



Before



After

OPD No.: 13777

Name: Brian (Name Change)

Age: 1 Year

Gender: Male

Centre: Guwahati Comprehensive Cleft Care Centre (GC4)

Third Time Lucky

Brian (Name Changed) was born on 31st Oct, 2016. He was the second child of Namita (mother) and Rajnarayan. Happy to have a son, their happiness soon turned into despair as he was born with Cleft which extended from his small lips to under his nose and into his palate. Though the doctor counselled Namita that it can be cured, she cried for a week as her son struggled to feed himself. They had resigned themselves to their fate, they were overjoyed when one of our volunteer met them and suggested them that their child's condition can be corrected if they visited our centre in Guwahati and more as their meagre means prevented them from availing the surgery at any private hospital.

Brian was finding trouble in gaining weight and frequent cold and fever would prevent him to gain further weight. His father was getting concerned about it. But, the information about all care and surgery totally free of cost, seemed too good to be true. Hence, Rajanarayan first visited to the centre to check the information about the centre. Delighted with his findings, he came back with his son and wife in his next visit. During the screening, unfortunately, Brian was found low on weight and he had to be sent back with nutritional guidance and counselling. He was under nutrition programme for around six months.

They came for the third time on 6th December, 2017 and finally Brian was found fit for surgery. As the level of trust was already high between us and his parents, they were confident about the success of their son's surgery.

Finally after the longest hour for Namita, her son came out, she had tears in her eyes when her son back at her. Groaning with pain, she calmed him. The next day, both the parents were smiling, and ready to go back to their village.

They thanked the donors who made the entire surgery and care possible for their son. They now had a fitting reply to the neighbours who believed that their innocent child was born with a curse.

We hope to see Brian soon for his palate surgery and wish him a speedy recovery from his surgery.

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