

OEKROE 20 years!! Newsletter 3 - June 30th 2023 (21st volume!)

Camp Ukraine 2023 & Working Hands 2023



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Dear Sir, Madam!!!

This is Newsletter 3 of this year! If you have a new postal or e-mail address, or no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, please let us know!

20-year anniversary of Foundation Oekroe

Foundation Oekroe was officially established 31st of March 2003! Regrettably, for the time being, help is still very much needed. But we are happy and grateful to be supported by a group of loyal supporters! Friday evening the 15th of September, we will mark this anniversary in the Fonteijn church in Katwijk. Put it in your agenda! Further information will follow!

Situation in Ukraine

Almost daily we hear reports of attacks by cruise missiles and drones. Will it ever stop? However, in Ukraine life goes on as well. In our regular contacts with our friends in Ukraine, one notices a certain habituation to air alerts and the like. That's extraordinary.

Ukrainian children (refugees) who are at school here in the Netherlands are wondering: "Why do we have to learn the Dutch language? We want to go back home to Ukraine as soon as possible!" In itself that is of course a good sign!!! But that will probably not happen in the near future ...

hulpvooroeukraine.nl (= aid for Ukraine)

Frequently, this umbrella organisation (in which Foundation Oekroe participates), ships relief goods to Ukraine, sometimes very deep in Ukraine. Support continues to be needed and will only become more needed! The people in Ukraine are very grateful for that! Many of them have nothing left at all. Incredible! At Nova Kochovka (the town where the dam was recently blown up) Foundation Oekroe had the opportunity during 2013 to refurbish the sanitary group in a home for boys with disabilities. Soon we will hear what the situation is there now....

Camp Ukraine 2023

To enable summer camps in Dunaivtsi, Hlynsk, Mukacevo, Lavki, Rivne and Svalyava in slimmed-

down form, we did transfer the pledged funds to our Ukrainian partners. It has been agreed that we will receive a report and some photos from those camps. In this way, kids will get the opportunity to stop thinking about the war situation for a while. They get good food and are told about the loving God from the Bible by enthusiastic Ukrainian volunteers!

We also have planned to send a couple of Dutch volunteers to Ukraine early August, if possible, to visit some of the camps and to give a hand to the Ukrainian leadership. Here you can see, how



with very simple means, children can have the time of their lives! It is nice that we can do this!

Working Hands 2023

As far as Working Hands is concerned, we also have news to report! Before we can start working in Ukraine, the war should actually be over. Through our contacts we have investigated relevant alternatives. We have good contacts within Moldova where we have found a promising project. After further investigations several Working Hands volunteers will go to Moldova and to see and discuss the project on site. It is a location where Ukrainian refugees and their children found shelter. When this, hopefully sooner than later, will no longer be needed, the facility will be used to house poverty-stricken Moldovans and their children! Working Hands are ready for it!

Will you continue to help us & them with prayers and financial support?

Without your support we can't support the camps and plans of Working Hands. We cannot do our work without your prayers as well as without your financial support! Every Euro is welcome!

And remember: Giving only makes you richer!

Where we can, we continue to help. Are you helping us?

Would you like more info? Let us know!

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