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The Beat Goes On

In the fall of 1995, Mark Rollins and CFH board member John Little traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia, to implant a Medtronic pacemaker for a desperate heart patient — Tatyana Redeuko. On September 10th of that year, the pacemaker was implanted. For the first time in several years, this single mother was able to function normally. This act opened the door for evangelism at the St. Petersburg Academy of Medicine. Doctors and patients heard the Good News of Christ For Humanity's Russian ministry team led by Steve Gregg, affording many people the opportunity to accept the Gospel.

During the past seven years, Tatyana's heart has continued its steady beat, despite hardships and tragedy. Her husband died, leaving two children without a parent. Tatyana's granddaughter (age 19 at the time) went to live with her. Tatyana's 8-year-old grandson came to live with her. Life in Russia is hard at best, but the responsibilities are overwhelming, particularly when your health is fragile. But love is a powerful weapon against difficult circumstances.

Since 1995 the St. Petersburg Medical Academy has checked Tatyana's pacemaker yearly. Early in 2002, the pacemaker battery was no longer functioning at capacity. They estimated that the battery would be dead in a few months. Without a pacemaker, Tatyana would weaken and eventually die. So Tatyana contacted Lena Gregg at Christ For Humanity for help.

Lena immediately called Tulsa cardiologist José Medina. Dr. Medina was the physician instrumental in the successful replacement of the pacemaker. He promised to do everything in his power to get a replacement for the dying battery. Dr. Medina solved the problem, and the company agreed to furnish the replacement battery. However, Christ for Humanity had to get the device from the United States to Russia.

As with any donation of humanitarian aid going abroad, the successful delivery of the pacemaker battery required a lot of paperwork. Lena Gregg, who handles international shipping for Christ for Humanity, quickly set the *red tape* in motion.

By September of 2002, the pacemaker was approved as humanitarian aid both in Russia and the United States. Lena learned that Buckner International, which CFH works jointly on a regular basis, was sending a mission team to St. Petersburg at the beginning of the year to deliver the pacemaker to Dr. Yashin as soon as they arrived in Russia.

As the doctor had predicted, Tatyana's pacemaker failed in August. Medication kept her heart beating, invalid. Tatyana's prayer for many years has been that God would allow her to live long enough to see Faith and prayer gave Tatyana the strength to survive two long months until the Medtronic battery arrive

God answered Tatyana's prayer, using many to accomplish His purpose: Dr. José Medina, a cardiologist; a woman he will never meet; Medtronic, a company willing to put the "bottom line" aside to save a sin who spent countless hours arranging the battery's safe deliver; Buckner International, a Christian ministry who sent the unit to Russia; and finally, Dr. Yashin and his staff, who successfully restored Tatyana's pacemaker. God is able to care for her 11-year-old grandson.

Jeremiah 29:11 states clearly God's design for the life of the believer: *"For I know the plans that LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'" Tatyana can demonstrate his great and wonderful mercy to her and her grandson.*

Article 2: **27 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children**

Bob Hostetler, award-winning author of *Don't Check Your Brains at the Door* and *They Call Me A* values parents (and grandparents) can pray to be manifested in the lives of their children. In an era of children are bombarded from all sides to follow the "ways of the world," let your prayer requests for your children be heard by God.

1. **Salvation.** "Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain salvation that is in glory." (Is. 45:8, II Tim 2:10)
2. **Growth in Grace.** "I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 13:18)
3. **Love.** "Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who dwells in them." (I Cor. 13:14)
4. **Honesty and integrity.** "May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection," (Ps. 25:21).
5. **Self-Control.** "Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let them be alert and sober as they do." (1 Thes. 5:6).
6. **Love for God's Word.** "May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than much pure gold." (Ps. 19:10).
7. **Justice.** "God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do." (Ps. 11:7, Micah 6:8)
8. **Mercy.** "May my children be merciful, just as their Father is merciful." (Lk. 6:36).
9. **Respect (for self, others, authority).** "Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone and to God's commands." (I Pet. 2:17).
10. **Biblical Self-esteem.** "Help my children develop strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization of their identity as workmanship, created in Christ." (Eph. 2:10).
11. **Faithfulness.** "Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these twin virtues around them on the tablets of their hearts." (Prov. 3:3).
12. **Purity.** "Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions." (I Cor. 13:14)
13. **Kindness.** "Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else." (I Thes. 5:15)
14. **Generosity.** "Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a foundation for the coming age." (I Tim. 6:18-19).

15. **Peace-loving.** "Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace." (Rom. 14:19)
16. **Perseverance.** "Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do and help them especially to run the race marked out for them." (Heb. 12:1).
17. **Humility.** "God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all." (Titus 2:2)
18. **Compassion.** "Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion." (Col. 3:12).
19. **Responsibility.** "Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each should carry his own load." (1 Cor. 9:17)
20. **Faith.** "I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain the promises." (Lk. 17:5-6, Heb. 11:1-40).
21. **A servant's heart.** "God, please help my children develop servants' hearts, that they may serve who are serving the Lord, not men." (Eph. 6:7).
22. **Willingness and ability to work.** "Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at their job as if working for the Lord, not for men." (Col. 3:23).
23. **Passion for God.** "Lord, please instill in my children a soul that *'followeth hard after thee'* — one that loves you." (Ps. 63:8).
24. **Self-discipline.** "Father, I pray that my children may acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is just and fair." (Prov. 1:3).
25. **Prayerfulness.** "Grant, Lord, that my children's lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may be on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." (Eph. 6:18).
26. **Gratitude.** "Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always praising the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:20, Col. 2:7).
27. **A heart for missions.** "Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see your glory declared in a marvelous deed among all people." (Ps. 96:3)