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Camp Ukraine 2021 & Working Hands 2021



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Camp Ukraine 2020 cancelled ...

Surely you're a little surprised when after 16 consecutive years you can't have summer camps. You don't have that last week of packing all the stuff for the camps. Not the only moment during the whole year when you have to awake at 2am. No goodbyes at Koomans square (in Rijnsburg) and



not that beautiful route across Europe where you see both the sun go up and go down during the first day of the journey. No overnight stay and no hassle at the border. But

also no children at the summer camp and not running at camp as leader. And that's what's driving you isn't it? Every year at the camp farewell it's so special to close a group of people into your heart. You do mean something to them, while you yourself return home enriched. All those different children, each having their own story. I did miss it this year! Fortunately, the local groups we cooperate with were able to organise an alternative program. However I do very much hope we will be able to get back on track again for next summer and follow up where we had to interrupt our preparations during March 2020!
Vincent van Zuijlen

Ukraine and COVID-19

COVID-19 infections seem to be catching up in Ukraine. In the next few days a daily rate of 10 000 infections will probably be surpassed. A number of areas are code red,

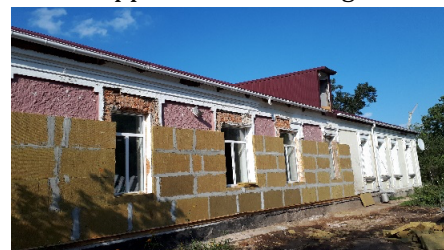
such as cities that we had camps with in the past: Rivne, Dubno, Ostroh, Ternopil and Shepetivka. Only pharmacies and supermarkets are open in Ukraine.

Camp Ukraine

Of course no one knows what the COVID-19 situation will be like in eight months' time. We plan to leave DV Monday 2nd of August and return on Tuesday the 17th of August. So we will start the preparations for Camp Ukraine 2021 in good spirit! The Ukrainian groups that would have participated summer 2020 will probably come the camps summer 2021.

Working Hands 2021

With pain in their hearts, the Working Hands volunteers were also unable to work at the new project at Svaitets earlier this year. The local team had planned to replace the roof before our arrival and make the foundation for the extension. The foundation has been established, however in accordance to new rules applicable for enlargements, the entire building has to meet the new requirements. As a result, the local part of the budget was not sufficient. That is why the roof has not yet been replaced. Should the local team be able to get the funding for their work, we will start working there. Otherwise we do have another potential project. All depending on the COVID-19 situation!



Info event!

Monday the 23rd of November we will have our information evening for Camp Ukraine 2021 and for Working Hands 2021 at *De Voorhof* in Rijnsburg. There are two possibilities to attend this evening. In person or digital. When you want to attend in person, please send an email to info@oekroe.nl. When you want to attend digitally, please also send an email to info@oekroe.nl. We will send you a link, so you can attend via internet.

As Foundation Oekroe we are very grateful to see the fruits of our labour. The other day we did receive an e-mail from a lady who attended one of our summer camps many years ago where she was gripped by the Gospel. She now helps underprivileged children in her own hometown!

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