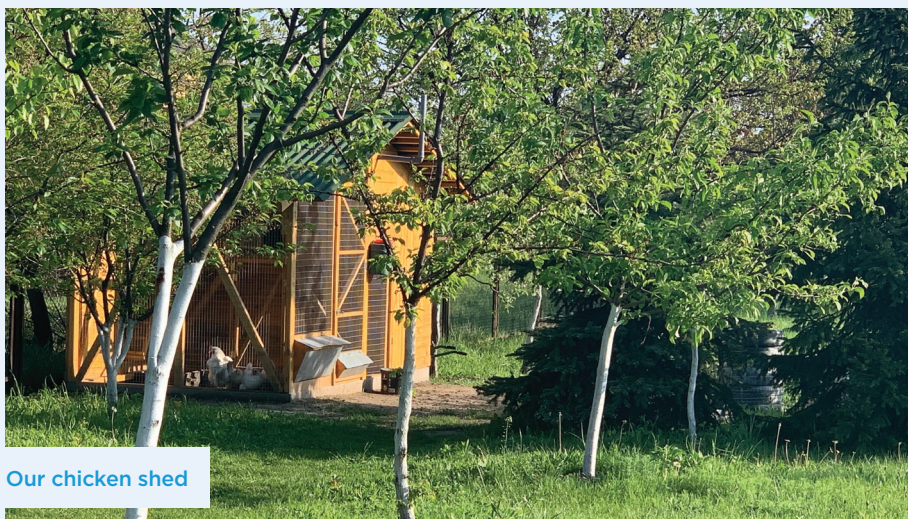


2020



# New Beginnings

SAFE HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Our chicken shed

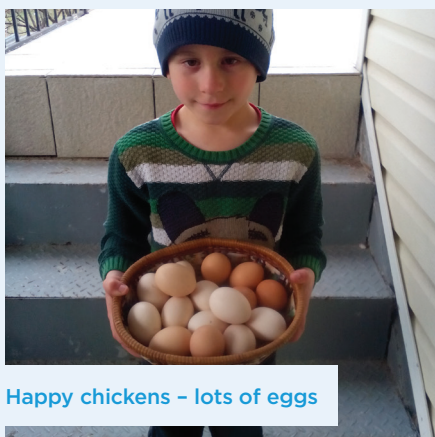
## Genesis House News

Our work has not stopped despite the Covid-19 outbreak. The situation in the Ukraine is difficult to judge as the information given by the Government is unreliable and people don't trust the Government, so it is not safe for us to visit. We keep in touch through Skype and via e-mail, so we are up to date on our children.

All the children are doing well at school and have spent the summer outdoors getting brown and healthy. Thank God they live in the village where it is much safer, and they can have the freedom to roam safely.

Our foster parents have been busy in the garden resulting in lots of preserving fruit and vegetables for winter. The twins love their chickens and collect the eggs regularly from the most luxurious chicken house.

Natasha and Oleg had a family conference and the children agreed to take two more children into Genesis House. They are brother and sister but it is a slow process so more information will be provided at a later date. The two children have



Happy chickens - lots of eggs

lost both their parents, so it is vital they are kept together as they are the only family each of them has.

*'Happy are those who are concerned for the poor; the Lord will help them when they are in trouble. The Lord will protect them and preserve their lives; he will make them happy in the land; he will not abandon them to the power of their enemies. The Lord will help them when they are sick and will restore them to health.'*

**Psalms 41 - Verse 1 to 3**

## Dear Friends & Supporters

I am so sorry the newsletter is late but life at the moment has resembled the 'plague of Job'. Covid hit in March resulting in Tony's prostate cancer treatment being delayed until the end of June. Tony spent four weeks travelling daily to Preston to complete his treatment. Next, kidney stones decided to strike me and for four weeks I was in agony, then we were given three days for Tony to prepare for heart-valve replacement surgery in Blackpool hospital. On a more cheerful note Tony is recovering really well and I am out of pain. We are dealing with the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic and obeying the rules.

*'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 - Verse 12**

It is a strange world we are living in at the moment, but it has also brought such acts of kindness and self-sacrifice by so many people that I know we will come through this stronger and more tolerant.

*'When I am surrounded by troubles, you keep me safe. You oppose my angry enemies and save me by your power. You will do everything you have promised; Lord, your love is eternal. Complete the work that you have begun.'*

**Psalms 138 - Verse 7 & 8**

# Medical Outreach

Our medical outreach work continues supporting several families with children with disabilities. Here is a letter from one of the families:

Dear Ivan & Patricia!

I want to thank you for the financial help and support you have provided for my granddaughter Masha. Now Masha found herself in a difficult life situation because of her mother's illness. Thanks to your help with money, I was able to buy the necessary products for Masha.

Masha is a disabled child since childhood, she takes complex medicines and it is very important for her to eat quality products in sufficient quantities. Nutrition is the most important issue for today and I am very grateful that you have participated in this aspect of Masha's life.

Masha studies at the Children's Academy of Arts and she needs to take 2 transportations to get to classes (mainly route buses). Thanks to you, she doesn't have to wait for municipal transport and freeze at a bus stop. Colds are very dangerous for her due to her low immunity.

We also bought ballet flats for Masha, a costume for theatrical skills and choreography, the necessary books, a beautiful backpack and umbrella.

Masha has a renewed interest in studying and new backpack helps her to rejoice. Thank you so much for such wonderful gifts. Thank you very much, dear Ivan and Patricia! God has answered my prayers through you. I do believe that God will reward you for your giving in 100 times. Bless you!



**Yours sincerely,  
Oksana and Masha**



## Letter from Genesis House

Dear Tony and Pat! Greetings from the Genesis House! We are glad to report that everyone is in good health and everything is fine in the house. It has been already four months since we are in a lockdown because of the Covid 19 epidemic.

However, we are grateful to God and to you for the house and the property we have where we can live, study, rest and work. It is a great blessing to live in the country these days.

Praise to God, the kids have been growing up well. Lyosha (Alexey) graduated from the 10th school year (he is 16). There is one more year for him to go before he graduates his high school. He is still not certain about his vocation in life. However, he has grown a lot, matured and became a good athlete. He is very helpful around the house. We intrust him with some responsibilities that others can't handle yet. Bogdan graduated from his 9 school year (he is 15). He obtained an excellence reward which made us happy. He also graduated from the music school with excellence. He started his high school with engineering emphasis, which is in Kiev since he wants to become a mechanical engineer very much. He also a big help around the house and in the garden.

Anya graduated from her 6 school year (she is 12). She also has grown well. She is learning how to cook. Her baking is so good that the boys are savouring every bite of it. She is a great help to Natasha in the kitchen and around the house.

Timur graduated from his 3 school year (he is 9). He finished his year with excellent grades. Only English is short of excellence by one point. He loves to read. Presently he is a captain of "Adventure team" made up of Vladick and Stasick.

Vladick and Stasick are 7 years old. We are getting ready to start

the first school year with them this autumn. There will be three first grades this year in our school, so that the school should be able to accommodate all eligible kinds in Alexandrovka. The boys want to go to school even today, although I physiologically still getting ready to let them go there. They already can read, count and write somewhat.

Presently we take the medical test for the school. As they eased up the lockdown, I started taking Timur, Vladick and Stasick to Chubinske (village nearby) to football workouts. There is also a swimming pool. We go there once a week. The kids just love to swim there. Moreover, they love riding bicycles. We have got 8 of them. Therefore, the father and the boys built a bicycle garage.



Mercedes van is still running, although has become quite old. We started a discussion with our Social Service about a possibility of taking more children to our house. At this point is not clear how many, which ones and when we will be able take them. We think we would like to take two. Our kids in the house don't mind and even like the idea. It is a brief update of our life. Once again thank you for your support. We're praying for your health.

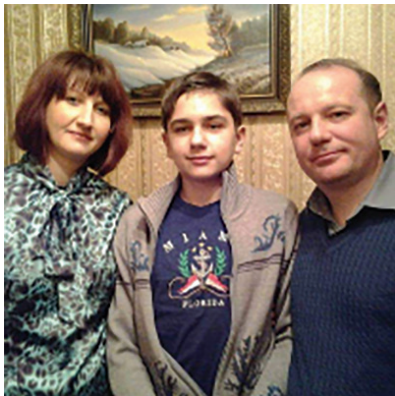
**With much love, Oleg, Natasha and the children.**

# Yan

**We still have contact with our former children, and it is a great joy to know how well they are doing in their adult lives. This is a recent letter from Yan's family.**

Dear Pat!

We are very happy to write you a letter. We recall you with gratitude and respect, because you played a huge role in our family. February 22 marks the 11th anniversary of our first visit to Bolshaya Aleksandrovka at the Genesis Home. Our life has changed dramatically. In early March, we decided that Yan is our son. We went with the desire to just help the children; we did not think about adoption. But God put everything in its place.



And today we live in America, where many doors are open for Yan to reveal his various talents. For 2.5 years, Yan learned English quite well. He always wanted to be an engineer. Now he is finishing grade 12 and has already entered Harper

College in engineering. The school noted his abilities and academic performance.

We send you his letters of appreciation. Yan has a girlfriend now who was adopted from Russia when she was 3 months old by an American family. They are in the same school. They have been friends for 1.5 years, help each other, they have something to talk about. Lovely and right children.

Sasha and Lena Donskoy visited us 1 week ago. We had a great 1 day in Chicago. It was a day a gift from God. We did a lot in a day. You will see everything in the photos.

Thank you very much for the wonderful changes in our family thanks to your idea of helping children. We greatly appreciate your work! May God bless you, Tony and your children and give you a wonderful reward!! Be healthy, may God protect you and give you a peace that is beyond any human mind.

Say hello to everyone who knows us and who is involved in the noble cause of helping others! God bless everyone who gives!

**Hug you!! God is blessed!**

## Medical Help

A new venture arose through our friend Anatoliy who helped us with our children disability rehabilitation centre in Borispol. He retired to a small city Izyaslav, three hours from Kiev. This small city is so underfunded like many places away from the capital and the neo-natal and children's department at the local hospital was in desperate need of essential equipment. New Beginnings decided to take on this project and to date we have purchased an incubator, nebulisers, three specialist beds and equipment for children suffering from Cerebral Palsy to exercise. This has required an investment of £10,000 but for the babies it will save and bring comfort to, it is a small price to pay.

Dear Patricia,

A wonderful and joyous event took place in Izyaslav Central District Hospital. The children's incubator, purchased with the help of the fund and your personal involvement, was donated to the maternity ward. From day one it is used for its intended purpose.

In addition to the IRCL Chief Physician and the medical staff of the ward, witnesses and participants in the small holiday in this unfortunately now desolate provincial town, which deserves a better fortune, have become all the highest officials of Izyaslav. In particular, the event was attended by the chairman of the Izyaslav district council, the mayor of Izyaslav, acting head of the Izyaslav Regional District Authority (IRDA). The event was covered by media representatives. The administration of the hospital, the medical staff of the ward and the representatives of the authorities sincerely thanked you Patricia and all the kind people who had joined the cause of God.



The Chief Physician, specialising in paediatrics, described how difficult it was, sometimes even impossible in times past, when there were no incubators or there were not in all hospitals, to save – to 'feed' frail new-borns. That is why we are all convinced that thanks to the incubator donated, we will be able to save the lives of many tens, and maybe even hundreds of children.

**Regards, Anatoliy**

# News from Malawi

This country like many is suffering badly with Covid-19 and like many African states; its health system is grossly underfunded and struggling. New Beginnings had already taken on bursaries for the poorer children to attend Genesis Hostel and school.

We have also rebuilt the kitchen in the orphanage which serves 83 children as it was little more than a shed in a decaying state of repair.

These children now have a hygienic kitchen which I am sure will result in better health for all concerned and again £5,000 was well spent.



New Kitchen and dining hall under construction



Kitchen prior to rebuilding

The kitchen was in need of urgent refurbishment. Feeding 83 children every day was a monumental task and the staff were previously having to do all this on an open fire as the wood fired cookers had fallen into disrepair.

# Thanks

I now want to thank all of our supporters who have made all this work possible. Like many charities we have had challenging times during this pandemic but throughout it all we have carried on our work with the generosity and compassion you have shown these vulnerable children. I thank God every day for the friendship and loyalty you have given us.

Stay safe, stay strong.

My love and thanks to you all.

Pat

'I have seen how they acted, but I will heal them. I will lead them and help them, and I will comfort those who mourn. I offer peace to all, both near and far! I will heal my people.'

**Isaiah 57 - Verse 18 & 19**

## Get Involved

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 £12 a year to carry on saving lives. Would you like to become 1 in 1000? 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 our other projects. Please complete 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". The donations made through Gift Aid mean that your gift will be worth more without any further cost to you. 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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