

# OPERATION-BABY MARIAM



*Operation Baby Mariam has been a great success!*

Baby Mariam's father, Younis, came to us in the beginning of June. Younis was seeking help from the Coalition forces while knowingly putting his life and his family's life in jeopardy by coming to FOB Kalsu for help. Baby Mariam was born with a hole in her pallet which made it difficult for her to eat. She continually would get sick after every meal, which was causing her to be very malnourished.

Younis was asking us for help because Mariam needed two operations to repair the hole in her pallet and they had no money. Younis worked where ever there was work to be had, making just enough money to keep food on the table and a roof over his family's head.

With the help from soldiers and [www.adoptasoldierplatoon.org](http://www.adoptasoldierplatoon.org), Baby Mariam was able to have two surgeries successfully! The total money raised was over \$2400.00. It was absolutely amazing to see the efforts of so many people come together and help a child they had never meet.



*Baby Mariam*



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Baby Mariam starring at her Daddy



Baby Mariam was born 29 May 2006.



Mariam just after finishing a blueberry muffin.



Reaching for the stars!



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We gave Baby Mariam 3 beanie babies to play with while we all talked about the operations.

Absolutely a wonderful baby and Younis was extremely emotional when trying to say his appreciation.





From the bottom of our hearts, we say *"Thank You"* to all that contributed and kept baby Mariam in your prayers. Younis and his family have expressed their deepest gratitude to all especially Alan Krutchkoff with [www.adoptasodierplatoon.org](http://www.adoptasodierplatoon.org) and their organization. WE SALUTE YOU!!!



**Baby Mariam and her Father checking out her new beanie babies**