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Camp Ukraine 2022 & Working Hands 2022



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The war goes on and on, while Russia initially thought to win this war within a week. Ten million people have fled Ukraine and in the meantime 4 million have returned.

In The Netherlands there are currently more than 65,000 Ukrainian refugees. Most of them want to return to their home country as soon as possible. We have visited some of the refugees ourselves in the east of our country. We also met some of them in Katwijk. We had a special encounter with a young Ukrainian woman who took part in one of our summer camps in 2011! Meanwhile the relief work of our 3 (local) cooperating foundations continues. Truckloads of relief goods are regularly transferred to Ukraine as well as to refugee camps in Romania! Within Ukraine the relief goods are further transported with vans to the south of Ukraine, often at the risk of the lives of those volunteers. Together we hope and pray that this horrible war will end soon!

Camp Ukraine 2022

Today, 9 August, we were supposed to return from Camp Ukraine 2022. However unfortunately this war started after two corona years. Therefore, it was not sensible to go to Ukraine with a few volunteers. As mentioned in previous newsletters we, as Foundation Oekroe, do financially support several summer camps taking place in Ukraine this summer. These camps are mostly held in the vicinity of the hometowns of the children. Often those are 'day camps': the children sleep at home and during the day they go to the place where the camps are taking place. These, albeit simple, camps ensure that the children are out of their daily drama circumstances for a while. They

get good food, do games, and hear about the love of the Lord God.

This year we are supporting camps in Svalyava, Hlynsk, Rivne, Hrytsiv, Shepetivka and Dunavitsie. Hrytsiv is a very special story. In 2011 Foundation Oekroe Working Hands together with Ukrainians workers have refurbished a reha-bilitation centre in Hrytsiv. The photo on the right shows the opening event. A summer camp is held here now!



Next to local children there are also many refugee children in the camps we do support. It is great that the Ukrainian volunteers are committed to give

the children a wonderful camp experience, even during wartime!

Working Hands

As far as Working Hands is concerned, the situation is like the summer camps. Due to the war, we cannot go to Ukraine with a group of Dutch volunteers. The project we intended to start is in Polonne. Ukrainians have cleared the area around the building as much as possible to receive refugees there. Maybe we will start working there in 2023.

Will you continue to help us/them with prayer and financial support?

The other day I heard the remark: 'Where there is sharing, everyone has enough'.

Where we can, we will continue to help. Of course, with prayer and with financial support. And perhaps in a few months we can go to Ukraine ourselves again!

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