

# INTO the HEARTLAND CAMPAIGN

## TOMSK PEDIATRIC SURGICAL MISSION I APRIL 2006



### PATIENT PROFILE

Child	Danil L.
Age	6 weeks old
DOB	March 16, 2006
Birth weight	Not available
Current weight	Not available
Home	Tomsk
Mother	Oksana, 38 years old
Father	Sergei, 47 years old
Diagnosis	Large perimembranous & inlet VSDs, Pulmonary stenosis
Open-heart surgery	May 10, 2006
Discharged	May 29, 2006

### THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE FAMILY

Oksana's family has lived in Tomsk for several generations. One of her grandmothers was of the Khanti-Mansi tribe, who are Siberian fisher-folk on the river Ob. Her first child is a 12-year-old schoolboy. The family lives in a 4-room apartment in Tomsk. Oksana is in her last year of medical school, and Sergei is an engineer. Oksana worked until Danil was born, but she will wait a bit before doing her internship. Oksana is also a serious photographer. She says Tomsk is a lively photographers' center, and she has had several exhibitions. Sergei earns about \$1,100 per month (30,000 rubles), which has to go a long way.

At the time of the interview, Oksana was seriously depressed. She has full responsibility for her mildly retarded 22-year-old brother, who also has emotional problems. The previous winter, he fell outside when it was  $-50^{\circ}$  {degree symbol} Celsius, suffered frostbite, and had parts of both feet amputated. He now moves around the apartment on his knees. Oksana is pessimistic about the efficacy of prosthetics or a wheelchair. In addition, Oksana's beloved father died 45 days ago, just a very short time before Danil was born. Thus, Danil's defect was a hard blow.

### CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITION

Danil's heart defect was discovered by ultrasound in utero. Although Danil is big and healthy looking, Oksana has to pump breast milk into a bottle because the baby has a hard time sucking. He is colicky as well. Oksana is profoundly grateful for a supportive family; she doesn't know how she could cope on her own. She feels lucky for the Tomsk Cardiology Institute, and she expressed great satisfaction that Heart to Heart's team will care for Danil.

We saw Oksana and Danil in the ICU after his operation. She was feeding him, and her relief and love for him were palpable. She smiled happily.

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