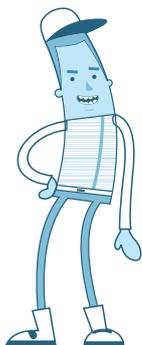


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## Painting a picture

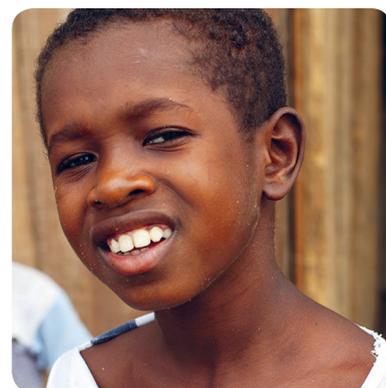
Edile loves drawing and painting. In this picture, he shows what happened the day that his home was attacked and his family had to run away. On the right, he has drawn soldiers with guns coming towards his home.



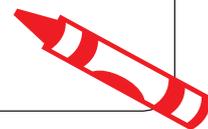
Can you describe how you think Edile might have felt when this happened?

Name: Edile Beite Chavarra  
Age: 9  
Lives: Las Camelias, Colombia

Edile's home was attacked by people who wanted the land and his father was killed in the fighting. Edile and his family ran away and spent many months living in the mountains. They were too scared to go back to their home. Since then, Christian Aid has helped to create a safe, new place for Edile to live. Edile loves his new home because he can live in peace.



Can you draw a picture of an important event in your life?  
(It could be a happy event or a sad one – you choose.)



How did you feel when this event happened?

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In what ways has your life changed since the event that you have drawn in your picture?

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## Edile's story

This is Edile Beite Chavarra. He is nine. He lives in Las Camelias, in north-west Colombia. There has been lots of fighting over land where he lives.

Some people want to take land from the people that live there and use it to grow plants that make palm oil, which can be sold for lots of money. Hundreds of people, like Edile, had to leave their homes when they were attacked.

When Edile was only little, his father was killed in the fighting. The rest of the family were so frightened that they ran away from their home. They were too afraid to go back.

Christian Aid is helping people who have been affected by fighting in Colombia. One of the charity's partners (the Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace) has helped to create a safe place for people to move to. Edile and his family live here now.

This safe place is called Las Camelias. It is very special because no one is allowed to bring weapons here. This means that people can feel safe and live in peace, and are not afraid of being attacked or forced out of their homes.

The weather is warm and wet here, so houses in Las Camelias are very airy and open. They are all raised off the ground so that they don't get flooded.

Edile loves his new home. 'I am very happy here. It is a lot of fun, and I have many friends,' he says.

The whole family are thankful they can live in peace.