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Camp Ukraine 2016 & Working Hands 2016



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Ukraine

In the mean time we had the referendum (in NL) on the trade agreement (between Ukraine and the EU). Well, what should we think about it? Although in The Netherlands we do not hear much about it, the unrest in eastern Ukraine is continuing. In Ukraine they are also preparing for Working Hands 2016 and Camp Ukraine 2016. End of March the agreement was signed in Ukraine for two projects that will be executed by Working Hands in cooperation with a Ukrainian team. The Ukrainian camp leaders for the three summer camps are also making preparations on their side. The contacts Foundation Oekroe has with the oldest University of Ukraine in Ostroh are quite special. For the second time two Oekroe Foundation representatives have been given the opportunity to provide guest lectures on charity work, fund-raising and international trade. During this activity new contacts have been established with new Ukrainian partners. Also there were interesting discussions.

Working Hands 2016

The date of departure is rapidly approaching for the 12 Working Hands volunteers. Monday the 2nd of May 8 volunteers will depart to Kiev by plane where our Ukrainian partner will pick them up. Coming Saturday the 4 other volunteers will depart in two vans carrying the tools for the whole team. Two companies have lent those two vans to us. Before departure still some issues need to be settled. Driving those vehicles in Ukraine need to be formally authorised by the owners. This implies a notarized declaration is to be created indicating which persons are authorized to drive the vans

within Ukraine. This also applies for the list of tools translated in the Ukrainian language. Furthermore there is a collective insurance and we are registered with Ministry of Foreign Affairs in case a calamity would occur. The last preparatory meeting of Working Hands was held the 19th of April.

Camp Ukraine 2016

Of course preparations for Camp Ukraine 2016 are in full progress as well. For example the third preparatory meeting has been held Monday the 11th of April in Rouveen. Also this year a part of the enthusiastic volunteers will come from Rouveen. All volunteers are busy with fund raising. They approach companies and others in order to collect the necessary funds for Camp Ukraine. At Rouveen a plant action is held, at Rijnsburg amongst other actions a 'high-tea' is organised and furthermore there are collections at soccer matches in Katwijk. A participant booklet is being created for Camp Ukraine with information on Ukraine and of course the daily Bible studies. In short plenty of activities to arrive well prepared in Ukraine. These preparations by the participants themselves are also good for developing your own skills. And: the children are looking forward to us! Splendid!

Financials



You could support us with your prayers and with your financial contributions. Both are strongly needed! It's also good to realise that our volunteers pay their own costs for the trip, food and

lodging. The funds needed for Camp Ukraine and Working Hands need to come from gifts. So far this has always been achieved! Thank you!

Calendar

- Saturday 30 April: Collection preceding soccer match Katwijk - GVVV
- 2 - 14 May: Working Hands 2016
- 7 May 2 - 4pm: High Tea, € 15,-
- 21 May: Volleyball tournament at Staphorst
- 25 July - 9 August: Camp Ukraine 2016

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