

## Artists in Motion Exhibitions— Jesuit Refugee Service, Eastern Africa.

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in eastern Africa have created a series of exhibitions of art works and installations entitled “Artists in Motion,” which help victims of trafficking and exploitation give expression to their experiences.

The JRS are about to activate an online launch of the JRS campaign *Artists in Motion* which showcases art created by Eritrean refugees living in an isolated

refugee camp in northern Ethiopia. This art work was exhibited at the international conference “Trafficking within and from Africa,” held in Abuja, Nigeria, 5-7 September, 2016.

The paintings take the viewer on a journey of displacement –encompassing love and family, loss and limbo, hopes and dangers, and welcome in new communities.

It is hoped to bring their visual stories and messages to the attention of policy makers, humanitarian workers, refugee populations and civil society members who can advocate for integration, opportunity, human rights and welcome for refugees worldwide.

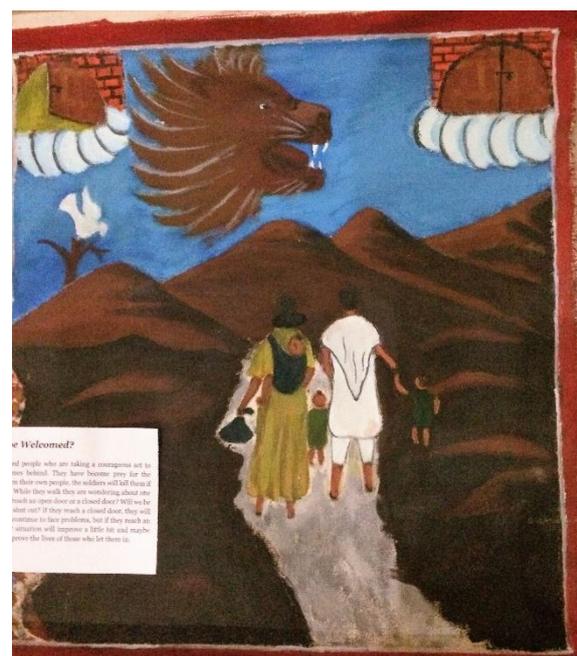
JRS invite all to participate in this campaign by hearing and sharing these artists’ messages:

**Share the Artists in Motion booklet** which is attached and [found online](#). It can be easily emailed to your partners, supporters, or team members. This booklet is a tool which can be used in relevant fundraising or advocacy initiatives.

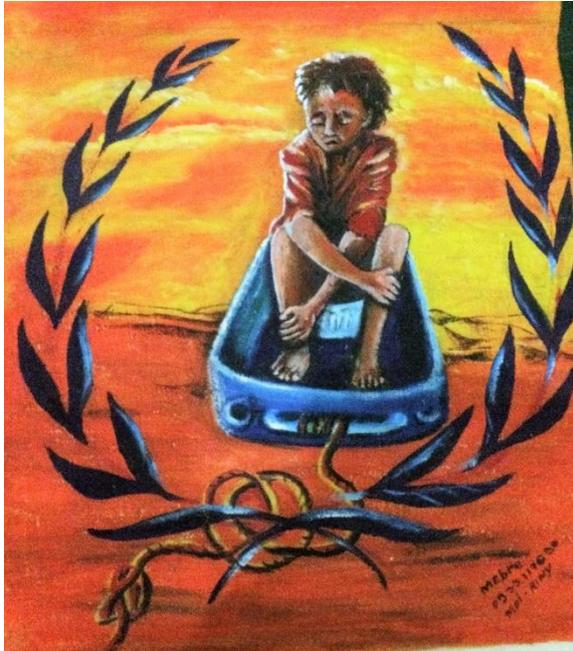
**Watch the Artist in Motion videos** spotlighting [Mebrahtu, the art teacher](#), and [Filmon, one of the art students](#).

**To learn more**, please log on to the campaign page at [http://www.jrsea.org/campaigns\\_focus?TN=PROMO-20160913055421](http://www.jrsea.org/campaigns_focus?TN=PROMO-20160913055421)

**Engage with the JRS on social media:** Each testimony and photograph is being shared



on **Twitter**(@JesuitRefugee), **Instagram** (@jrs\_mercyinmotion and @jrs\_usa), and **on Facebook** with the hashtags #ArtistsinMotion and #art4change. If you are on any of these platforms, please **share and retweet**. An attached document also includes tweets you can use.



\*\* Plans are underway for potential future exhibitions in Rome, Washington DC and Nairobi. If you are interested in attending one of these or purchasing one of the paintings, please contact Angela Wells, JRS Eastern Africa Communications Officer at [easternafrika.communications@jrs.net](mailto:easternafrika.communications@jrs.net)

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