The Bus to St. Francis

Watercolor on Kilimanjaro cold press paper

\$175

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Artist's Statement

I chose to paint a depiction of the bus ride to St. Francis School. The opportunity to go to St Francis was a real blessing for Jade. It was her chance for a good education and to make a life better for her than what she had grown up in. To get to the school required a crosstown bus ride on a city bus. The bus ride was lonely, and she had a hard time making friends at St. Francis. Eventually she noticed another girl taking the same bus. They became acquainted and through that bus experience became friends at St Francis.

Bio

I have been painting in watercolor for over twenty years and continually take classes and have taken many workshops from nationally recognized art teachers. I live in Stayton, Oregon with my wife Judy who is also a watercolor artist.

My exhibitions include the Village Gallery in Cedar Mill, Oregon Society of Artists, the Celebration of Creativity in Beaverton, Keizer Art Association and the Salem Art Association. I am a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon and have exhibited in their juried competitions.

I paint mainly in watercolor because it is an unending challenge. There are so many ways to paint in watercolor. Often you are surprised at what turns out because one does not always have control of the paint/water mix. I use a limited palette with 3-5 colors at most on any one painting. Watercolor painting is a long journey of learning.

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