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Camp Ukraine 2021 & Working Hands 2021



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Ukraine and corona

The number of registered corona infections in Ukraine, currently amounts to 2.2 million in a population of over 40 million. There are currently over 46,500 corona deaths in Ukraine.



Nevertheless, we are preparing for Camp Ukraine 2021 and Working Hands 2021! In case we wouldn't be able to go there because of corona, we will support one or more summer camps to be held in Ukraine. Then at least preaching the Gospel to the children will continue in a wonderful holiday season!

Camp Ukraine 2021

The (Dutch) Camp Ukraine 2021 team has already held 4 preparatory evenings. Virtual events of course! The workgroups also work virtually on the preparations. These preparation events, although in virtual mode (= video conferencing), are of great help. This way we keep the mutual ties alive. Because of the uncertainties surrounding corona, it cannot be denied that 'the fire' sometimes needs to be stirred up a little. However, when we think of the happy faces of the children in the camps, our enthusiasm flares up again! We now know that two of the intended Ukrainian groups have also started their preparations. Everything within the possibilities available during the corona pandemic.

End of June we will have a full day of preparations on a Saturday with all the (Dutch) participants of Camp Ukraine 2021.

Working Hands 2021

As we mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are busy preparing Working Hands 2021.



Based on current insights we will be working in Polonne in central Ukraine from 13 to 24 September. When Foundation Oekroe supports a Working Hands project, we always ask our Ukrainian partners to contribute financially in such a way that Foundation Oekroe takes on a maximum of 50% of the costs with an upper limit of € 15.000 per project. The level of involvement as well as the aftercare significantly increases when a local partner must raise an important part of the funding. Foundation Oekroe funding is only provided in case our volunteers can contribute to the work in Ukraine themselves. This is also part of the agreements we make with our Ukrainian partners. Since 2007 this works very well. We recognize this when we are visiting the projects later-on!

Furthermore...

foundation Oekroe does receive requests for medical support in individual situations. Those requests have always something to do with children or youngsters. We do help depending on the possibilities and prospects after the proposed medical treatment.

The photo on the right is of a youth centre situated under an apartment building in Ostroh in central Ukraine.



The oldest university of Ukraine is in Ostroh. Earlier we have given guest lectures here. We have been running summer camps during 3 years with enthusiastic young adults who are now providing responsible entertainment and bible education to a lot of youngsters from Ostroh. As Foundation Oekroe we have contributed to the renovation of this youth centre. A lot of youngsters come here!

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