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TOMSK PEDIATRIC SURGICAL MISSION I APRIL 2006



PATIENT PROFILE

Child	Aleksandra M. (nicknamed Sasha)
Age	2 months old
DOB	February 22, 2006
Birth weight	Not available
Current weight	8 lbs 2 oz (3.7 kg)
Home	Tomsk
Mother	Elena, 33 years old
Father	Nikolai, 39 years old
Diagnosis	ASD, VSD
Open-heart surgery	May 11, 2006
Discharged	May 17, 2006

THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE FAMILY

Elena is of German ancestry, many Volga Germans having been forcibly resettled in the Tomsk region during WWII. Elena's parents are both highly-trained professionals. Elena is a customs worker, earning about \$555 (15,000 rubles) per month. Nikolai, who was born and raised in Barnaul, works as a computer technician. He earns almost \$1,500 (40,000 rubles) per month.

The family includes a 13-year-old daughter from Elena's first marriage. Nikolai treats her like his own daughter, although the biological father also helps with money and maintains a relationship with her. The daughter is in the throes of adolescence, but she is loving and helpful with the baby. Nikolai is also very helpful with Sasha. He gets up at night to feed, does diapers, and in general takes responsibility.

Elena and Nikolai recently bought a 3-room apartment. Even though they are now in debt, Elena will stay home the entire 3 years of her maternity leave because of Sasha's heart condition.

CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITION

Sasha's heart problem was diagnosed when she was three days old after doctors heard a heart murmur. She was immediately sent to the Tomsk Cardiology Institute for an echocardiogram, where the anomalous holes between both the upper and lower chambers of her heart were detected. Elena is entirely knowledgeable about Sasha's defects and appears to be quite calm, although Sasha is very small and somewhat passive.

Based on an interview conducted in Russian by Heart to Heart volunteer Rose Glickman, PhD in Tomsk.