

Pat writes



Dear Friends and supporters, June last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer. This was discovered through a routine mammograph (thank God for this service). My subsequent treatment consisted of two operations followed by three weeks of Radiotherapy and weeks of routine clinical appointments and tests. I have experienced the usual tiredness after the treatment but otherwise am fine. The medical staff believes that I am now clear and just need follow up tests on a regular basis. My greatest worry during my illness was my inability to fund raise and travel to Ukraine on my annual visit to see our work first hand. As usual when I am worried, I looked to the Lord for help and just prayed.

“We have courage in God’s presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. He hears us whenever we ask him; and since we know this is true, we know also that he gives us what we ask from him.”
John 1-5 Vs14-15

My prayers were answered when several supporters carried out fund raising events I had not actively participated in. Cheques and monies kept trickling in and our friends; The Kiev Singers did their usual UK tour bringing in funds and several new supporters. This has enabled us to carry on doing the Lord’s work helping children in crisis. If I have learned anything during my illness, it’s “Keep faith”, “think positive”, and count our blessings. Times seem hard, but we are so fortunate in many ways and I have found that some of my greatest pleasures have come from the smallest things. Thank you all for your support and God bless.

Pat.

Keeping the Family together

Anastasia 11 years old, Anton 12 years old and Vladimir 14 years old have spent the last two years in a street shelter. Their Father is in prison and their Mother has lost her parental rights because of her neglect for her children. These three young people were due to be sent to separate State run Orphanages splitting the family and causing even more trauma in their already troubled lives.



Sasha, our Foster Father stepped in and offered them a home at Genesis House so they could be kept together. These children bring special problems for our Foster Parents. The eldest boy, Vladimir, smokes, swears and is aggressive and being a teenager he is looked on as a role model by the younger children thus causing all their bad behaviour to come to the fore. Fortunately our Foster Parents have so much experience, patience and love to offer that they are able to bring the best out of these children and restore order in Genesis House allowing them all to learn, have fun and live a safe and secure life.



Genesis House News

Three more of our children have been successfully adopted!



Anton



Sofia



Yan

All have gone to loving secure families giving the children that break from State authority to the status of children of a family. They are all thriving in their new homes. Anton and Sophia are together and our Foster Parents are given regular updates on their progress.



Masha with new Father



Yan with new parents



Anton & Sofia with new family

It has been hard for our Foster Parents to lose their beloved children but it is also a triumph that these three little street children have been rehabilitated through love and understanding to

become desirable children able to settle into a normal family home. "Thanks be to God".

Our new children are settling in but being older are bringing many more serious problems with them and of course additional expense. Victor our young street boy is so grown up now and really well behaved. He is doing well in school and continues his love for music and gymnastics. All the children are currently enjoying the good weather and spending time fishing and sports activities along with helping Grandma in the garden. They are all extremely bronzed and healthy looking.



Our Grandma



Lydia, our Grandma was reading one of her gardening magazines when she saw an article about a firm of greenhouse suppliers. In the article the Owner of the firm supplying the greenhouses stated that he gave one in every ten greenhouses sold to an orphanage free of charge. Lydia immediately wrote to the company and told them about Genesis House. She was told that the article she had read was old and they no longer did this. Being a very determined Lady, Lydia went back to the Company and insisted that they do as their advert suggested. She finally persuaded them to provide a greenhouse free of charge and now has it full of plants. "What a Grandma!"



Lydia, with very little help grows all our Vegetables, soft fruit and harvests our fruit Trees to make jams, fruit juice and bottled fruits. With

help from the children and Foster Parents, she bottles and stores all the produce for the winter. Anything surplus during the growing season is taken to feed the young people in the Borispol Disabled Centre. Lydia's efforts contribute the greater part of our food budget making us almost self sustainable. She is a much valued member of the team running Genesis House.

Genesis House Needs

Due to our family now consisting of older children with different needs, we find we need to provide a few more adult type recreational items. Also some of our equipment is now getting old and is coming up for replacement.

We are looking for help trying to achieve these necessary items and on our wish list at present we have a pool table, bookcases, and a replacement fridge and washing machine. Our old minibus is also ready for replacement but we just need to keep it running so if anyone would like to sponsor anything at all towards the cost of these items and repairs, it would be graciously received and allow us to continue supporting "Children in Crisis"

Letter from Valentina

Dear Friends,

I would like to tell you a story about a boy called Sergei Solavanuk, born in 1999. He came to our disabled rehabilitation centre in 2008 and to the amazement of all our staff he was so pale and thin as if he was transparent. All you could see was his frightened smile and sad dark eyes. Aged 8, Sergei could not speak at all, was not able to listen to anyone, and was very jumpy and constantly tried to escape like a frightened animal. Sergei's mother did not want anything to do with her disabled son, so he was being looked after by his Grandfather.



We were all a bit bemused and were even going to refuse him a place in our centre as we have no facilities for such children, but then we felt so sorry for him and decided to take him. Eventually we managed to accommodate his needs with an individual care regime.

We were also able to advise Sergei's Grandfather on how to obtain disability status for his grandson. At the same time we approached the social services who confronted Sergei's Mother. They explained that she would lose her parental rights if she carried on like this. Since then she has got a job and is really starting to care about her son and give some financial aid to the Grandfather.

That is when the real transformation began! We taught Sergei to feed himself, before he would push all the food down his throat without chewing and make himself sick, or eat too much and end up getting stomach cramps. We also cured his head lice problem, and scabies.



Eventually, after a lot of hard work our specialists (paid for by New Beginnings) were able to make great progress with Sergei's development. He is now able to speak many words, he understands their meaning. He can hold a pencil and colour in pictures, make clay figures and all this is done while sitting down, not jumping as before or running. Now Sergei can speak in sentences, he has finished the first year in a special needs school and is able to do things for himself. He is always neatly dressed, constantly smiling and happy. He is still classed as a disabled child, but we hope that in time he may be able to join his peers in a mainstream school and make a healthy young man. We will certainly try our best to help him achieve this. He is just one of the many children we are able to help thanks to the support of New Beginnings in the UK.

Valentina

Director of Borispol Rehabilitation
Centre for Disabled Children



Donation Form / Gift Aid Declaration

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Surname _____

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Postcode _____

Amount _____

(Please make cheques payable to New Beginnings)

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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. 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

It takes approximately £12,000 a year to sustain our Genesis House 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.

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