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Camp Ukraine 2021 & Working Hands 2021



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Ukraine and corona

The number of registered corona infections is steadily increasing. Currently there are over 52,000 corona related deaths in Ukraine. Ukraine is still a high-risk area when it comes to corona! To enter Ukraine from abroad, you must be able to show a negative PCR test, no more than 72 hours old. Within Ukraine it is currently impossible to perform a PCR test.



Upon return to The Netherlands from Ukraine, you must be able to show a negative PCR test as well as stay in quarantine for 10 days! Combined with the uncertain and ever-changing regulations in Ukraine as well as in the transit countries, this is the main reason not to go to Ukraine during 2021 for

Camp Ukraine and Working Hands.

Camp Ukraine 2021

Although we as volunteers will not be able to go to Ukraine this year to run the camps together with our Ukrainian partners, we are very happy that our local partners are able to have short day or week camps within their own neighbourhood. The children can get away from their daily routine during the summer school holiday which lasts from 1 June to 1 September! They will still get the loving attention, good food, daily Bible lessons and a healthy relaxation. We do support local camps in Hlynsk, Rivne, Dunavitsie and Svalyava with € 1,250 each. We will also support with € 500 a day camp in the village of Lavki, which Vlaad and his wife Jana will organise. The money we did receive from our sponsors will be well spent in this

way! During September we will meet several Ukrainian camp leaders to discuss the possibilities for 2022.

Working Hands 2021

As mentioned before, we will regrettably not be able to run a Working Hands project in Ukraine this year. The project in Polonne, planned for 2021, has been postponed until 2022. The area around the building, to be converted into a shelter for children and young people, has already been cleared. We are waiting for a realistic financial budget



proposal as well as clarity regarding the local partners who will provide the co-funding.

By our non-negotiable local co-funding policy, we ensure that when we engage on a refurbishment project together, it will also be completed. In this case the local government is very enthusiastic about the plans! Based on the drawings we receive in advance, we can already do some preliminary work regarding electric wiring, etc.

Individual support

Foundation Oekroe frequently receives requests for financial support for individual cases. Mostly these are medical cases. Ukraine has a basic insurance system covering the most basic costs. However frequently additional costs are being charged. People cannot afford those costs themselves. Whether we decide to give financial help in such a case does depend on the chance of recovery. We regard this to be good stewardship that we owe towards our sponsors.

Onwards to 2022!

It is a pity that we are having another 'sabbatical' year. But that is just the way it is. With fresh hope and courage, we are heading towards 2022 under the so-called Jacobean reservation: as the Lord wants and we live! But not after thanking all our loyal supporters for their prayers and financial support during 2021. Both types of support remain very much needed!

Working Hands 2022: May - June 2022

Camp Ukraine 2022: Deo Volente 25 July - 9 August

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