

At Operation Smile, we believe that every child with a cleft condition deserves access to comprehensive care. We work hand-in-hand with communities to expand access to care through training and educational programs and by offering free, life-changing cleft surgeries and care.

Sebastian's story below exemplifies our work transforming lives through comprehensive care.



NEWBORN in 2019

Sebastian struggles to eat because of his cleft conditions. Operation Smile Mexico provides specialized bottles to Sebastian's mom, Maria, to help.

INFANT in 2019

Maria attends Operation Smile's "Parents' School," where she finds support from other parents of children with cleft conditions.

TODDLER in 2020

Sebastian begins attending virtual speech therapy classes with an Operation Smile speech therapist in the midst of the COVID pandemic.

INFANT in 2020

Operation Smile begins more than 20 dental treatments to prepare for Sebastian's first surgery.

TODDLER in 2021

Sebastian receives his first surgery to treat his cleft lip. After surgery, Sebastian continues speech therapy.

TODDLER in 2021

Six months after his first surgery, Sebastian receives a second surgery, treating his cleft palate.