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Camp Ukraine 2021 & Working Hands 2021



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Ukraine and corona

As in our country, as well as in the countries around us, indeed worldwide, Ukraine too still must deal with corona. It's unfortunate. When you would like to visit Ukraine, you are obliged to show either a vaccination certificate or a PCR test less than 72 hours old. Additionally, you must be able to proof that you are insured against corona through an insurance company with an office in Ukraine. You can get such an insurance for € 3.30 for the first three days and € 0.80 for every subsequent day. So that is reasonable. Meanwhile schools have started again in Ukraine. Let's wait and see what influence this might have on the infection rate.

Camp Ukraine 2021

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, as Foundation Oekroe we have been able to help a lot of children to enjoy a wonderful summer holiday through our financial support. Children and youngsters from Lavki (day camp), Rivne, Dunavitsie, Svalyava and Hlynsk did have a nice holiday with good food, games, and attention and not to forget, did hear from the love of God!

Feedback we received from Hlynsk: "there were 22 young people (including some who are not Christians) as well as 10 leaders/cooks. Two of the leaders are evangelists. One has founded several churches and could tell the young people his way to God and the experiences of church planting. The second is a former drug addict. He told about the deep impact of drug usage and how it ruined his life. These two men were truly a blessing for the camp and the testimonies will be remembered by the young people during their whole live. The theme of the camp was:

"educate a youngster during his youth and he will not forget it in his old age". Jura's son-in-law (a member of the church) confessed his sins and expressed his desire to continue living



with God. Several other young people are very enthusiastic and after the camp they actively participate in Bible studies". Isn't that great! Thanks to the sponsors, and above all thanks to the Lord, we could help in this way! In a similar way we received photos and reports from the various other camps. And now we are looking forward to Camp Ukraine 2022!

Working Hands 2021/2022

Regrettably, due to corona, our volunteers were not able to work in Ukraine. However, this doesn't mean we have been sitting still. We had regular consultation with our Ukrainian partners. Especially about the project in Polonne. The intention is this will function in a similar way as the Inspiration Centre at Shepetivka. Because of the Food Kitchen project several women (Roma) have a paid job there! As soon as we can, we will travel to Ukraine to discuss how to proceed in Polonne! Besides this project, we are in contact with our Ukrainian partners regarding other possible projects. In this way we try to give hands and feet to the command of the Lord: "bring the Gospel in word and in deed". Your financial support as well as your prayers remain indispensable.

Medical support

Recently we did receive an urgent request regarding a contribution for a girl with a very nasty tumour. €600 was needed to cover the remainder of the hospital costs and the travel expenses to Kiev. Fortunately, thanks to your gifts, we were able to accommodate this request. And... she is doing well now! In this way, and because of your gifts, we will be able to continue the work in His Lord's vineyard!

Tuesday the 23rd of November we will organize our annual information evening regarding Camp Ukraine 2022 and Working Hands 2022 (to recruit volunteers). Keep an eye on the website!

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