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## Camp Ukraine 2020 & Working Hands 2020



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### **2020, already the 18th year!**

That's right! Thanks to the support of many people this will be the 18th consecutive year that as Foundation Oekroe we could be meaningful in different ways, especially for underprivileged children in Ukraine! We could do this with Working Hands, Camp Ukraine and special projects such as the Inspiration Centre in Shepetivka as well as individual projects. As Foundation Oekroe we also keep an eye on the projects we have been able to establish over the years.

### **Camp Ukraine 2020**

After the information evenings in Rijnsburg, Katwijk and Rouveen, we had our first preparatory evening. The number of participants stands at 18 male/female. Many of them joined Camp Ukraine during earlier years. The participants were invited to indicate their preference regarding the working groups they wanted to join. They agreed with each other to give it their full commitment. Actually this is obvious! Three summer camps will be held this year from the 3rd until the 18th of August. The same camp locations will be used as last year. That is to say Lavki (already for the 18th year!), Bethany in Klinovets and Mercy Camp in Huta. All camp locations are located in Transcarpathia in Western Ukraine in the vicinity of the Hungarian border. This summer the Ukrainian children will come from Rivne, Dunavitsi and Hlyns'k. Those places are about 350 km away from the summer camps. In summary: a new camp year with new challenges!

### **Working Hands 2020**

The Working Hands team did also have their first preparatory evening. The number of participants stands at 12 men. The November orientation trip to Ukraine

was debriefed. We were fortunate to attend the opening event of the 2019 Working Hands project in Staroconstantyniv. The childcare looked splendid! It was a great project for which people are very grateful! It was in full operation!

Jos Verduijn, our building expert, states: *On behalf of Foundation Oekroe I have been involved in the realization of the reconstruction projects from the beginning in 2007. In order to realize the projects in a good way, several steps are necessary. This applies to the assessment and preparation of the possible projects that we receive through our Ukrainian partner parties. Actually starting the realization of a project with our volunteers is always a moment in the year that I look forward to. To be able to mean something for children who have to grow up in difficult and sometimes poor living conditions is something that is difficult to imagine or to describe. It gives a lot of satisfaction when we as volunteers do visit projects that were completed earlier. If you would like to go through this great experience as well, sign up for the upcoming project that will be executed from the 18th until the 29th of May. Do it!"*

The 2020 Working Hands project is not far from Ternopil. A small building needs to be reconstructed so that approximately 70 children can go to the much needed childcare. During the preparation evening tasks are divided so that people can get started with the preparations. Amongst others this is about questions like: do we have a rolling scaffold, do we have enough stairs, what tools do you take with you?

### **Emergency support**

During the November preparation trip we left money behind to renovate a house for a gypsy family, a widow with 6 kids, whose house had been set on fire. We also pledged money for a 4 year old boy who got boiling water all over him! Shocking!

### **Finance**

Of course we only can do this through the donations we receive and under the blessing of the Lord God!

### **Agenda**

- Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February fund raising at soccer match Rijnsburgse Boys - Royal HFC starting at 3pm
- 18 - 29 May 2020, Working Hands
- 3 - 18 August 2020: Camp Ukraine 2020.

**We will gladly arrange a presentation for you!**

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