



New Beginnings

Safe Homes For Children

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A new beginning...



Foster parents Sasha and Olena outside the Genesis House with first three children before the official opening - 15th May 2004.

Pat writes

On the 12th May 2004 eight weary travellers stood before the gates of 'Genesis House' all our tiredness forgotten as we gazed in wonder the door suddenly opened and two small bodies (+ cat) hurtled down the steps. Our two children Anton and Sophia come to greet us into their home. We all had tears in our eyes, this was what our hard work and two years of fund-raising had been for – a home for these little children.

'At that time the disciples came to Jesus, asking, 'Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?' So Jesus called a child, made him stand in front of them, and said, 'I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child. And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me'. (Matthew 18:1-5)

Anton and Sophia in their short lives have had a horrible time, begging on the streets almost as soon as they could walk. Anton taking care of his younger sister, feeding her before himself. Sophia – a little warrior with the will to survive.

They are now 'safe' in 'Genesis House' and are learning to trust our Foster parents Sasha and Olena who they call papa and mama. Each day they grow more confident and are now attending the village kindergarten and attend Sunday school at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

The Official opening of 'Genesis House' by the British Ambassador Robert Brinkley on the 15th May was a wonderful celebration with a dedication service, a concert and tree planting ceremony, but the lasting memory will be the eyes full of tears and the look of wonder in the faces of the eight weary travellers from England as they stood before the gates of 'Genesis House' and saw the miracle of doing God's work.



British Ambassador Robert Brinkley officially opens 'Genesis House'

God bless you all and thank you for your support and prayers.

Pat Wright,

Chairperson



Patrons: Sir Norman Wisdom OBE, Mark Turner QC, Martin Bell OBE, Rt Reverend James Newcombe, Bishop of Penrith



The Consul General pledges his support

In a recent letter to the charity the Consulate General of Ukraine, Oleksandr Tsvietkov, expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in New Beginnings and the wonderful work that has been achieved in the Ukraine by the charity.

“We are looking forward optimistically considering your efforts in doing such important job will gather more attention of the people to the existing problem and change society’s attitude to the homeless people”

Oleksandr Tsvietkov made the pledge to the New Beginnings group that, as the Consulate General of Ukraine he is always ready to assist in any supporting steps and efforts.

The Ukrainian Good Life



Along with their foster family, they are enjoying the good life of growing vegetables and fruit for the table. Already the apricot tree planted at the opening of the house is dripping in ripe fruits and the potatoes are already being harvested.

The garden will soon be providing them with all manner of vegetables and in the longer term apples, pears and cherries will be harvested along with the apricots. The garden of Genesis House is blooming ! Rarely does a day go by without Sophia and Anton busy enjoying playing and helping in the garden.

Still much to do...

Anton and Sophia are now living an ideal life but have many long-term health problems caused by their life before they came to Genesis House. Their diet consisted only of scraps that they could salvage or beg for. The children’s past is responsible for Anton having rickets, bad teeth, problems with eyes

and ears. Sophia being the youngest has always been fed first by Anton and is therefore a bit healthier, although she also has very bad teeth and ears.

Our foster parents spend long hours at various hospitals getting all the medical help and advice required and we are slowly seeing the children’s health improve. Their behaviour is also starting to improve but they still suffer from insecurity and are afraid to let the foster parents out of their sight.

Sasha and Olena are doing a wonderful job! Anton and Sophia’s lives are filled with so much love and we know that only time will fade the memories of the early harsh years of these two tiny children.



*Anton and Sophia with cat Max
(note the state of Anton’s teeth...)*

Marina is the next child to enter the Genesis house sometime after September 2004 (we pray all the paperwork will be done on time). She is nine years old and is currently living in the state-run orphanage after being abandoned on the street by her alcoholic mother. Marina is so very quiet and will need lots of support both emotionally and with her schooling as she has very little learning skills. Anton and Sophia already think of Marina as their older sister as she spends many weekends at the Genesis house prior to coming to live there permanently.

We trust in the Lord to help us shelter and nurture these little children and with your help we will continue to do His work.

News from Genesis House

Dear Friends and Supporters!

Thank you, for the wonderful support you have given us in this important work we are doing.

Many of our children in Ukraine are denied a proper childhood and live their lives in crisis, now thanks to Genesis House we can save some and over the coming years many more.



Anton outside Genesis House

We are sure God has further plans for us and Genesis House is but the start. Without your help none of this would have been possible. Our first two children are already making a “New Beginning” and we can expect our next child soon.

From the bottom of our hearts, we Thank You and on behalf of our children we return all the love you have shown us. We are your friends always. Please, feel welcome to visit Genesis House and Ukraine if you have a possibility.

Yours in friendship,
Sasha and Olena Donskoy,
Genesis House, Kiev, Ukraine, 2004.

Fund Raising News

Major fund raising events of Kendal branch since last newsletter:

- Levens Choir Concert £ 430
- The “Kalyta” Ukrainian Concert £ 512
- Christmas Levens Hall Concert £4,017

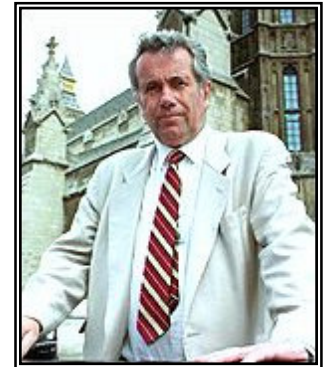
- Dr J Gardner London Marathon £ 768
- Victoria Windsor Paris Marathon £ 791
- Evening with Martin Bell £1,126

New Supporters

We are happy to welcome the new Eden Committee with Joan Raine as a chairperson. The members have already held a few very successful events this year.

- The Secret Garden Cream Teas held at Reagill, Crosby Ravensworth raised £1,427.
- Cumbria Woman of The Year Dinner at Appleby raised £351.
- The Theatre at Penrith Playhouse raised £375.

We are also pleased to announce that **Martin Bell OBE** - “the man in the white suit” has agreed to become one of our patrons.



Last, but certainly not the least we would like to welcome the new Vice Chairperson of New Beginnings – **Stephen Scott**.

Dates for your Diary...

18 th September	Lakes Summer Choir Gospel Concert Stricklandgate Methodist Church – 7:15p.m.
4 th November	Concert with Jacky McDonald Unitarian Church, Kendal
18 th November	Ready Steady Cook ! Eden Branch
7 th December	Ukrainian Choir with Robin Orr and Hope Now United Reform Church 7:30p.m.
December	TBA

Giving Something Back

A new guidebook to the Ukraine written by American travel author Andrew Evans features a section on "giving some back" so that travellers can contribute to the area they have been to.

Andrew Evans contacted Pat Wright to ask if they could feature New Beginnings and Genesis House in the section as anyone who visits the Ukraine can't help but notice the street children.

One in a Thousand

As you know the Genesis House is up-and-running now. However, our work is not done yet. It takes approximately £12,000 a year to sustain the project. It sounds an awful lot of money, but would only take 1000 people to donate £10 a year.

Would you like to become One in a Thousand?

Your donation for one or more consecutive years would provide for the children and ensure their future. In return for your gift each year you will receive a limited edition badge → (only 1000 ever made) and regular updates on the life of the Genesis House.



To become one in a thousand, please fill in the Gift Aid Declaration Form → and send it with the cheque made out to **New Beginnings, Pat Wright MBE, Vineyard Cottage, 45 Appleby Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 6ES.**

The donations made through Gift Aid mean that your gift could be worth almost 30% extra without any further cost to you simply by completing the form. This will recover the cost of the badge, postage, etc.

Every Little Penny Helps!

Only 3 pence out of every pound donated to New Beginnings goes towards running expenses of the charity! So when you make a donation you can be sure that 97% of it will go straight to the children and not to cover various administration expenses.

Thank you for your continious support



Gift Aid Declaration

I am a UK taxpayer and would like New Beginnings to reclaim tax on the enclosed gift.

- I would like to become 1 in a 1000
 I would like to make a donation

Title _____ Initial _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Amount _____

(please make cheques payable to New Beginnings)

Date _____

Phone (optional) _____

Note: You must pay an amount of income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give).

New Beginnings will not pass your details on to any other organisation.

Thank you !

Get in Touch !

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