Every 3 MINUTES somewhere in the world...
A CLEFT CHILD IS BORN
480 every day
14,400 every month
172,800 every year

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WHAT IS CLEFT?

Cleft is a congenital deformity caused by abnormal facial development during gestation. It is due to the non-fusion of the body's natural structures that form before birth. It can be lip and/or cleft palate, they can also occur together as cleft lip and palate of varying degree.
For those Suffering From Cleft

Eating is Difficult
Drinking is Troublesome

For those Suffering From Cleft
Even Breathing is Challenging
Cleft Backlog in India – 1,000,000
Annual Cleft Births in India – 35,000
Annual Treating Capacity (MS) - 5000
World-wide, Vast Gap in Capacity: Globally 200,000 births with cleft / year- treating capacity far below the number.

Back-log in India: Over 1 million untreated patients. In 2016-17 MS targets to provide 3,700 Smiles + others will provide 25,000 Smiles, total of 28,700

Multi disciplinary treatment required for complete rehabilitation:
Post evaluation: Nutrition therapy required for patients found unfit due to malnutrition, or other illness. Post surgery: Follow up treatment for dental, speech and ENT.
Mission Smile

- Dedicated to provide FREE transformational surgery to all suffering from
  - Cleft lip
  - Cleft-palate and
  - Other facial deformities.
- Managed by active and committed Board of Trustees

Surgery gives them a chance to Live, Smile and Enjoy their gift of new life.
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Cleft Care Modes of Delivery

**Missions:**
International and local Missions of 2 weeks duration, in location, credentialed surgeons, & volunteers

**Guwahati Comprehensive Cleft Care Centre:**
Surgical, Nutrition, Dental, Speech & ENT intervention all under one roof. Centre of Excellence in Education, Training & R & D

**Outreach Centers:**
Cleft Care Center in partnership with hospitals at Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Rishikesh, Gurgaon, Ludhiana, Kottayam and Siliguri

Smiles From Aug 2002 - Feb 2017 : Total 30,000 +
Employee volunteerism in Mission

Medical volunteerism in Mission
Some of Our Supporters

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Success Stories
Biju was very happy when he was told that he would get surgery on the first day of the Mission at the MMC Hospital. He was delighted after the change. Biju had hoped to continue with his studies after the surgery, now that he felt and looked normal, but due to the sudden death of his father, he was left with no choice but to begin working to support his mother and sisters, as the eldest in the family.
Bismita’s life was not only changed it was saved. Without the work put in by the Nutrition team at the Comprehensive Cleft Care Centre in Guwahati is impossible that Bismita would have died in infancy. Everyone finds it hard to believe that it is only a year since Bismita came home after having her lip repaired. Bismita loves to “chat” and her speech is clear and easily understood. They look forward to sending her to school and for her to one day be happily married and have children of her own.
Krishna and Bhawani lost their second born, Jubin, 13 years ago. Jubin was born with a cleft lip and died of a fever when he was 12 months old. When their fourth child Moina was born with a cleft lip and palate Krishna and Bhawani believed that Jubin was reincarnated as girl. Once at the Centre the family were overwhelmed by the care and attention given to their daughter. Moina received her surgery at the Centre. Two days later the family set off for home with their now beautiful daughter.

Her parents look forward to the next stage of her surgery as they love visiting the Centre and are eternally grateful to everyone there for giving their precious daughter a new life. They are very happy.

Moina Boro
Before & After
Nurjil, father of Nilufa, knew that surgery was possible as a neighbor had his lip repaired by Mission Smile. One month after her birth Nurjil and Anisa took Nilufa to the Mission Smile medical camp. There it was explained to them that surgery was not possible until Nilufa was at least 6 months old and healthy. Before returning home Anisa was given feeding instructions and special bottles for babies with cleft lip.

This time all the news was good. Nilufa was old enough and healthy enough for successful surgery. After an anxious few hours while Nilufa was in surgery Nurjil and Anisa were delighted to have Nilufa back with them and with a beautiful new smile.

Her family are extremely happy and grateful that their child is now like other children and they don’t have to blame themselves any more.