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New Beginnings

SAFE HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Dear Friends & Supporters

This year New Beginnings celebrated its 20th anniversary, so I felt it's time to celebrate how your support has changed the lives of our children.

Victor's Wedding



We had our first wedding this year. Victor, the street child who was made to beg on the streets from 3 years old, he suffered abuse from the gypsy family who controlled him resulting in him having a broken nose and arm. Victor came to us in Genesis House from a street shelter, but his age was undetermined, so we guessed it to be about 11 years old. Victor settled into Genesis House remarkably well considering he had never had a real home, this in part was due to the understanding of our former Foster Parents, Olena and Sasha. They encouraged Victor to learn the saxophone and play the piano which he soon excelled at, they channelled his sometimes disruptive behaviour into Circus School where he became an expert acrobat and

tumbler. Victor remarkably went on to college studying social care and like most residential students he had to apply to our Foster Parents for top up funds whilst he learned to live on a limited budget. Because of your support this young man has gone on to start his own family and provide his new wife with a home and hopefully a secure future.

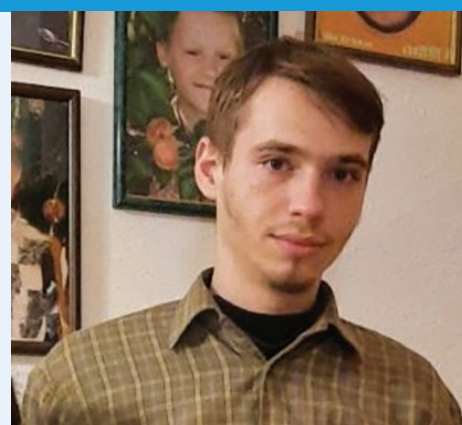
Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun.

Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this:

Wisdom preserves those who have it. Consider what God has done:

Who can straighten what he has made crooked?

Ecclesiastes 7:11 - 13



Yarik

Yarik, another of our former children has gone on to college and achieved his BA in social care and is now taking his Master's degree as his ambitions are to influence policies regarding care of young people in crisis. New Beginnings is funding in part his extra expenses, but he also works part time. This is commendable as it shows how invested in his future he is. He still follows his love of music by playing in a band at church occasionally. We at New Beginnings are so proud of Yarik for his dedication to striving to make a better and useful life for the future.

People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:37 - 39

New Children Join Genesis House Family

Artem and Katya were born and raised in Kyiv. Artem was 3 years old when his father left them. Katya was born four years later from another partner. The children used to live with their Grandmother, Mother and Uncle. The uncle since his childhood sniffed glue, smoked heavily and has been arrested by the police several times. Their mother died, the grandmother was an alcoholic and eventually, the Social Service accompanied by the police took the children away from the Uncle and placed them in the orphanage.

It is where Oleg and Natasha found them and brought them to Genesis House. By now both of them have adjusted very well and feel very much at home in Genesis House.



Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow; he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste. But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks. The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths. Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

Psalms 107:39 - 43



Greetings from Genesis House

The days go by very fast. It was as if we just celebrated the New Year, but now the summer has already passed. Praise to God, our summer this year was just wonderful. Our children (Anya, Katya, Timur, Vladik and Stasik) and I could visit a Christian camp in the Carpathians for two whole weeks in July.

Vladik, Stasik and Katya went on a train for the first time, they saw big mountains for the first time. And what is quite important it all this took place in a Christian environment. The children have had many activities with leaders in the camp, and I had some time to just to walk on the mountain trails, to talk to other parents, and pick blueberries. It was the best time for us this summer.

In August, we all had the opportunity, to go to the Black Sea for a few days. It was also the first time for all the children. We drove about 700 km long for 10 hours in our good old van, which did not let us down and withstood all the hardships of this journey. The children were very happy to ride the waves. They can all swim now. On the way home, we stopped for a tour of Vilkovo village, which is called "Ukrainian Venice". There we took a boat ride through the streets of the city, saw the place where the Danube River flows into the Black Sea, saw the reserve, where migratory birds live. This summer we learned a lot about the geography of our wonderful Ukraine.

Tomorrow is September 1st. We are getting ready to go to school. Timur finished the past school year well, with a letter of commendation, for which he received a new bicycle as a gift (this was his incentive).

Artem (17 years old) started college to be trained as "tiler-plasterer". Unfortunately, he did not do very well in school, so now he has chosen a working profession. We all believe that this is a good and very practical profession, which will enable him to earn a decent wage to live on.

Alexey (17 years old) has also started College of Computer Technology as a "financier" (he already loves money). This profession will introduce him to the world of finance. We hope that both of them will finish their studies well and find their place in life.

All children are healthy and happy, but Stasik has a problem with the growth hormone. At the age of eight, he meets the age norms for a six-year-old. I stayed with him at the Institute of Endocrinology. There he was tested and prescribed to have injections of the artificial growth hormone for 2-3 years. He also has vision problems. Twice a year we undergo a vision treatment with him.

This year, God also blessed us with a good harvest of fruits and vegetables, although we had to work hard for it. By working in the garden and orchard, children can learn more patience and perseverance, as well as appreciate the work of others.

The children like the atmosphere in which they thrive, they like the house in which we live. We truly thank you for our happy days at Genesis House. May God bless all those involved and not indifferent to our existence here. We also send you some photos from our lives.

**With love and gratitude, Oleg,
Natasha and all the children**

Medical Outreach

We are always on a look out for opportunities to help children and young people facing health crises. Meet Veronika, a 13-year-old girl from Kiev. Once after school she decided to take a walk in an industrial area with her friends. They climbed on the roof of a dilapidated and deserted factory. As Veronika walked on the roof, she stepped on a broken tile and started falling through the roof. Her fall of about 16 meters high was stopped by a very hard landing on the concrete floor. The concussion immediately sent her into coma for almost 7 days. When the ambulance brought her to ICU department in the Hospital and the doctors examined her and found numerous injuries such as cerebral hemorrhage, torn lung, broken ribs, torn spleen, abdominal hemorrhage broken vertebra in the spine and etc.



Victoria after the accident

As she woke up on the 7th day, in spite of terrible pain she made every effort to recover. In a month or so she was able to get up and walk again. Her treatment was complex and costly and with your help we were able to help!

She is now home and going through rehabilitation and is very grateful to everyone who helped her in the process of recovery.



Victoria being discharged

Letter From The Ostapenko Family

Dear Patricia and New Beginnings Supporters!

We send you greetings and thanks on behalf of Veronika and our family.

We would like to thank you for your help, which came just in time while we were fighting for the survival of our daughter after the accident. We are happy to inform you that she is doing quite well, and she is getting better and better during the rehabilitation period. She was very happy to return home after her hospital treatment and she is sending videos and greetings to everyone who helped her to overcome that hard period. Thank you for your prayers, for the money you had given to us and for your heart which is open to those who need help. Just recently Veronika had celebrated her 14th birthday. She is going to return to her studies initially online and then in person. We are very happy as her parents to see the progress of her recovery.

Thank you for your help and may God bless you!

Vasil Ostapenko on behalf of Veronika and the Ostapenko family.

New Beginnings News

Katherine Parsons, our Treasurer for nearly 20 years has retired. Kath was an integral part of New Beginnings travelling to Ukraine several times and watching our finances with total commitment. We at New Beginnings are so grateful for her dedicated support and energy she has given the charity.

Dee McHale has now agreed to fill the Treasurers position and we welcome her to her new position. Dee has been an avid supporter of New Beginnings from the beginning and has also visited Genesis House in Ukraine. Below is her official address for future donations.

New Beginnings Charity, c/o Dee McHale, Riverbank, Back Lane, Lindale, Cumbria, LA11 6LG

I now just have to once again thank you all for your support and send my love and best wishes that you have a safe and happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

My love and thanks, Pat

Pat Writes

New Beginnings have been extremely busy this year with various projects, and it would fill at least two newsletters so I will attempt to be brief.

Charlie, a 17-year-old boy, whose mother escaped from a violent relationship and is desperately trying to start a new life with her children, wants to work with endangered animals and conservation work to keep abreast of today's climate change requirements. He attained suitable grades to attend college, but the residential fees were beyond the families reach. New Beginnings felt that this young man who is such strength to his family deserved a chance to follow his education and have contributed towards his fees and he is now in college working hard at his studies.

New Beginnings has also funded an outdoor Prayer room for a local junior school. This is a quiet and peaceful place where students and staff can go for comfort and quiet. Covid has proved stressful for children bringing many fears and this building in the school orchard will be a lovely place to restore their feeling of peace and security.



Charlie and his dog

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Luke 12:6 - 7



Kindergarten

David Miles, one of our Trustees made a trip to Ukraine in September; he spent time at Genesis House and had a full seven days of visiting some of our ongoing projects out there. David travelled to Izyaslav to visit the hospital where we have supplied equipment for the baby and children's units. The Director and staff were so pleased and proud to show off their new incubator and the rest of the equipment and grateful to New Beginnings as this is the first time anyone has helped this underfunded hospital. The Doctors are so dedicated working with outdated equipment but giving so much attention to their young patients. We are hoping to run a special fundraising effort in order to help them further.

Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Psalms 97:11 - 12

Helen and Sasha Bychkoyskiy who we helped, through two generous donations, two years ago to finish their house and save their children from being taken into care have worked hard and successfully started a small business running a children's nursery. They both took extra jobs to help start this project and have done all the renovations to the building themselves. They have at the moment eight children with special needs on a full-time

basis and a further six on part time basis who are unable to attend a state-run kindergarten due to their special needs.

Their business is not yet making any monies but if they can get Kindergarten status and take on more children with special needs it should become more financially viable. New Beginnings has helped with certain building operations and will certainly help in the future as there is a great need for supporting these vulnerable children.

At the moment New Beginnings is giving financial help to two children suffering from cancer. The only children's cancer hospital in Ukraine is in Kiev and unfortunately if you are unable to pay for chemotherapy then you are only offered palliative care. Ivan, our Pastor and Trustee in Ukraine has formed a friendship with the chief Doctor at the hospital and New Beginnings is working with him to identify families of patients that need financial help for what is hopefully a successful outcome.

Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble. The Lord protects and preserves them - they are counted among the blessed in the land - he does not give them over to the desire of their foes. The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.

Psalms 41:1 - 3

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