

# Newsletter 4 September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (18th volume)

## Camp Ukraine 2020 & Working Hands 2020



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### **Situation in Ukraine**

Just like the rest of the world, Ukraine is under the spell of the Covid-19 virus. Entry bans, home quarantine and in some regions there is even code red! Schools in those regions remain closed. Foreigners are only allowed to enter the country under certain conditions. People who have visited Ukraine are even advised to go into quarantine for 10 days upon return to The Netherlands! Some of the Ukrainian people we regularly work with have been infected by the corona virus. Some of them are in hospital. Almost half of the hospital beds in Ukraine are currently occupied by corona patients!

### **Camp Ukraine 2020**

Regrettable as it may have been, in hindsight it was a good decision to cancel Camp Ukraine 2020 considering the corona situation in Ukraine last summer. People there are eagerly awaiting when the schools will be allowed to reopen. During several years we have organised summer camps with the Christian school Premudrist at Dubno. The red zone will hopefully be lifted in this area so that on the 14th of September the children will be able to go to school. Of course this will depend on how corona will evolve in that region.

After coping with their disappointment regarding the cancelation of the camps last summer, our volunteers



have already turned their attention to Camp Ukraine 2021. However even for next summer it is the

question how the virus will evolve! Positive developments with the youth work at places that have taken part in Camp Ukraine of Foundation Oekroe are proving the importance of our work! For example, at Svalyava, Ostroh, Shepetivka, etc Christian youth work has flourished tremendously. This is one of the Foundation Oekroe key objectives! This year groups would come from Hlynsk, Rivne and Dunavitsie. All three have indicated they are focussing on Camp Ukraine 2021.

### **Working Hands 2020**

What applies to the camps does also apply to the Working Hands project originally planned for May this year. It was with pain in their hearts those volunteers also had to decide to cancel their trip to Ukraine.

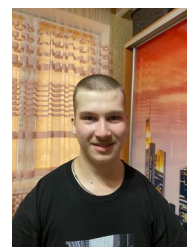
The plan was to renovate and expand a



building for childcare in cooperation with our local partner. Our Ukrainian partners have already started to renovate the exterior of the building at Svaitets. Funding for this work they arrange themselves. The current plan is that Working Hands of Foundation Oekroe will be working on the interior of the building in May 2021: electricity, walls, plumbing, etc. Foundation Oekroe will take care of the funding for that part. So we know what we are aiming for, also financially! That implies that we have to raise approximately € 17.500,-.

### **Support**

Next to Camp Ukraine and Working Hands, Foundation Oekroe also does support children in need. For example André at Beregowo. Since his birth, in October 2003, Foundation Oekroe is supporting him for the numerous medical treatments he needs. Soon he will have surgery again! Please help us with prayer and funding, enabling us to continue to help!



Tuesday the 24th November there is an info evening at Rijnsburg and in December at Rouveen. We hope to meet you there!

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