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Abdulla is Back to School

After a period of 5 months at the Central Children's Hospital in Baghdad, receiving continuous treatment, Abdullah returned to his seat at school.. Returned to see his friends and colleagues.. However he will return to the hospital from time to time to receive treatment that will continue throughout his life.

Although he did not attend any of the classes since the beginning of the Academic year in October 2009, Abdullah was able to attend the Mid-Term Official Exams, and has got full marks, as if he did not lost one class!! He is really intelligent.

Abdullah, 8 years old boy, at the 3rd grade in the Elementary school, has been diagnosed with a genetic blood disorder in summer 2009.

Our story with Abdullah began on the morning of December 16, 2009, while working on establishing the Library. He came to the room and talked with Her Highness Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite, Mustafa Saad, and Noof Al-Falahi. With the curiosity of children, he asked: "what are you doing?" Princess Nisreen replied: "We are establishing a library for children in the hospital". Abdullah was so excited and asked if he could contribute to the work, and Princess Nisreen welcomed him. The Princess asked him what is his name, and he replied without any hesitation: Abdullah Mahmoud Amer.

While watching the volunteers working, he began talking about the children who are in the hospital and their stories, to the extent that Abdullah knew every child and who is recovered and who died.. ! He also spoke about his sister who was five years older than him and had the same illness .. "She remained in this hospital receiving treatment in the same department for ten years, but died". Abdullah spoke about his sister with courage and did not cry. Princess Nisreen asked him about his ambition in the future, he replied: "I want to learn English and become a successful Doctor".

Abdullah has donated a number of his books that his mother had bought him. When asked why he wants to put the books in the library, he replied: "so that all children here in the hospital can enjoy reading it".

Abdullah is like an angel, never cried even when he is in pain, the smile always on his face. He likes to have fun and help others. He was like the Big Brother to the other sick children, teaching them what he learned, and playing with them.

Abdullah loves life and has a great faith and hope of recovering from his disease. While receiving treatment in the hospital, Abdullah received full attention from the volunteers, and was followed up by Noof, Mustafa, Mrs. Raghad, and Haidar. In the official opening ceremony of the library,

Abdullah said: “I love you all.. you always help me ..I took full marks in my mid-term exams, I could not achieve it without you.. I love you.. Thank you Mrs. Raghad, Mustafa, Noof, and all who work in the Library”.

A certificate of Merit was presented to Abdullah in recognition of his contribution books to the library. This is Abdullah’s story in brief.. one of many successful stories in our library.

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