



## Arturo Seguro, Mexico

Arturo lives with his parents in a small town in central Mexico. When he was just three years-old, he began showing signs of heart problems. Arturo's father worked long hours at the family's taco stand, but could not put together enough money for the pacemaker that could save his son's life. He was living every parent's worst nightmare: he thought his child was going to die.

"When my son was sleeping, sometimes I couldn't hear his heart, and I knew one day he might not wake up in the morning," recalled Arturo's mother tearfully. His parents felt powerless to rescue their son from a disease that might eventually claim his life. "I didn't have the money for surgery. I couldn't save my own son's life," said his father.

Due to efforts by Heartbeat International Foundation (HBI) and the device provider BIOTRONIK, however, Arturo's story did not end there. The family found new hope for the future when they met Dr. Ricardo Meneses of HBI. With his support, Arturo traveled more than 100 miles to one of the finest hospitals in the area, where he was rushed into surgery for a pacemaker implantation. "Thanks to Heartbeat International, I have my son. I didn't lose him," said Arturo's father.

Now Arturo can play soccer with his friends and attend school, where he is studying to follow in the footsteps of those who saved him: "I am working hard in school," he reported, "so one day I can be a doctor and save lives too."