



The Forgotten Boys

Two young brothers were rescued from a life on the streets. They were put into a skin clinic and forgotten. **New Beginnings** rescued the boys and they are now living in Genesis House. Andrey and Anton lost their mother when she drowned. They then had to fend for themselves living from hand to mouth until social services picked them up and took them to the only place they could find, a skin clinic. They were left to their own devices resulting in Andrey joining the street boys, smoking, stealing and beating up his younger brother. Oleyana and Sasha, our foster parents have a hard task ahead of them integrating these troubled boys into a family life,



which they have not experienced for a long time. Trust is the hardest thing to establish; these young boys have only experienced harsh treatment and do not expect anything else. The love and wisdom our foster parents have in abundance, and their faith will guide them in changing the lives of these young boys.

Pat writes

Dear friends and supporters, it seems life is going to get much harder for many people both here and abroad. Job cuts, credit crunch, zero interest rates on life savings, the list goes on. How do we all cope? I can only speak for myself when I take

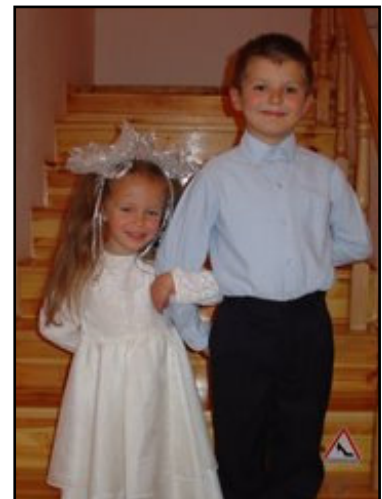
stock of my own life. I ask myself, do I need so much? Can I survive without some of it? The answer is "NO"; I do not need to buy that coat or shoes or suit, etc. I do not need so much! **Yes**, I can survive with the support of my family, friends and most importantly my faith in The Lord. I can survive and find life still full of joy, surprises and challenges. I think back to the early years after the war when I was a child. We were so poor but did not realise this, as we did not know anyone rich. Everyone had such a spirit of community and sharing. Perhaps we have lost something of ourselves in this throwaway world. Maybe God is giving us the opportunity to get that "something back".

"We put our hope in The Lord. He is our protector and our help. We are glad because of him, we trust in His Holy name." Psalm 33:20-21

Report from Ukraine

Banks closed, accounts frozen, all building work stopped and country in complete recession. If ever it was "love thy neighbour", this is the test. **New Beginnings**, with your support, will continue to help the children, hospitals, disabled centres and Genesis House as long as we have the resources. We have taken steps to cut our costs even more i.e. cheaper paper for newsletters, no salary increase for our Foster Mother and staff as cost of living rises, no Annual General Meeting this year and monthly committee meetings suspended for the near future. Now we have had the gloom, let us have the joy:

Slavik and Masha have both been adopted into wonderful Ukrainian families. Each of them are now the only beloved child of new loving parents who will ensure their future and give them legal names and status in the community. We feel great sadness to lose them both but we also feel "a job well done".



These children would never have been adopted from their former lives. Their time at Genesis House has shown both the Government and Ukrainian couples that children given love, security, nurturing and an example of family life can become the children they were meant to be.

Borispol Rehabilitation Centre



What a joy this centre is for those wonderful young people and their parents. This is a Rehabilitation Centre, music and arts school and an opportunity to receive physiotherapy to give even more mobility to some of the youngsters who had never walked before.

New Beginnings will continue their support paying for physiotherapy, music teacher, food and attempting to give the building independent heating although this may test our finances to the tune of £5000.

The Government owned heating pipes have collapsed and they have no money to repair or replace them leaving this building with no heating in winter with average temperature dropping to -16 Celsius.



Borispol Hospital

What a triumph, the children's unit is looking so smart with the new Asthma Treatment rooms nearly complete. Although, our young Ukrainian sponsor is suffering with the financial crisis and has run out of money **New Beginnings** will complete these units. We have now purchased 23 beds and only 10 more to buy. We are still looking for sponsors to help us provide the last beds needed at £200 each.

Want to help?



Kiev Rehabilitation Centre



Alina, 12 – only allowed one disposable nappy per day. New Beginnings provide continuous supply of nappies.

This centre is a Government initiative supported by New Beginnings who provide specialised medication, basic essential products such as wheelchairs, walking frames, disposable nappies, etc. Our support for those children is essential, especially now with the effects of the economic

downturn causing cuts in even the basic needs of those families.



Bogdan, 17 – specialised medication is needed but not provided by the national health due to cost – New Beginnings paid for initial course.

Misha, 8 – lives on a third floor of an apartment block with his grandmother who is now unable to carry him – New Beginnings provided a walking frame to allow Misha to go outside and feel part of the community



Village Ambulance

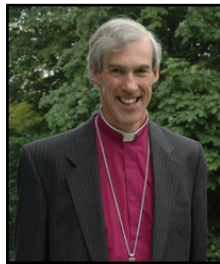
This small derelict Doctor's Surgery is the treatment centre for almost 5000 patients. The doctors are Heroes working in conditions that beggar belief. We continue to provide basic equipment and baby medical supplies, as an ongoing initiative to refurbish this vital facility. When we go round the villages and see healthy babies and children, old people still digging their gardens we are amazed at the skills of these



doctors who have so few resources to keep the patients healthy.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate our patron the Rt Rev James Newcome on his appointment to Lord Bishop of Carlisle. We know he will bring to this office all the qualities he has shown as Bishop of Penrith.



New Patron

We at **New Beginnings** would like to welcome our newest patron Gareth McKeever, a former investment banker and now prospective conservative MP candidate for Westmorland and Lonsdale.



Gareth McKeever and Pat Harrison

Gareth comes from a large loving family of seven and as a committed Christian feels the pain of children not as fortunate as himself. We are sure that his future support to **New Beginnings** will

help us in the troubled times we all face for the near future.

“Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”
Psalms 27:14

Healthy Living

Genesis House vegetable garden keeps providing us with an abundance of food thanks to the skills of our Grandmother and a little help from the children:



So much was grown last year that we were able to give the much needed extra crop to the Borispol Disabled Centre. The young people using the centre are only given £1.40 per day by the Government for food and drink. This is simply not enough as the food prices in Ukraine are now roughly the same as in UK. So without our produce and financial help it would be very difficult to keep these youngsters healthy.

Of course, the Genesis house kids enjoy a healthy diet with lots of home-grown produce resulting in much excess energy! Our foster parents have found the perfect release for it – Circus School:



Our children performing in Circus School Concert



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 more 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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