

Fight for teenage life

The Ukrainian Government were reluctant to fund the experimental treatment at a cost of £1000 to help a boy dying from PID (Primary Immunodeficiency Disorder). New Beginnings and members of the



Pat with Ukrainian boy called Iliya suffering from a rare genetic disorder.

Unitarian Church, Kendal funded an expensive treatment for 13-year-old Iliya's only chance of survival. He is one of the oldest surviving children suffering from the disorder. The pioneering treatment is still not proved to be effective enough to be funded by the Government.

April 26th 2006 is 20 years after the Chernobyl Disaster – what legacy has this left?

Many, many children like Iliya are suffering from genetic disorders. Is this part of the Chernobyl legacy? Will this treatment offer hope to them? Only by trying can we find the answer and then petition Ukraine authorities to fund it.

Fact File:

Immunodeficiency disorders are a group of disorders in which part of the immune system is missing or defective. Therefore, the body's ability to fight infections is impaired. As a result, the person with an immunodeficiency disorder will have frequent infections that are generally more severe and last longer than usual.

Congenital immunodeficiency is present at the time of birth, and is the result of genetic defects. These immunodeficiency disorders are also called primary immunodeficiencies. This condition is very rare in most countries, however it is becoming quite common in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia.

Letter from Iliya's mother to Alexander Donskoy – our foster father:

Dear Alexander,

Just a quick letter from a grateful mother. I would like to thank you for introducing me and my son to wonderful English people who funded my son's treatment.

Would you please pass my sincere gratitude to them and all the people raising money in UK to help our children. I would like to specially thank Pat and Michael for helping my boy – Iliya is feeling much better now. Unfortunately I was not able to see them and to thank in person before they left Ukraine in January.

We will be back to Kiev in May when Iliya will need to have another check-up and continue his treatment. Hopefully we will meet then. Thank you once again.

Yours Sincerely

Cherepanovi Family.

Pat Wrights

Dear friends and supporters, it has been a busy time since our last newsletter. You will read about our many successful fund-raising events as you progress through this edition. My own news is about my latest visit to Kiev and Genesis House in January 2006. I have to say that this was the most taxing trip in my experience. It was a combination of extreme weather condition with the temperature of -30°, Siberian winds, gas and electricity supply being switched off.



12 month old Zoya weighing only 3.5 kilos - one of the many abandoned babies from HIV hospital we support

However, all those were nothing comparing to the frustration with the Ukraine Government bureaucracy and the most mindless “red tape”. It became apparent from my meetings every day for seven days with different Government departments that a child on the street or abandoned is of little or no concern, but once taken into an inhospitable environment they become so important, they are surrounded by “red tape” making it almost impossible to help. Because of that we have been unable to get more children since our last newsletter. Thank God our foster parents and myself will not be put off our mission to make the Government allow these vulnerable children to live a life with caring foster parents as opposed to a life in an institution. Many laws, traditions and historical practices need changing in Ukraine. Unfortunately, it is a slow and daunting process and will take some time. During this visit I felt so burnt out thinking that perhaps at the age of 65 I am not up to this demanding task anymore...



*Seryoja's great news
HIV test: NEGATIVE*

sighed – this filled me with determination to carry on fighting and I knew that God would give me the strength and understanding to carry on trying to change the attitudes of the people who have the responsibility for these children.

Then I held this 18-month-old baby in my arms – a little boy called Seroja. He was born to a young homeless girl infected with AIDS and abandoned in a hospital. New Beginnings paid for his HIV test in August 2005 and thankfully, he was diagnosed negative.

He looked into my eyes, settled into my arms and

*"Judge not, and you shall not be judged.
Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it
will be given to you: good measure, pressed
down, shaken together, and running over will be
put into your bosom. For with the same measure
that you use, it will be measured back to you."*

Luke 6:37-38

Without your support, prayers and good wishes we would not be able to help these lost, abandoned children. Thank you and may God Bless you all!

Pat Wright MBE
Chairperson

Local hospital with no hot water

When Pat and her new husband Tony along with Michael Winstanley (committee member) visited Ukraine in August 2005 they were horrified at the conditions in Borispol hospital on the outskirts of Kiev. No proper toilet, no showers or baths and no hot water.



*Beds and mattresses
purchased in Ukraine to
equip children's unit in
Borispol Hospital*

Our foster children have to attend this hospital with acute respiratory infections so common in Ukraine. Pat negotiated with the local Government department responsible for the health resources in the region and formed a partnership with them to help re-furbish and equip the

children's unit. In return the authorities had to re-establish the hot water supply. We are now attempting to refurbish the next 3 rooms leaving 4 to be done in the near future.

*New Beginnings receives an
award from Borispol Regional
Health Authority for
refurbishment of the children's
unit. Left-to-right: Director of
Regional Health Authority I.P.*



*Poluhovich, Pat Wright, Doctor in charge of
children's unit, Mary Brinkley, wife of the British
Ambassador in Kiev, Michael Winstalely - NB
committee member and Olena Donska – our foster
mother.*

Foster families support

Meet the Gedz family - One of the foster families supported by the New Beginnings financially as the government stopped paying and they were almost starving.



Dear Pat,

Thank you so much for the help your charity has given to our family. We have 2 children of our own – Iliya and Katya, 2 adopted – Kristine and Antonio (Antonio has Down Syndrome), another 3 children come to stay with us but still belong to an orphanage – Kolya, Ricardo and Tamara. We have many problems with our foster family status – the Government is supposed to support us financially, but so far we have had to find the money ourselves. Your financial support is very much appreciated. Thank you once again, from the bottom of our hearts. May God Bless you and all the charity supporters in England.

Gedz Family.

Local Kindergarten...

... with no toys, or child development equipment... New Beginnings sponsored the purchase of toys, games and units to house them. The principle was full of joy receiving the gifts as she cares so much for the deprived children most of whom belong to the local orphanage. It was an answer to her prayers and the joy on the children's faces was priceless.



Kindergarten receives new toys, games and units to store them.

Eden Branch update

Once again this wonderful committee with Joan Raine as Chairman has been successful in raising funds to help with the work that New Beginnings has carried out this year. They seem to have a talent for imaginative ideas that appeal to the public ensuring numerous successful events. "Fashion through the ages" held at Crossrigg was one of the great ideas raising £800. A cheese and wine evening held in Asby was not only educational but also most enjoyable. This was organised by the men who support the Eden branch of New Beginnings and raised in excess of £1500. Two successful events at the newly-opened Bojangles Café in Appleby raised over £300. Other organisations have joined with the Eden Branch in raising funds and offering their support making this a very exciting year for our charity.

Genesis House Update

We are having a slight delay in getting more children into our foster family. However, that does not stop Anton, Sofia and Yan from getting excited about



Anton, Sofia and Yan having a tea party with Pat.

health problems so the foster parents spend a lot of time at the doctors to make sure the boys receive all the treatment they need. Anton has to wear glasses but he is quite pleased about that. He is the only one in his school wearing them and he feels very special and grown-up.



Support of the Highest – Alexander Tsvetkov, Consul General of Ukraine sharing a meal with two of our children Anton and Sofia in Genesis House

Dates for your diary

20th – 27th May 2006 – Cycle Marathon

Tony Dixon from Askews Cycle Specialists, Wildman Street, Kendal is cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise funds for New Beginnings. Anyone wishing to sponsor Tony, please get in touch.

Saturday 20th May 2006 - Cross Bay Walk

Following a very enjoyable day on the sands last year when 25 enthusiastic supporters joined the Queen's Guide, Cedric Robinson's walk, another date has been planned for 2006. Last year we raised over £2000 and it would be marvelous if we could beat this amount this year. The walk is approximately 8 miles long and takes about 3 hours. We will leave Arnside Promenade at 11.00 am. If you would like to take part or sponsor the event please telephone Jenny Kelly – Tel: 01539 720571.



Members of staff from Cardinal Allen Catholic High School during the Morecambe Bay walk raising over £400

Saturday 27th May 2006 - Strictly Come Salsa.

Come and join us for a fun night of live music and dancing. The venue is the Park Night Club, Kendal. The theme is SALSA!!! Don't worry, you do not need

to be able to dance - there will be a crash-course in salsa to get you on the dance floor.

Tickets are £7.50 each available from:
Andrey Donsky - Tel: 07812475952

Wednesday 7th June 2006 - AGM

New Beginnings AGM will be held at the Unitarian Church, Market Place, Kendal. Ivan Bespalov – one of our Ukrainian trustees is coming over with his family to attend the AGM. He will give us an update from Ukraine and hopes to meet as many of our supporters as possible. If you would like to attend please get in touch as we will need to confirm the numbers in advance.



Donation Form / Gift Aid Declaration

- 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) _____

- I am a UK taxpayer and would like New Beginnings to reclaim tax on the enclosed gift.
 NO GIFT AID

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). Otherwise tick "NO GIFT AID"

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

If you would like to set up a standing order, please contact us for bank details.

Thank you !

Thank You

- Stricklandgate Methodist Church
- Beetham Church Memorable Wednesday Group
- Heron Hill School hard-working committee
- Cardinal Allen Catholic High School - Yr.9 pupils
- Ukrainian Club, Carlisle
- Everyone who donates through standing order
- All "1 in 1000" Appeal Supporters
- All Church groups, WI's and Mother's Unions
- Spar Shop, Sandylands, Kendal
- Duke of Cumberland, Kendal
- All premises with collection boxes
- Classic Bags, Indoor Market, Kendal
- Mr & Mrs Mitchell from Staveley

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.

If you would like to make a donation, set up a standing order or become "1 in 1000", please fill in the form and send it to us with the cheque made out to **New Beginnings**. If you have already joined 1 in 1000 we will send you the next badge automatically. **If you do not pay tax, please tick "NO GIFT AID" on the form.** 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. Only a small proportion of money donated to New Beginnings goes towards running expenses of the charity! All members of our committee are dedicated volunteers. So when you make a donation you can be sure that the majority of it will go straight to the children and **not** to cover various administration expenses.

Get in Touch !

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