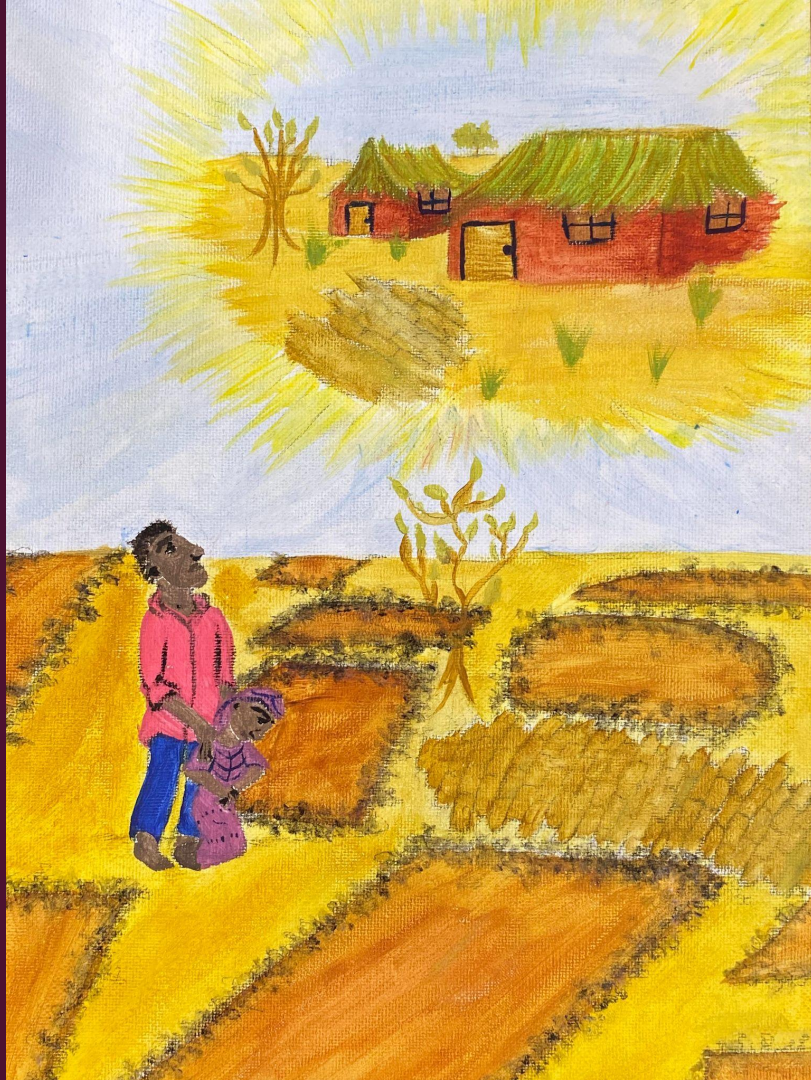


Genocide in Darfur

“Family Standing”













Artist's Commentary

The genocide act in Darfur has been declared as the first genocide act of the 21st century. In the Western region of Sudan, those living in various villages including men, women, and children were injured and killed, also having their belongings and homes burnt to the ground of November 2003 through April 2004. Omar al Bashir, the former leader of Sudan, had given aproval of the genocide, ending in 300,000 innocent deaths of Darfurs citizens.

Represented is a remaining family, face to face with their burnt village, with rubble shown. If you notice, there's a faint path in the midst of ashes with a bright vision ahead, holding their awaited future. When looking for inspiration, I came across images of families gathered together in the open with no scenery around them. It struck pain and empathy within myself, with an immediate response to share their experience. There were many ideas on how to do this, yet using juxtaposition in the sense of having there be reality versus their hope, seemed best fitting.

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