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ESTONIA
Refugees from Ukraine

*Dear Friends and
Supporters,*



The SB Foundation supports Aiboland Museum in its work with refugees, and the director of the museum, Ülo Kalm, writes: **A million thanks for all your support!** On September 21st the museum organized a

day in memory of “the largest escape across the Baltic Sea,” referencing the flight of refugees from the Baltic countries 80 years ago. On September 22 we provided a bus tour to the island of Ösel (aka Saaremaa) for the Ukrainian war refugees, a total of 51 people, plus the bus driver and a local guide. We started early, 7:30 AM from Hapsal, and returned at 9:50 PM, so it was a long day. We visited the Muhu Museum; the Angla windmills and heritage culture center; the village of Karela where a stone mason exhibits a gallery of sheep carved from local rocks; Kaali meteorite craters; the convent at Reomäe. We also picked up fishnets needed for making camouflage nets. Currently, the 184th camouflage net is in production.



Ösel is Estonian’s largest island and is known as “the island of windmills.” It has about 33 000 residents. The only town on the island is Kurressaare. It is primarily known for its biggest tourist destination, Kurressaare bishop’s fortress or Kuressaare castle. The castle has among other things been used for a

poorhouse. The castle is one of Estonia’s best preserved fortresses. It was built between the 14th and 19th centuries and is a truly impressive building with towers, massive walls, and a waterfilled moat. From 1904 to 12 it contained a large restaurant. Today the castle holds the county museum – Ösel’s oldest findings of



human settlements go back 10 000 years. The Kaalli crater was formed about 3500 years ago (1530-1450 BCE), when a meteor hit there. The meteor split into nine pieces, and the largest created a lake 110 meters wide and 22 meters deep. Ösel was inhabited already at that time and the damage has been compared to a small atomic bomb. The bus travelers even had time to visit the Greek-Orthodox convent church in Reomäe, known for its caring hospitality and for its beekeeping. Unfortunately, after ten years of deliberation, the nuns have decided to return to Greece, but they hope that the apostolic church will remain a place emitting orthodox spirituality.

SB Foundation and our friends in Estonia send warm greetings via us on the Board,
Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger

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