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## *To Live* Addisalem Bizowork

2007  
series of 5 paintings  
oil on canvas  
W 50 cm x H 40 cm each

*'In Ethiopia, especially in Addis Ababa the condition was not good for seven or eight days...some people are dead and many are wounded. With in these days there was no work, no transport and all schools were closed. No one can move from one place to another...the situation was horrible so I totally lost my feeling towards my paintings because if there is no peace in the country no one can work peacefully'* -- Addisalem Bizowork, 2005



Addisalem Bizowork in her favourite place,  
her studio in Addis Ababa, 2005

### Artist profile:

Born 1980, Ethiopia

Addisalem Bizowork is a painter based in Addis Ababa. Her paintings tell serene stories about everyday life in Ethiopia. Bizowork's vibrant canvases effortlessly combine sophisticated pictorial strategies with the tradition of decorative painting specific to her native country.

### Project description:

*To Live* is a series of small oil paintings that combine text and image. Invested with the Ethiopian Christian painting tradition, Bizowork's recent production is about her authentic urban way of life tested against billboards and graffiti in contemporary Addis Ababa. She uses the Ethiopic calendar to sign her work, according to which the current year is 1999.

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