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Camp Ukraine 2022 & Working Hands 2022



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Foundation Oekroe

In 2022 it will be 20 years ago since initial preparations took place to establish Foundation Oekroe. The 21st of May 2002 one of us met the mother of Corine van der Kooi during a birthday party. After an exploratory meeting with Corine, it was decided to start with Camp Ukraine in 2003. That was how it happened. All those years we were able to hold 3 different camps with an ever-changing group of volunteers. Until 2019 this means $17 \times 3 = 51$ camps!

During 2007 a Foundation Oekroe group of 'Working Hands' volunteers travelled to Ukraine for the first time to undertake a refurbishment project together with local Ukrainian builders. Projects vary from childcare, orphanages, toilets in schools to the children's ward of a hospital. During 13 consecutive years until 2019 more than 20 projects were carried out. During several years two projects were executed.

Additionally, many children and young people have been supported with medical problems with treatments and operations. The longest running medical project has been with André from Beregowo. He was born in October 2003 with severe hand, arm, and leg disorders. Almost since his birth we have supported him with daily physiotherapy and many operations. Meanwhile André is 18 years old, and he moved to Germany with his mother Natasja, because there are better chances for a boy like André. By the way, he is the first one in Ukraine who can walk and go to school with these abnormalities of arms and legs! We have supported André until October this year.

We have been able to do those things only because of the many volunteers who gave their time and money in order to give underprivileged people in Ukraine a better future.

We are also grateful for all the support we received from individuals, companies, churches, and institutions. But most of all we thank Lord God who gave us the possibilities to do this beautiful work in that part of His vineyard. Thank you, Lord!

On to 2022!

Unfortunately, we were not able to go to Ukraine with the Camps and Working Hands during 2020 and 2021 due to corona. Thanks to you, we have been fortunate to give financial support to several local camps in Ukraine. In this way a lot of children/young people have had a nice week as interruption to their colourless existence. During that week they have been kept busy in a healthy way and have also heard about the Love of the Lord God. As a result, a lot of them do attend Sunday school and clubs.

The medical support could also continue.

Working Hands 2022

During 2022 we plan to go to Ukraine again with both Working Hands and Camp Ukraine. The dates for Working Hands will be determined in consultation with the participants. The project selection is still ongoing. Preparations will start in January.

Camp Ukraine 2022

Camp Ukraine 2022 will be held from 25 July until 9 August. The we will hold 3 camps in the Carpathians, Western Ukraine of course only if it is responsible to do so. If you or perhaps someone else wants to spend a very different kind of holiday and would like to do something for underprivileged young people there, this would certainly be a unique opportunity. You might even be able to get credits for your thesis for it. When you are, even slightly, sporty and you dare to take on a challenge abroad, join Camp Ukraine 2022! More than 150 boys and girls preceded you! You will not regret it!

Agenda: On DV Tuesday 30 November we intend to have the information evening Camp Ukraine 2022 and Working Hands 2022. It will be in De Voorhof, Vliet NZ 36, Rijnsburg and we will start at 8pm!

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