

# Newsletter 4 - May 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 (20th volume !)

## Camp Ukraine 2022 & Working Hands 2022



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Today the 24th of May, it is exactly three months since Russia invaded Ukraine. A lot has been destroyed since then, with a staggering number of victims! It is terrible! Also there is a huge stream of refugees driven from their homes! Many flee to other parts of Ukraine, to Poland, Romania and other parts of Europe, even to our own villages and cities (western part of The Netherlands).

Much help is needed: Mattresses, duvets, food etc, etc. Foundation Oekroe has joined forces with two other local foundations: Working Group De Ruyter and Hands & Feet. A lot of goods have been donated, while food has been received as well as procured. A lot of money has been received by the three foundations. Foundation Oekroe alone received more than € 50.000! Many thanks for that! All the money we received for emergency aid in Ukraine has been transferred to the bank account of foundation Working Group De Ruyter. From there all payments are made for the relief transports to Ukraine and Romania.



Meanwhile, already 17 trailer loads have been transported, some of those deep into Ukraine. And from there it is taken further into Ukraine, even as far as Odessa.

At Lavki, which is an Oekroe summer camp location for the last 17 years, sewerage has been repaired, a washing machine as well as a wood stove for the large tent provided. About 150 refugees are accommodated there! All other summer camp sites are currently being used as reception sites for refugees. In the meantime, a few babies have been born there as well! How it will all end we do not know. What we do know is that a lot of help is still needed. Fortunately, we have received a lot, enabling us to share this with the refugees!

### **Camp Ukraine 2022**

The plan was to go to Ukraine from the 25th of July until the 9th of August with a group of Dutch volunteers. Together with Ukrainian partners we would organise summer camps mainly for disadvantaged youngsters. Apparently, we will not be able to have the usual camps this summer, in the way we have done for 17 years (until COVID). However, we do want to give many children in



Ukraine a camp week in a slightly different way. Our Ukrainian partners will hold camp weeks for refugee children and for children from their own towns. They will be able to ease their minds with sports and games, good food and of course stories from the Bible that tell of the true peace that the Lord God wants to give. We would like to support these summer camps financially. And we need your support to do so! And maybe some of us will go too. At least, if it is safe! Evidently there is a lot to do in Ukraine in the coming years. We certainly want to contribute to that.

### **Working Hands**

What we can do in Ukraine in the short term as Working Hands depends on the circumstances. We want to check, one way or another, the status of our 20 refurbishment projects we have completed in the past. In addition, we are discussing with our Ukrainian partners how we could do for each other at the moment.

### **Will you continue to help them and us with prayer and finances?**

The other day, I caught the phrase: 'where there is sharing, everyone has enough!'

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