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Camp Ukraine 2020 & Working Hands 2020



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Situation in Ukraine

The World is more and more like a village. This is also proven by the corona-crisis. Every country has to deal with it. Also Ukraine. It seems that the propagation of the virus started a little later in Ukraine than elsewhere. Authorities are fearing a considerable growth of the outbreak, partly due to the return of many Ukrainians, who worked abroad. A lock down has been introduced as well as other measures, like limiting the number of people that can use public transport, face masks, 1.5m rule, etc. Apparently not all people do see the need for those measures. Furthermore it's very dry in Ukraine: last winter was warmer than normal and there is little or no precipitation. Rivers have the lowest level in 100 years! It doesn't look good especially for agriculture, which is crucial for the Ukrainian economy.

Working Hands 2020

Also Working Hands cannot escape the reality around the corona virus. The trip planned to go the Ukraine in May, will no longer be possible. The plan was to renovate a kindergarten at Svaytets together with our Ukrainian partner. The airline cancelled the flights that were booked for the team. We did investigate alternatives. However together with our Ukrainian partner we came to the conclusion that persevering the project given current circumstances wouldn't be appropriate. We are still discussing how to deal with the situation. An option we have discussed is to postpone the entire project until next year. By then we hope to be able to carry out this project in accordance with the original principles. We will keep

you informed via the newsletter on all developments concerning Working Hands 2020.

Ukraine has a weak economy as well as health care service. Consequently the corona crisis does have a major impact. It affects a lot of people very personally. No work means no income. A social safety net doesn't exist. In times like this our help and our prayer are more important than ever.

Camp Ukraine 2020

Camp Ukraine 2020 is planned for the period 3 - 18 August. However due to the corona-crisis this is in doubt too! The safety and health of the participants, both here and there, are of paramount importance. We will continue our preparations. The 20 Dutch participants will have a so-called digital start event (i.e. via video conference). Despite everything the Ukrainian kids are eagerly looking forward to the summer camps. Often these kids are living in miserable conditions. Conditions further exacerbated by the corona-crisis, as many parents have lost their jobs. As far as available, support by social security is in no way comparable to the situation in our country (i.e. The Netherlands). The Ukrainian and Dutch leadership would like to pursue the camps. However ... it has to be safe and sound. Around the 1st of June we will probably decide whether Camp Ukraine 2020 will go ahead!

Emergency support

The situation of many children in Ukraine is far from rosy at the moment. Foundation Oekroe has donated € 750 to the Inspiration Centre in Shepetivka to purchase food parcels for the poorest of the poor. We will certainly respond to other similar requests! It's just a drop in the ocean. However when you are standing under that drop it does make a difference ...

Finance

Of course we can only do this through the donations of our givers and under the blessing of the Lord! Received to give!

Agenda

3 - 18 August: Camp Ukraine 2020

We will gladly arrange a presentation for you!

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