



New Beginnings

Safe Homes for Children

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Dear friends and supporters

Unfortunately, I was unable to make my annual visit to Ukraine this year due to the sudden death of my beloved twin Sister Anne. We had just celebrated our 77th birthday when she suddenly took ill and died surrounded by myself and her family.



Twin sisters, Anne (left) and Pat (right)

Losing an identical twin is like losing half of you and I have found it so hard to come to terms with. Thank God for my faith and my belief that she is now safe in the Lords hands.

*"Do not be worried and upset" Jesus told them.
"Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. You know the way that leads to the place where I am going"*
(John 14:1-4)

This year has had many ups and downs but we carry on doing the Lords work and he always gives us the strength we need. I am mindful of the bad publicity some charitable organisations have had recently but it would be sad to ignore the hard and dedicated work of so many being discounted because of so few. We at New Beginnings are proud of our record hopefully showing all of our supporters how much can be achieved in today's world with so little. Our Trustees continue to take no monetary rewards or expenses and

any justifiable expenses (newsletters, printing and the like) are funded by gift aid. Any monies left go into the charity accounts so you can be assured that every pound we are fortunate to receive is used in accordance with our charity ethics.

News from Genesis House

We have had a big renovation programme at the house in the last few months mostly carried out by Oleg our Foster Father who is also a builder by trade. When we built Genesis House we had a limited budget and we had to use low grade fixtures and fittings to get started and they have now reached the end of their life. We have just installed new showers and upgraded the bathrooms with new taps etc. The garage roof which is also an outside patio area has been removed and replaced to make it watertight so that we can use the garage to store the car and bicycles without them going rusty. The Children's play area in the garden has been renovated and a hard floor provided.



Many other smaller jobs have been carried out to bring the property up to date. This additional expense has been financed from two unexpected bequests we recently received from two of our long standing supporters in their wills. We are forever grateful that these two generous people believed in our mission and have enabled us to carry on our work with children in crisis. One exciting bit of news from Genesis House is to report that Social Services have fulfilled their promise and given us a brand new seven-seater car to ferry the children about in as our old minibus is destined for the scrap yard. This proves that all our hard work in negotiating with the local authorities has



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paid off and proves that we are respected in the example we set and the work we do.

One wonderful letter we received from a former child of Genesis House makes us realize how rewarding our work is:

Hello Dear Pat,

This is Yaroslavl from Genesis House. Now I am 18 years old and a student of National Pedagogical University. If you can remember, my little dream it's live by myself, without parents. So now, it's come true. I want to thank you for your support while I was living in Genesis House, this is very important for me, and I hope it is important for you too. Now I play on drums in our Holy Trinity Church's Worship Band. Thank you very much.
Yaroslav

*Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.
(Proverbs 22:6)*

We were approached by our Pastor Ivan, seeking help for a young Christian family from his church. Andrey (23) had terminal cancer and has since passed away leaving a young wife, Kristina (22) and two children 2 years and 2 months old.



With no way to earn a living to bring up her family New Beginnings stepped in to financially support this family until the young mother can eventually, when the children reach school age, obtain employment to support her family. Many children in these sad circumstances have to be taken into care. We at New Beginnings need to prevent this and keep a loving family together. It requires so little financially compared to UK costs but the joy of being able to do this is what our work is all about.

Dear Patricia,

I thank God for placing your kind heart to help me and my little daughters during the hard trials. This support is very important for us now because during the time of my husband's illness we spent our savings. And after his death, I stayed with two little children and until they grow up a bit I will not be able to work. I really appreciate this support and see it as coming from God's hands. Through you and the New Beginnings charity I felt God's love and care. For he said: "I am with you, do not be afraid, I will always take care of you" Once again, thank you for showing us generosity and becoming the hands of God, who embrace us in this difficult time.

*Thank you, I pray for you
Yours Sincerely, Kristina*

Whilst in Ukraine last year I was able to create a fund for travel expenses, medicine and testing for children having to travel to the Kiev HIV children's hospital. This being the only hospital in the area for this condition in children and young people. Families from the surrounding small villages with low incomes have to travel such long distances sometimes on a monthly basis, sacrificing everything to be able to afford and obtain this treatment. The fund is administered and monitored by Pastor Ivan and the referrals come through a nurse with HIV who works at the hospital. Her son also is HIV so she is totally sympathetic of the hardship the cost of travel causes these families.



May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light.
(Colossians 1:11-12)

We continue to support Nazar, our young boy from the village suffering with cerebral palsy. His grandparents came to Genesis house and asked for help as the treatment Nazar needed was more than their family could afford.

How wonderful that Genesis House is known as a refuge for children in need and New Beginnings as a UK charity that offers help in love and friendship. "The Lord is guiding us all to do his work."



In the small villages outside the City of Kiev there are small community clinics where Doctors will administer aid and is the first point of call when anyone is unwell. They do not have Doctors surgeries as we know them. Our children from Genesis House regularly attend two of their local ones. Both of these centres were suffering from computers that had failed and they had reverted to using pen and paper records. This was deemed a backward step as the records were not getting onto the central records and when anyone was admitted to hospital in the city, there was no medical history to read. New Beginnings kitted these two centres up with replacement computers and a printer to allow them to be effective again.

Malawi Update

We continue to work with Medic Malawi and the girl's hostel we funded a couple of years ago has been such a success that the secondary school is expanding dramatically. They now have 400 pupils in the morning and a different 400 in the afternoon with the same teachers! This has prompted the need for two more classrooms which we have funded this year at a cost of £10,000.00. We have also trebled our bursaries

for girls with real hardship getting their chance at an education.



Our new classroom building in Malawi

Charity News

We had a visit from Sasha and Olena our former Foster Parents who are now living in USA. It was wonderful to see them as they had just spent a week in Ukraine and so were able to give us up to date news on all that is happening in Genesis House, especially how wonderful our children are doing. Although the twins have a few health problems, they are thriving and the rest of the family are involved with music lessons, choirs, etc. but best of all are spending the summer outside in our garden. They are helping with the vegetable harvest and having fun and adventures together and being healthy and well-adjusted children.



What more can we ask for?

I am ending this newsletter with a scripture I have used before because it is Paul's prayer that is so relevant as to how I treasure all of you as friends and supporters for the help you have given us to carry out our work and love our neighbours.

*I thank my God for you every time I think of you ;
and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy
because of the way in which you have helped me
in the work of the gospel from the very first day
until now.
(Philippians 1:3-6)*

I take this opportunity also to wish you a joyful Christmas and good health for the New Year. God bless you all.

Patricia Harrison MBE

Founder, Trustee & Chairman

Privacy Policy Update

The privacy and security of your personal information is extremely important to us. This privacy policy explains how and why we use your personal data to make sure you stay informed and can be confident about giving us your data.

Your personal data is in safe hands with us.

We do not sell your data or share it with any other organisation.

The only information we collect and use is your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. We use this data to send to you our annual newsletter and to keep you informed of the work we are undertaking in Ukraine and Africa. In the event that you make a donation to our charity we will use your personal information only to record the nature and amount of your gift, claim Gift Aid if appropriate or to thank you for your gift. Charity Commission rules require us to know where funds come from and to record this information. You have a right of access to personal data held by us and this right can be exercised by either e-mailing pat.newbeginnings@yahoo.co.uk or writing to Pat Harrison at Vineyard Cottage, 45 Appleby Road, Kendal, LA9 6ES.

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.



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 _____

E-mail _____

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 25p for each £1 you give). Otherwise, tick "NO GIFT AID"

New Beginnings will not pass your details on to any other organisation.

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