

ORPHAN HOMES OPENED

George Müller asked God for £1,000 and the right people to run such a home. Within five months this had been provided. Mrs. Müller, together with friends, began to furnish their own home in Wilson Street in the St Paul's area of Bristol, which was to accommodate thirty girls. The Orphan Homes became the fifth object of SKI.

A further three houses in Wilson Street were furnished, catering for a total of 130 children. When in 1845 this number had risen even further without additional premises, George Müller felt the need to erect a purpose built home to accommodate 300 children. This project required a massive sum of £10,000.

Once more George Müller's prayers were answered as the additional money was provided and he bought a rural site at Ashley Down, just outside the city's boundary, well below the advertised asking price. In 1849 the first Home was opened accommodating 300 children.

By 1870 there was a total of five Houses at Ashley Down costing over £100,000 and housing more than 2,000 children. All the money and workers came as a direct result of prayer with no debts being incurred and no appeals or requests were ever made. There are many remarkable stories of the answers to prayer and the buildings and the work continue to be a testimony to His faithfulness and grace of God.

'Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.'

George Müller's total obedience was rewarded by the fulfillment of God's promise.

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