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The importance of maintaining a good dental hygiene is not emphasized in every household or culture. For example, I am working with a family born and raised in Mexico where the parents, when they were youngsters, were not allowed or taught that brushing teeth daily is very important for a good healthy body. This young family has children of their own and the two younger children, age 3 and 5, have teeth that are broken off even with their gum line and also teeth with large cavities. By discussing this issue with the mother on several occasions she and her husband eventually recognized that this issue needed to be addressed. I began looking for a pediatric dentist and made appointments for these two children in December of 2011.

Both children were scheduled to have their teeth repaired under total anesthesia. At first the mother became somewhat anxious and kept saying, "I wish this was over and done with". I assured her not to worry; the dentist will take good care of everything.

The staff wanted to make sure that these children would not be afraid of a dentist in the future. The mother had the child on her lap while anesthesia was given and after the child was asleep the work began. The mother was very impressed as to how well it had gone and after the child woke up she wanted to look in the mirror to see her sterling crowns and check out what her mouth looked like. She was very happy and content that her pain had been taken away and went back to the mirror again to admire her new look. The following week the second child had the same treatment done (including 3 extractions) and came home all excited and again, the mirror was kept busy for hours that day. The parents are very pleased with the results and both girls are doing fine.

