



# New Beginnings

*Safe Homes for Children*

Registered Charity No: 1087263

## Dear friends and supporters

I can hardly believe it is 12 months since our last newsletter!  
Life just seems to be getting busier. I had thought when I reached 70 years old I might slow down but the Lord obviously has other ideas and still has more work for me to do.

***Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion.***  
***Romans Verse 11-13 Chapter 12***

An exciting incident happened earlier this year. A wonderful Gentleman called Stephen Drew visited our church and spoke about his involvement in a charity working in Malawi. His charity is run just like New

easier option to keep them at home doing the work. The Village Schoolmaster decided that to overcome this problem, he would try to build a dormitory style hostel to house around 80 girls at Mtundhama. The girls would stay during term time travelling home only for school holidays. Having less travelling will reduce the risks to these young girls and give them the opportunity to live in a community sharing the same aims and values..



The school found funds to put in the foundations and we decided that with help from New Beginnings, they could finish their hostel and we would have funded a project which involved "Children in Crisis", which is New Beginnings remit. Funds have been sent out and at the last count, they were just ready to put the roof on.



Beginnings where no one is paid, has very little overheads and every penny raised goes to funding a venture.

Their charity bought a Maize field and first established a Cottage Hospital as the nearest treatment centre was many miles away. Next they built a school for 300 children and this is where New Beginnings decided to offer help.

Many girls have difficulty going to school, some having to walk up to 20km each way every day. They face many dangers, not least being raped and three pregnancies have followed in the last 12 months. Because of these incidents, Parents are reluctant to allow their girls the right to education and it is an



We believe if you educate the "Mothers of tomorrow" and empower them with more choices, they in turn will realise the importance of education for their children's future.

This has been a big step for New Beginnings as we have to protect our own Children in Genesis House but I feel in my Heart this is what the Lord has guided us to do. We also elected to send funds to the same community to feed 20 orphans each year.



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## News from Genesis House

Our Children, Anton, Anastasia and Volva are growing into healthy teenagers (with all the problems teenagers seem to have). Our poor foster Parents spend many hours talking and guiding them on the right pathway.



Thank God they are so wise and seem to get through to them. They all still continue to go to their music and Circus schools and have featured in various local competitions and even televised talent shows winning prizes for their talents!

Victor is making a very handsome young man and his ambition is to be in the circus and continue with his musical studies.



Vitalic, whom I mentioned in our last newsletter, has now been re-united with his Father after New Beginnings paid for DNA tests and Sasha, our Foster Father helped with all the necessary paperwork. He loved being at Genesis house and his school in the

village, so he gets up at 5am on schooldays and travels by Metro train and a bus to Genesis House (just in time for breakfast) and then goes to the local village school with our other children. He has his evening meal at Genesis House and then travels home. What a testament to our Foster Parents.

Yan, our handsome young man who has amazing adoptive parents comes to Genesis House for the holidays whilst his parents are at work and our foster Parents can see what a good young man he is growing into.

Slavic, our talented, shy young boy has blossomed into a handsome brilliant academic. He has just passed the exam for the Suvorov Military Officers School (equivalent to our Sandhurst). He will leave as a high ranking Officer. The exams are so hard and it is almost unheard of that a former Orphan child attains entrance to this prestigious school.

Genesis House gets regular updates from our other adopted children and apart from the normal high spirits of youngsters, they are all doing well.

I thank God for all the help you have all given to allow us to help these children to forget their harsh start in life and go on to make a bright future for themselves.

## New arrival

Yaroslav, our new boy is 14 years old. His Mother had five children to different Fathers then two years ago, she disappeared. Yaroslav took to begging on the streets until he was picked up and placed in an orphanage. The authorities were unable to trace his mother and no one knows who his Father is. Yaroslav came to Genesis House with little or no education. He knew nothing about personal hygiene, was very undernourished, drank, smoked and swore constantly. Having been in the Orphanage for two years has stopped any social development and he thought rules only applied to other people.

After a short while at Genesis House, washing, showering, making his bed, helping in the garden and going to school, he decided it was all too much for him and he ran away. Our Foster Parents had to involve the Police as they were responsible for him. They were very reluctant to do so as the Police can be very harsh with these boys. Fortunately Yaroslav returned after a couple of days and said he didn't like being



dirty and hungry anymore and he wanted to go to school as he wants to join the Army. He now studies the Bandura (Ukraine National Instrument), goes to circus school and the other children try to show him how to behave in a family. The Lord is a good Shepard; he knows Yaroslav needs our help.

### Pat Writes

On a very sad note, I have to report that Valentina, our wonderful Director of the Borispol Disabled Centre has had to have surgery to remove a malignant brain



tumour. She is now having Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy. The damage the tumour has done has resulted in some confusion, a slight stroke and problems with her eyesight. In addition to the

health problems Valentina and her family are now in desperate financial need. Medical treatment is supposed to be provided by the government, but in reality all the medicines and doctors' time have to be paid for by the patients. Having had a serious surgery and the on-going treatment, Valentina's family is now left with no savings and lots of debts. She is obviously not able to work and her husband is struggling to work and be a carer to his wife and their disabled son. We have all been praying for her to make a full recovery but she is now in The Lords hands. The centre is carrying on with their excellent work and I shall be going out in the next few months to assess the situation and try to help where I can. Valentina has been the lynch pin in the work the centre has done but I truly believe God will show us a way through this worrying time.

*He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kind of troubles, using the same help that we have received from God. Just as we have a share in Christ's many sufferings, so also through Christ we share in God's great help.*

*Corinthians, Chapter1, Verse 4-5*

### Vanya

How time has marched on! Here is one of the first



abandoned babies, Vanya, I held at Borispol Hospital. I was told he would spend the first 12 months of his life in a cot in hospital until the Mother lost her parental rights. I found this horrendous even though the nurses do their best. The babies get very little interaction and many start the rocking behaviour when they finally learn to sit up. I met with the head nurse and told them how babies in the UK were fostered out and suggested they try it. My influence was successful and the next year they were fostering out most of their unwanted babies.

This is Vanya with his Foster family after 8 years. He is now entering competitions for dancing and archery. He is growing into a fine young boy and has a lovely disposition. It was a joy to witness and see this success and I thank God for these small miracles.



## Thank you for your support

Once again may I thank you all for your generosity, prayers, support and good wishes, none of this could be achieved without your help. God bless you all.

*Pat.*

## 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 help us to 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.



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

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Thank you!

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