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SAMARA PEDIATRIC SURGICAL-EDUCATIONAL MISSION V
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2007



PATIENT PROFILE

Child	Ilnor B.
Age	11 months old
DOB	November 6, 2006
Birth wt.	7 lbs 4 oz (3kg 300g)
Current wt.	16 lbs 8 oz (7kg 500g)
Home	Syzran
Mother	Gulnara, 25 years old
Father	Marat, 30 years old
Diagnosis	D-TGA, VSD, LAD from RCA, s/p atrial septectomy and right modified BT shunt
Open-heart surgery	October 4, 2007
Discharged	October 19, 2007

THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE FAMILY

Ilnor's parents, Gulnara and Marat, are both Tatars whose families have lived in Russia for many generations. (Tatarstan has been a part of Russia for hundreds of years.) Gulnara and Marat were both born in Saratov, which today has a large Tatar population. Gulnara's parents still live there, a few hours away. The entire extended family comes to Samara to worship because Samara has nine Mosques.

Gulnara and Marat are both quite shy, and during the interview, they were never really at ease. Gulnara previously worked as a bookkeeper and would love to return to work. "But for now, nothing is more important than our child's health." Marat is a metal stamping machine operator and makes 8,000–9,000 rubles (\$250) per month. They feel that their income is sufficient for their needs: "The more you have," says Marat, "the more you want."

CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITION

Ilnor was diagnosed at birth and brought by ambulance from Syzran to the Samara Regional Cardiac Center. He had his first operation, to shunt his blood and improve circulation, at the age of 8 months. Marat and Gulnara report that his overall development is normal. He sat at 6 months. He now can walk while holding on to something. He says *Mama* and *Papa*. Gulnara breast fed him. Now he eats poorly and rarely sleeps through the night. But they are pleased that he is very active.

Although pre-school facilities are plentiful in Russia, they are reluctant to admit children with a history of illness, even when the child is entirely fit – as Ilnor will be after his surgery. Fortunately, Gulnara and Marat have found a special kindergarten and Gulnara will be able to return to work when Ilnor is older.

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