

A Dream Come True

Victor, a 9 year old boy found living in a bus station in Kiev has a dream, but it is so secret he would only draw a picture of what it is...



Victor's Dream...

Beaten and abused by his alcoholic parents, sent out to beg to fund their drinking habit, smashed against a wall by his mother breaking his nose.

This is the life this young boy endured till his parents set their home on fire allowing Victor to escape and take his chances living on the streets of Kiev. Victor does not know how old he is, he has never had a birthday or celebrated Christmas. Doctors X-Rayed him and judged him to be 9 or 10 years old. They have settled for 9 and have given him a new birth date. Now he can at last celebrate with his new family in Genesis House. He will go to school for the first time and although it will be hard for him, our foster parents will give him all the support and love he needs to get an education and have a chance in life.

Victor has one more dream – to be reunited with his younger sister. He has no idea where she is although he knows she escaped the fire with his parents. Social workers and our foster parents will try to find this young girl and re-unite Victor with his sibling in Genesis House.

Victor's dreams are half-way answered – he now has the home he wanted and with God's Help he will find his sister and make his young life complete.

Pat Writes

Dear friends and supporters, it hardly seems a year since our last newsletter. It is amazing that the older one gets, the faster the time goes. Still, I have also found the less time you have, the more you get done. And that is certainly the case this year. My last visit to Ukraine in March 2008 was to complete the legal work required for setting up the Ukrainian Branch of New Beginnings as a registered charity. This will enable us to fund-raise in and around Kiev and carry out our aims and objectives of working in partnership with other charities and people of Ukraine to help their own vulnerable children. No doubt, that will take time to bear fruit but with God's help we will succeed.

During the same visit I made contact with the Vice Mayor and the Director of the Social Services of the Darnitsa Region, Kiev.



*From left – to right:
Gennadiy Sintsov, Vice
Mayor, Pat Harrison,
Igor Dmitrenko Social
Services Director.*

We have agreed to start working together to support a disabled centre in Kiev taking children from 3 to 18 years old. The centre will also provide essential support for parents and family of disabled children. This will be achieved by running classes teaching the families how to take

care of their children and providing an educational facility for kids of all ages. This is so exciting and shows God's hand at work!

Perhaps, the most moving part of my visit was the day Michael (one of our faithful supporters) and myself took the children from Genesis House to the ballet. It was the Marriage of Figaro adapted for ballet. All the children sat and roared with laughter, were entranced by the music and spellbound with the whole production. We just watched these beautiful children and remembered where they had come from. We cried thinking: "Where would they be now without us"...





God has given us all a purpose and these happy, sometimes naughty children are the result of that purpose. Thanks be to God and all the wonderful people who have been a part of that miracle.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,
²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

Chosen by Jan Harrison, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal

Please continue to support our work and together with God's help, we can change lives.

Yours in Friendship

Pat Harrison MBE

Small Fund-Raisers Make BIG Impact

The Stricklandgate Seekers (infant Sunday school class) raised monies to provide an anatomical doll for teaching young mothers essential baby care skills. It will be used in a small medical centre in a village in Borispol region with almost no resources, even though it treats over 5000 patients a year.

We also were able to purchase new baby scales and a height measuring pole with the excess funds the Seekers raised.

New Beginnings will continue providing essential medical equipment to this centre in the future.



Borispol Children's Hospital

Our children's hospital refurbishment is almost completed and the most exciting part is that Ukrainian sponsors are now coming forward to assist with the project.



Newly-refurbished rooms - we still need to replace some beds, so "Sponsor-a-Bed for £200" continues.

The dilapidated dining room has now been converted into two specialist rooms for children suffering from asthma. These rooms will be used to treat young patients using the ventilators New Beginnings have recently supplied.

This work is being funded by a young Ukrainian businessman. Fantastic!



All abandoned babies at the Borispol Hospital now go into foster care as opposed to isolation in a hospital room for a year.





Up to now this play-room was unusable due to lack of heating in the winter months, absence of furniture and broken windows. New Beginning have refurbished the room, fitted a new heating and air-conditioning unit and installed a TV.

Kiev Singers Say: Thank You

A group of four Ukrainian musicians visited UK in April 2008 holding concerts across England and Wales in Churches, Cathedrals and Town Halls.

This tour was by way of saying "Thank You" to New Beginnings and its supporters for helping Ukrainian children in crisis. Yevgen Safronchyk - the leader of the group said: We have little money, but we have our talent and we use this to say Thank You.



Anyone who was unable to come to their concert really missed a wonderful evening of Sacred Music and Folk Songs with superb Piano, Organ and Bandura accompaniment.

After their travelling expenses New Beginnings received in excess of £5,000. Once again, New Beginnings is working in partnership with the people of Ukraine.

We would like to thank all the churches who took part in organising the concerts and the individuals who gave so generously to New Beginnings

Borispol Disabled Centre

The refurbishment of the centre is now completed.



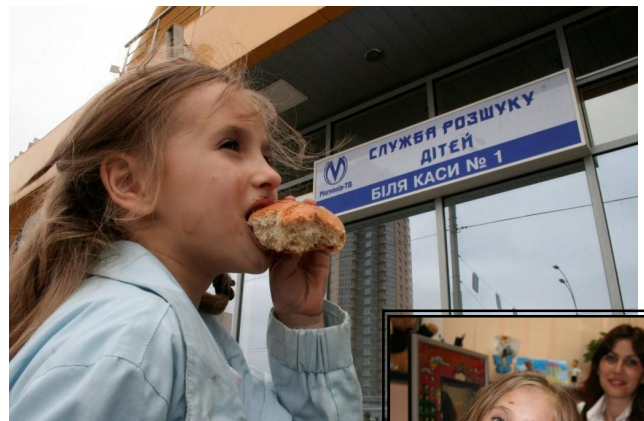
New ramp and covering now in place.

At last the physically and mentally-challenged young people of Boryspol have a day centre / treatment and rehabilitation facility they deserve. The progress these

teenagers have made is astounding and the work of the devoted staff of the centre is now being recognised by the local government. This has resulted in the centre becoming a training facility for future projects. God gave us a vision for those children and now we can see his plans unfold.

Magnolia TV

Magnolia TV is an independent Ukrainian TV station that concentrates on raising awareness of social problems. Our partnership with this wonderful TV company keeps growing. Magnolia has started a project in the newly-built railway station equipping a room with computers, telephones and two resident psychologists enabling children living on the streets to use the facilities to try and re-establish contacts with members of their biological families.



A street child investigates Magnolia TV Drop-in Centre



This will hopefully enable some of them to be eventually re-united and leave their lives on the streets. Over 300 children have already been successfully re-united with members of their family.

The psychologists also help with emotional trauma, drug, alcohol and solvent abuse. As a result, vulnerable children find someone helpful and trustworthy to talk to. This is a big step towards helping them.

New Beginnings has agreed to pay the psychologists' salary for a year, at the end of which we will review the project.



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!

One in a Thousand

As you know, 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 regular updates on the life of 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 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 28% extra without any further cost to you simply by completing the form. This will recover the cost of the postage. 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. Therefore, 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.

Beneficiaries

By remembering us in your Will you could be allowing us to help children in crisis to give them a chance to live their lives to the full.

Get in Touch !

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