



The Abdoulaye Salle Project

Team ESF trekked down long roads which lead us to a little boy named Abdoulaye Salle. ESF initially met little Abdoulaye at a public hospital where the resources were inadequate for his condition, the same blood tinged dressing over his IV site existing 14 days, he was without oxygen, his abdomen was distended, he was malnourished and dehydrated. Abdoulaye was being given a not 1 but 2 diuretics (a.k.a. water pills), a medication that causes a person to urinate along with a supplement to increase his iron and folic acid in his blood; all medications were useless in his case because he had a tumor. Abdoulaye was in that hospital for 14 days (2 weeks) where he just sat day after day without being discharged. Team ESF decided to help this little boy receive proper care and comfort in his last days on earth. ESF worked with administrators and healthcare staff to help Abdoulaye be discharged and for ESF to take him to a private facility. After a long drawn out fight for this little boy his uncle accompanied him to St. Jean, a Catholic hospital in Thies. Upon arrival to the hospital, Abdoulaye was examined and triaged by staff and immediately placed on oxygen and a new IV. **This was the first time we saw him SMILE!**

The care he received was much greater because the money was made available for him to receive it. ESF visited Abdoulaye throughout our mission, brought him clothes, food and a lot of love. On our last day in Senegal, ESF transported Abdoulaye to a hospital in the capital city of Dakar. Abdoulaye was supposed to receive free assistance, receive chemotherapy and also surgery to remove the tumor on his kidney. ESF arrived back to the US but remained in contact with the Pediatrician who assisted us in his transfer to Dakar.

On June 21, 2008, Abdoulaye Salle died from complications related to his illness. ESF spoke with the family only to learn that they are in debt for his hospital expenses. ESF provided the family a significant amount of money to cover their travel and other expenses even if the healthcare was expected to **FREE**. According to the family, they borrowed money from friends and family used all of the money that ESF provided and is now indebted to a system that refused to provide care because of their inability to pay. **The Abdoulaye Salle Project** was created in his memory so that ESF can help more children like him; that no one should suffer and be without basic care and provide end of life support.

Your tax-deductible donation for this project will be used in good faith and ESF will work to improve the lives of children like Abdoulaye through direct care and support services, medication, education, nutrition and comfortable living standards. Thank you, very much and we appreciate your support!