

Newsletter 6 - November 11th 2022 (20th volume!)

Camp Ukraine 2022 & Working Hands 2022



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Today it is Friday, the 11th of November 2022. It is already the 261st day of this horrific war. Every day, countless people are killed. Hospitals, schools, apartment buildings, power plants, traffic junctions, etcetera are shot into pieces. You might get used to it when you don't pay attention (here in The Netherlands)! Horrible! Over the



years Foundation Oekroe and Foundation Working Group De Ruyter established many reliable contacts in Ukraine. We as cooperating foundations (i.e., Oekroe, Hands & Feet and Working Group De Ruyter) gratefully make use of those contacts. Therefore, we can be ascertained that all the aid we

send will end up in the right place. Many of our contacts forward the aid to the east of Ukraine! Since the start of war, 24th of February, nearly 40 trailers loaded with relief goods have already been brought to Eastern Europe! Unfortunately, it looks like those relief supplies will be needed for years to come.

Camp Ukraine 2022

From our previous newsletters you already know that our volunteers couldn't travel to Ukraine last summer due to the war. Fortunately, we were able to financially support children's camps in Svalyava, Hlynsk, Rivne, Lavki, Shepetivka and Hrytsiv. It has been a relief for the children to get away for a while from the dramatic war conditions, especially for refugee children! **Further on in this Newsletter, you will find some camp reports.**

Camp Ukraine 2023

No one knows how the situation in Ukraine will evolve. Nevertheless, Foundation Oekroe will start preparations for Camp Ukraine 2023. On Tuesday the 22nd of November we will have a Camp Ukraine 2023 information evening. You are most welcome that evening at Westerpark 150 in Rijnsburg. You can become more knowledgeable and will not be asked to commit to anything yet!

Working Hands

2019 was the last year that we as the Oekroe Foundation were at work on a construction project ourselves within Ukraine. During 2020 and 2021 we were not able to go to Ukraine because of the corona pandemic. Nevertheless, we continued to support projects. We are now contemplating, together with our Ukrainian partners, about the post-war request for help. To fulfil our mission, to make children's housing and living conditions safe again, many volunteers and a lot of money will be needed. **Therefore, please come to the info evening on Tuesday evening the 22nd of November at Westerpark 150, Rijnsburg.**

Foundation Oekroe warm socks action

Imagine! No gas, no electricity, no heating!!! Cold feet! And you know: When your feet are cold, you are feeling cold over your whole body. Hence the urgent demand from Ukraine for warm socks for children, women, and men. All sizes!

A couple of ladies are therefore starting the so-called **WARM SOCKS ACTION!** They want to collect as many warm socks as possible. And they are calling on your help to do so! **You can help** by dropping off as many warm socks as possible at several addresses in Katwijk, Rijnsburg and Valkenburg. Donating money for socks is of course possible as well (please add to your bank transfer the words: 'sock money').

Please continue to help us and them with prayer and financial support

Remember: giving only makes you richer!

Where we can, we continue to help. Will you help us?

Hopefully we will soon be able to go to Ukraine again ourselves! Also, that will hearten them!

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Mukacevo



Vlad organised two children's camps here. Foundation Oekroe has provided the necessary funding. A day camp and a 3-day camp has been organized. Half of the children were refugee, and the other half came from Mukacevo and its surroundings. 80% of the leaders were refugees. Themes:

Friendship, a true friend, Jesus is the best Friend. Furthermore, The great Creator, the biggest problem, the great Saviour, choice, have a daily relationship with God, you are a new creation. They had a wonderful time, building new contacts also with parents. On behalf of the children and the church: thank you for the financial support

Hlynsk

They held a day camp on the church grounds here. There was also a camp with children and young people. As they slept in tents, they had a great time together. Most of the participants did not have a Christian background. There were refugees among them.



They thanked us warmly for our prayers and financial support. They perceive it as special how we got in contact which each other.

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Across both day camps a total of 193 children were reached. The theme was: The step to victory based on the stories of Moses. There were quite a few refugee children as well as children coming from poor families. Most of them have no church background.

The children were able to play, rest, eat and learn about the Bible stories and the themes. Each day had a set structure of opening, Bible lesson, singing, crafts, games, etc.

God blessed us with good weather, so we were outside all the time. Many parents spoke to us as leaders. They told us that their children came home differently: they wanted to pray before eating and before going to bed. Also, the children looked forward to the next day of camp. Quite some parents could not get their children to come home

with them at the end of the day. That's how much they enjoyed it! In a short time, the children bonded with the leadership. We did agree to organize camps on Saturdays regularly.

We thank Foundation Oekroe and all the good people helping Ukraine in this difficult time. This testifies of God's love for us. We wish you God's blessing.

Day camp 2022 Rivne

The youth of our church led the children's camp "You are a star!". There were more than 50 children who heard about Lord Jesus and His Love for this world. Our goal with the camp was to give the children a good time, where there was time for rest, games, good food and of course: the Love of God for them.

There were a lot of refugee children and children who lost their families because of the war.

We distributed relief goods, held mothers' meetings. We didn't only talk about the situations they fled, but also shared with them the Love of God. We invited them to come to church and feel at home with us as far as possible!

Only about 20 children had ever heard stories from the Bible of which 10 came from our church. More than half of the children had fled from eastern Ukraine. They never saw the inside of a church. The 6- to 12-year-old children were busy with English lessons and crafts in the church garden. There was lovely singing, and they were well fed. We told them about the history of Ukraine. We also told them about the first 4 chapters of gospel of John, the Apostle of Love. We thank the Lord God and Foundation



Oekroe that we could enjoy these camps in peace. Praise to the Lord, Who created heaven and earth!