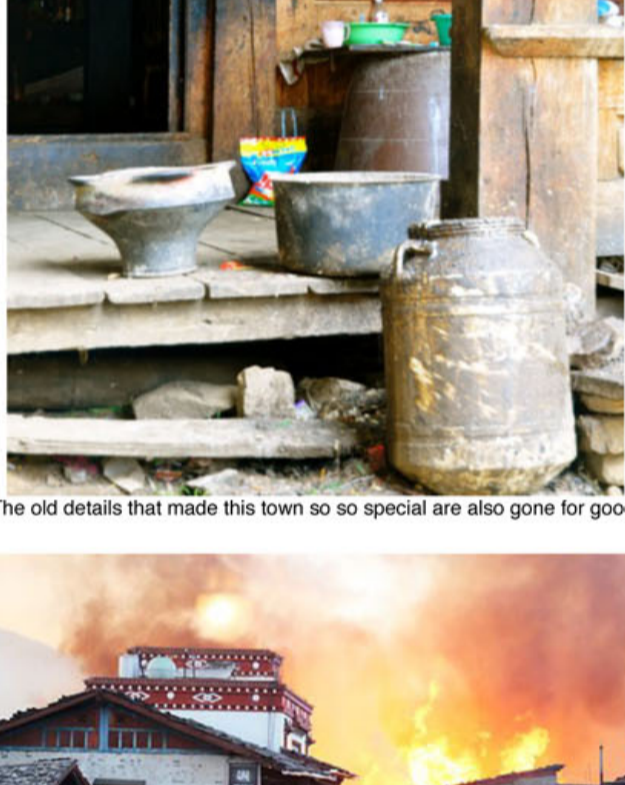
Shangri-la before the fire



Beautiful details of the past are all gone.



The antique doors and paintings all gone.



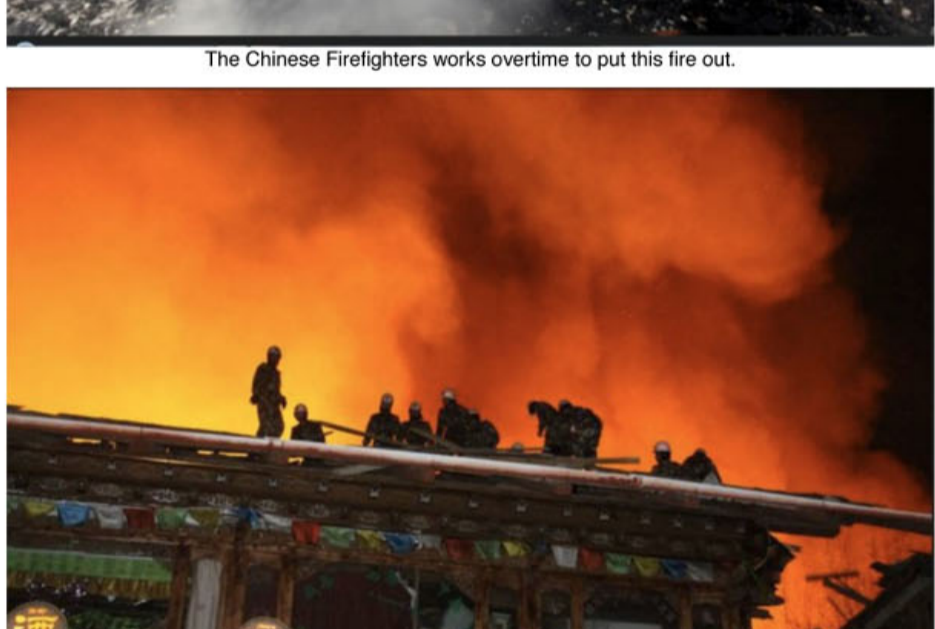
The old details that made this town so so special are also gone for good.



The hotel I always stay at is four doors in on the right...The fire trucks can not get through the old narrow streets to put the fire out.



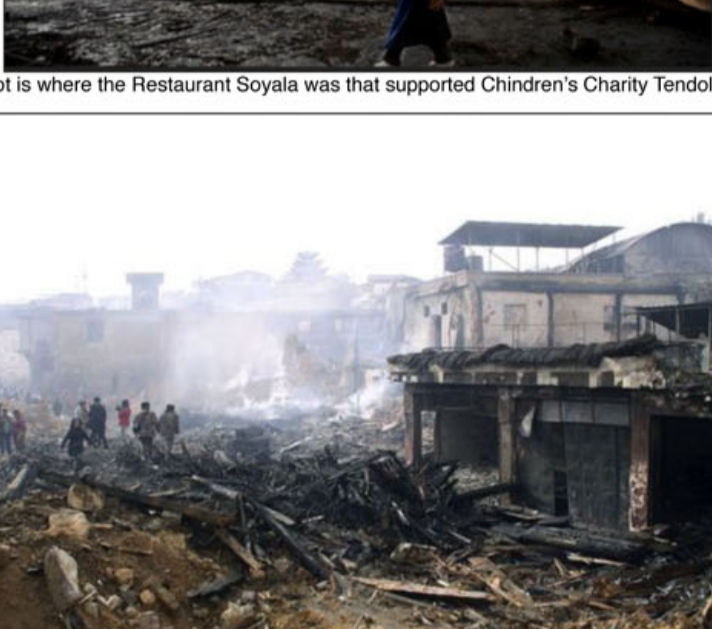
The blaze takes out everything in its path.



The Chinese Firefighters works overtime to put this fire out.



The men fight the fire from the roofs...



This spot is where the Restaurant Soyala was that supported Children's Charity Tendol Gyalzur



What is left of the beautiful Shangri-la...



The town is gone.



Starting to clean up and get ready to rebuild the restaurant SOYALA.

