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SAMARA PEDIATRIC SURGICAL MISSION IV SEPTEMBER 2006



PATIENT PROFILE

Child	Nikita S.
Age	2 years 6 months
DOB	April 2, 2004
Birth weight	Not available
Current weight	26 lbs 4 oz (12 kg)
Home	Samara
Mother	Sveta, 23 years old
Father	Valera, 24 years old
Diagnosis	D-TGA, VSD, ASD
Open-heart surgery	October 02, 2006
Discharged	October 13, 2006

THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE FAMILY

Valera is in the Army. Sveta, who was trained as a veterinarian, is pregnant with their second child. Nikita's first-stage surgery was performed during Heart to Heart's mission in July 2004 at the Samara Regional Cardiac Care Center. Nikita had reversed function of the ventricles and was not getting enough oxygen. The Heart to Heart-Samaran team gave him a (classic) Blalock-Taussig Shunt with an Atrial Septectomy to supply his blood with more oxygen and allow him to thrive, in preparation for a more advanced stage-two surgery during Heart to Heart's mission in 2005.

After Nikita's first operation, Valera was transferred to Khabarovsk. Instead of coming back to the Samara Regional Cardiac Care Center per plan, they went to the pediatric cardiac center in Novosibirsk. But unfortunately, according to Sveta, the hospital refused to treat Nikita, sometimes saying he needed nothing more, sometimes saying they could not perform the operation. The Army refused Valera's request for leave to bring Nikita back to Samara for treatment, despite Valera's explanation of the circumstances. Sveta was afraid to make the trip with Nikita on her own. She explained that on the flight to Khabarovsk, Nikita had vomited in the plane. By train, the trip would take six days. Ultimately, Valera was reassigned to Samara.

CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITION

Sveta reports that Nikita has developed normally and well. He began to say words at one year and now can tell whole stories. He speaks well and is very engaging.

When Nikita was released back into the ward from the intensive care unit four days post-operatively (Oct. 6) Sveta was positively radiant, smiling and even laughing. Nikita's condition will require additional surgical intervention in the future.

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