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**Syrian refugees’ crisis**

Nothing has captured the crisis like the picture we began with last night

The three year old Syrian boy who washed up drowned on a Turkish beach

Today Hally Williams learned the rest of the story

It’s hard to watch but it should be seen

The little boy whose lifeless body was washed ashore now has a name

Aylan Kurdi was three years old when he lost his life crossing the Mediterranean sea to Europe

His five year old brother Ghalib and their mother also drowned in a disparate attempt to find a better life…. Aylan’s father Abdullah survived and today he collected the bodies of his wife and young sons from the morgue

The waves were so high and the captain has panicked and jumped into the sea he said

I took my wife and children in my arms but they were all dead

They fled the Syrian town of Kobane which was decimated when ISIS tried to cease it earlier this year, leaving nearly everyone there homeless

Abdullah’s sister Teeme Kurdi who lives in Vancouver said she gave the family money to pay a human smuggler

His wife told me on the phone a week ago

I’m so scared of the water, I don’t know how to swim if something happens

Over 300,000 people have attempted dangerous journey to Europe this year

And more than 2000 have paid with their lives including many other children whose names we don’t know, but it’s these images of Aylan Kurdy that have finally brought the tragedy home to people in Europe and prepped the conscious of European leaders

Abdullah Kurdi will cross back into Syria tomorrow to bury his wife and two young sons

And scoter friend of the family told us they paid around 4000 dollars to be smuggled to Europe

But then did not have money to buy life jackets