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Camp Ukraine 2024 & Working Hands 2024



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Dear Sir, Madam!!!

This is Newsletter 5 of this year! If you have a new postal or e-mail address, or no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, please let us know!

Ukraine situation

The world hasn't become safer!!! Especially since October 7th, the situation has only worsened! Due to the terror invasion in Israel, the war in Ukraine gets less attention. But that war also continues in full force! Besides attacks on ground targets, attacks on the internet are also being carried out, causing damage to the digital infrastructure. The worst part, of course, is that so many young and elderly people are killed in action. They all have a father or mother! By the way, on both sides of the front, while winter is coming!

That is why in November, on several requests from Ukraine, the Warm Socks Action (WSA), has been started up again! Meanwhile, we have already received quite a few socks and the first shipment has already gone to Ostroh. The socks will be given to refugees and brought to the front as well! The Warm Socks Action will continue until the end of this year! Currently, transports to Ukraine require a lot of patience from the drivers, due to several border blockades. Hopefully these will be over soon!

Moldova visit

Due to the war, it is not for sure that Foundation Oekroe volunteers will be able to go to Ukraine in 2024. Three board members have visited Moldova from 23 to 27 October. In Moldova we have looked at the potential to organise children's camps in 2024 for underprivileged children from both Moldova and Ukraine. Potential projects for Working Hands were also visited. We have good contacts in Moldova. During this trip, we established also new contacts so that we might be able to develop activities in the future in this country, the poorest country in Europe! Moldova borders Romania and Ukraine.

Camp Ukraine and Working Hands 2024

Every year, from 2003 until 2019, we went to Ukraine with a group of volunteers to run 3 concurrent children/teenager camps. We did this together with Ukrainian volunteers. Every year, around 200 kids from mostly dire circumstances were in our care. The children had the time of their lives! With good food, sports and games, stories from the Bible, and telling them of the Love of the Lord God for us human beings. It is extraordinary to hear, while observed with our own eyes August this year, that children in those camps are so touched by the Gospel, that many of them now have become camp leaders themselves. As of 2020 Foundation Oekroe is financially supporting local camps within Ukraine. During the corona period as well as in wartime, camps could continue. Again during 2024 we would like to run summer camps for underprivileged children, with a group of Dutch volunteers, in either Ukraine or Moldova. The same goes for the Working Hands who have done 1 or 2 refurbishment projects every year since 2007.



Whatever circumstances may be, we as Foundation Oekroe will continue our efforts for fine camps for underprivileged kids. Also, during 2024 Working Hands we would like to improve the living conditions of youngsters and children.

We ask of you whether you will continue to support us with your prayers and possibly financially as well, so that this wonderful work can continue. This will give children the prospect of a hopeful future! Thank you very much!

Agenda

- **Information evening Camp Ukraine Moldova 2024 and Working Hands 2024:** Tuesday 16 January, 8pm, Westerpark 150, 2231 DM Rijnsburg
- **Dates Camp Ukraine/Moldova 2024:** 29 July to 13 August 2024
- **Data Working Hands 2024:** Will be determined in consultation with participants.

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