Abducted for Albinism
By Under the Same Sun

Recently in Tanzania, Margareth, a six-year-old girl with albinism, was abducted by her uncle Masanja.

In spite of her small stature, Margareth always stood out among her family and neighbors: her skin is very white. Under the harsh sun, her skin would sometimes burn and blister.

In Tanzania, as in the United States, people with albinism are discriminated against, made fun of, and sometimes attacked. When Margareth disappeared, her mother immediately sounded the alarm, telling neighbors and police.

Everyone jumped into action. Thanks partially to recent albinism awareness campaigns, people in Margareth’s neighborhood quickly deduced what might have happened. They worried that she was kidnapped and that she could be in great physical danger.

The people started a search. Police set a trap for Masanja by having an officer pose as a witchdoctor interested in purchasing Margareth. When Masanja approached the officer, he was immediately arrested and quickly confessed to the abduction. Margareth was rescued and reunited with her family.

Masanja was quickly brought to trial and sentenced to ten years in prison. Not all such stories have positive endings, but this one testifies to the usefulness of albinism awareness initiatives.

Art Against Discrimination
By Alechenu Godwin

I am a Nigerian-born model. My dream is to fill the world with love. I took this photo with an albino friend of mine at David Aremu studio in Nigeria.

While people with albinism are discriminated against, while others abuse them and angrily judge their skin tone, people with albinism deserve to be beautiful. Let us heal the world with Love.