

Tut Puoch Rauch

Age: 22

Region: Khartoum

I was a young boy, about nine years old, when I left Khartoum. John Garang told me I had to leave my village. I walked by foot. I didn't have a bus or a car. Nothing. My cousin Nibor and I traveled together.

The most difficult thing I experience while traveling was that I didn't have any place to live. The Arabs could attack at any time. I was scared. There wasn't any good food.

The first camp I stayed in was Etang, in Ethiopia. In Etang there were a lot of deaths every day. I spent most of my time in Dimma refugee camp. There was nothing good about the refugee camps. There were killings in the forest and woods and people took our clothes.

I like everything about living here. I like it all. There is no fighting. If you work really hard you have something to do. If you don't work, you'll die.

I worked in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I work for Hope Network, but I want to go to school. I'd like to learn how to play sports.