



New Beginnings

Safe Homes for Children

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Dear friends and supporters

At our Church today we had a new young Pastor taking our morning service. He preached that Jesus was a Radical who didn't take the respectable conventional road, he went where others ignored – the crippled, the blind, the lepers, the prostitutes, the people others crossed the road to avoid. You, my friends have followed Jesus's teaching by supporting New Beginnings in our work with the children other people ignored, the children off the streets from drug and alcoholic parents who had to thieve and beg to stay alive. Your support has allowed us to take some of these unfortunate children and given them a new start in life at Genesis House, a childhood filled with love, fun and security and getting guidance in how to live a productive life.



(Our young Genesis family members ready for the harvest in our garden)

Your support and prayers have given me the strength to encourage the Ukraine government to see these children and take responsibility for their future by setting up a national foster parent programme taking these vulnerable children off the streets and out of abusive orphanages. We are following Jesus's example and he has blessed our work.

“And I tell you more: whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them”
(Matthew 18:19-20)

I managed to visit Ukraine in May this year and had a most successful visit. The weather was lovely and warm and the children and I spent many hours in Genesis House garden playing games (which I watched) and enjoying picnics. It made me think – “what would have happened to these young children if we had not found them and taken them into foster care”.



(Genesis House children having a picnic with the produce from their garden)

Hopefully this newsletter is conveying to you how joyful I felt after my visit to Ukraine and the confidence I have for the future of our children and New Beginnings and all the work we do with your help. It was lovely that some of our former young people came to see me whilst at Genesis House. Yan has grown into a handsome young man and a joy to his adopted parents. Their move to the USA is currently on hold because of President Trump's directive on immigrants so we had the pleasure of their company during my visit. Yan took our little ones under his wing and played football with the boys which they loved. Yarik also came along and joined in the games in the garden.



Anastasia took charge of the twins and you could see her understanding and care she gave these little ones. It pleased me to know that she has chosen the right career as a Social Worker. Victor was always going to



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be a tall handsome young man and despite taking a few wrong turns since gaining his independence, he is now training as a Social Worker. He has a beautiful girlfriend and seems to be on the right path. One special moment was when he told our former foster mother Olena, "I understand what you tried to teach us and I owe my life now to the years I spent at Genesis House". How awesome is that!

Your teachings are wonderful; I obey them with all my heart. The explanation of your teachings gives light and brings wisdom to the ignorant. In my desire for your commands I pant with open mouth.
Psalms 119 : 129-131)

Natasha and Oleg, our Foster Parents, have settled well into their new life. I was so impressed with the gentle but decisive way they handled the children and the love they both have for this family.



(Oleg reading the Bible with the children)

Oleg is a strong family man and the dedication he has shown in taking on this new life is apparent in the interaction between him and Natasha.



I watched Oleg helping Natasha prepare a meal for the family, something Oleg has never done before this new life. Natasha laughed with him at his clumsy efforts but the friendship and love between them was a joy to watch. This is their strength and with their strong faith

they will be a wonderful example for our children to successfully form their own family lives.

Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of The Almighty can say to him, "You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust". He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers and from all deadly sins. He will cover you with his wings; you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you.
(Psalms 91:1-4.)

News from Genesis House

As most of you know we have been desperately trying to raise monies for a younger mini-bus. It's a big expense for us and we have to always keep in mind that our children are very young and will need a long investment for several years, so we must protect our funds for their futures. With this in mind I prayed long and hard for guidance on whether I should release precious funds for this replacement mini-bus. The answer to my prayers came sooner than expected when the Head of Social Services heard I was in Ukraine he wanted to meet me again along with his Deputy. They visited Genesis House and during our discussions they presented me with another award for setting a great example in caring for the children and I said "This is nice but we really need a new vehicle for our children to be carried safely". I told him that the house needs major renovation at an estimated cost of £5,000.00.



(Essential repairs for our Genesis House)

It was proposed and he agreed that if we carried out the renovations then Social Services would provide a new seven seater vehicle in the 2018 budget. All praise to the Lord.

Another unexpected meeting happened during my visit. Out of the blue a young woman called Anastasia Dieieva wanted to meet me.



(Anastasia Dieieva meeting with Pat in Kiev)

She is the youngest member of the Ukraine Government and holds the important office of Deputy Minister of Interior Affairs of Ukraine. She is responsible for their child resettlement programme, domestic violence, Police corruption to name but a few of her responsibilities. During our meeting it turned out that she was one of the fourteen girls I brought to Kendal in 1999 to help improve their English. They

attended Heron Hill School and stayed with local families. She also came again in 2000 when we launched the charity in Kendal Indoor Market with the slogan “A House for a House”, when we raffled my dolls house.

This was such a radical idea for Anastasia, “providing a house for what to her were undesirable dirty street children”. This was her first taste of “Charity”.



(Anastasia Dieieva (second from the left) – helping to raise money in Kendal for New Beginnings in 1999)

She admitted that this experience has stayed with her all her life and she has now chosen to dedicate her life to helping the most vulnerable people in her Country driving her to attain a Government position giving her

the tools to work with. She remembers me as “Mrs Pat” and like me she believes her success is due to her faith in the Lord and that she is doing his work.

You are so rich in all you have: in faith, speech, and knowledge in your eagerness to help and in your love for us, and so we want you to be generous also in this service of love. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

I could go on forever about the success of my visit but we will run out of space, enough to say that I left the Ukraine with joy in my heart and hope for the future of Ukraine’s beautiful children.

Malawi Update

The Genesis Hostel is a great success, with now 100 young girls enjoying an education in safety.



The hostel is utilised during their holiday period and is bringing them in a small revenue to help with running costs. The garden is planted and bearing fruit and vegetables so they can also enjoy a healthy diet. We are extending our bursaries to enable more of the poorest girls to enjoy an education. We are providing additional mosquito nets as these are essential in preventing malaria.

Keep on loving one another as Christian brothers. Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some that did that and welcomed Angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:1-2)

Young Fundraisers

We had a wonderful surprise when four young children from Kendal decided to use their artistic skills to make lovely keyrings and sell them to their friends and neighbours raising £26 for New Beginnings. Not satisfied with their efforts they then set up a stall near their houses



and sold their drawings, crafts and brick-a-brac they found round the home raising another £31 ! These young children are obviously going to make good business people as well as caring and compassionate individuals. Well done!

Charity News



Sadly, our founding Trustee, Margaret Smith died just before her 90th birthday earlier this year. Margaret was our elderly Statesman, her wisdom and advice and her business acumen were invaluable to New Beginnings. She will be sadly missed especially by me as her friendship and

enthusiasm she had for the work we do always gave me strength.

We have some good news after our sadness of losing Margaret - Graham Dawson, a young local man now working in Banking in London has stepped up to take Margaret's place as Trustee. He is father to a young daughter and is very sympathetic to the work we do and we feel he will be a great asset to New Beginnings.

This now leaves me only once again to thank you all for your continued support without which none of our work would be possible. I will take this opportunity to wish you all a great Christmas and a healthy New Year and God bless you all.

Patricia Harrison MBE

Founder, Trustee & Chairman

Come let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us. (Psalms 95:1)

Become a supporter

As you know our on-going projects in Ukraine and Malawi are up-and-running now. However, our work is not done yet. There are always more children in crisis we can rescue and with your help we will. We only need 1000 people to donate £10 a year to carry on saving lives. 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 lives of the children we support and the work of New Beginnings Charity.

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.



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