

# News letter 6 19 July 2016 (14th volume)

## Camp Ukraine 2016 & Working Hands 2016



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### **Ukraine**

It is still restless in the eastern part of Ukraine. The announcement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of our country is positive stating the situation around Charkiv has become less threatening. Count your blessings! Although you almost don't notice this in the street, the fact remains the whole thing in the east still does have a large impact on the people of Ukraine. The composition of the government has been somewhat altered. What effect this will have will hopefully be noticeable shortly. In summary, Ukraine does continue to deserve our support. By the way the 24th of August Ukraine celebrates the 25th anniversary of a "free" Ukraine!

### **Camp Ukraine 2016**

Counting down has started. For the 19 strongly motivated volunteers and the 4 extra drivers bringing them to Budapest it is still 6 nights to go until they will leave for Camp Ukraine 2016. Monday morning the 25<sup>th</sup> of July at 3.30am departure is planned from "De Burgt" in the centre of Rijnsburg. You are more than welcome! Coffee and tea will be ready at 3am. That day we will drive approximately 1300 km to Motelnet-T just across the Austrian-Hungarian border, where we eat, sleep and have breakfast to continue Tuesday morning at approximately 8.30am our journey will continue in the direction of Ukraine. At the airport we will leave the 4 extra drivers behind. It is splendid that those men do support us! We will continue our journey and after approximately 350 km we will arrive at the Hungarian - Ukrainian border. That is always somewhat exciting!! How long will it take? Do we need to unpack everything? An experience! Just after the

border Corine van der Kooi will be waiting for us and will give us the latest instructions. The camp leaders of the camps will say goodbye to each other and each group will drive to their camp location. There they will be greeted in a special way, each time in a different manner. Surprise!

In Ukraine the kids, who will come to Camp Ukraine 2016, are eagerly looking forward to the camps. Within Ukraine Corine is busy with the last preparations from her side. It is fantastic that we have in her a great person who is on the Ukrainian side fully committed to the success of the camps for 14 years already! Next to this we are very happy with the supply of cars by Van der Burg gardeners and by car dealer Dol! And not to forget the support we do receive from individuals, businesses and churches and congregations we are receiving! Also on this place: Thank you very much!

The kids, often coming from orphanages or from single parent families, will stay until the 5th of August and then they will return home, often with tears in their eyes. There they will be accommodated by various churches we are working with. The Dutch team will leave on Monday morning, after a relaxing weekend together at camp Lavki, already for 14 years a permanent location for one of our camps.

Departure from Ukraine is planned for Monday morning the 8th of August. After a journey through Hungary, Austria and a small part of Germany we will stay overnight in our 'permanent' guesthouse at Aichavorm Wald. We hope to arrive at Rijnsburg Tuesday evening around 7.30pm. By then we will already have said goodbye, just across the German-Dutch border (at Zevenaar), to our volunteers from Rouveen, who will return home from there. We all look forward to Camp Ukraine 2016, which is understandable. Thanks again for your support and very important: do you also pray for the success of the camps? Sunday the 10th of July we attended the farewell church service at the Immanuel Church.

### **Working Hands 2016**

The two projects, the sleeping area of the school with many orphans at Shepetivka and childcare in Hrytsenky, are nearing completion, so that both could be put into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September!

### **Schedule**

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of July at 6pm: farewell church service Ichtus Church at Katwijk
- Camp Ukraine 2016: 25<sup>th</sup> of July - 9<sup>th</sup> of August

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