



## Report on church aid on victims in the Kursk and Belgorod regions for 30th August.



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On 30<sup>th</sup> August the church centre for social aid at the Holy Trinity monastery of Kursk was visited by the head doctor and staff of the Saint Alexis hospital. During the visit agreement was reached upon cooperation in offering medical aid at the church hospital for those who need it and who have suffered in the Kursk region, reports the [diaconia.ru](http://diaconia.ru) website.

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788 people (197 families) applied for aid on 30<sup>th</sup> August to the church centre for social aid at the Holy Trinity monastery of Kursk. The families received packages of household goods and food. Those who applied were also given bed linen, pillows, mattresses, folding beds, kettles, children's food products, disposable nappies, stationary goods and electric stoves.

From the centre to the convent of the Kazan icon of Our Lady in Rylysk were sent 230 food packages, 50 packages of bed linen, pillows and blankets. Invalid women from the Korenovo region were supplied with food packages and household goods. Medicines were also obtained and given to a woman who had applied on the hotline to the Synodal department for charity.

Thirty aid packages reached the church centre for social aid within a day.

Thirty-four volunteers and three volunteer drivers worked throughout the day at the centre.

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697 applications (nineteen on 30<sup>th</sup> August alone) have come from the Kursk region on the hotline to the Synodal department for charity at: 8-800-70—70-222 since 7<sup>th</sup> August.

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596 people (198) families from the Kursk region and fifteen people (six families) from the Belgorod region have applied to the Moscow headquarters for aid to refugees at the Synodal department for charity since 6<sup>th</sup> August.

1 361 aid packages have reached the Moscow headquarters from churches, monasteries and compassionate Muscovites since 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Twenty-four people (seven families) from the Kursk region and one person from the Belgorod region applied for aid on 30<sup>th</sup> August at the Moscow headquarters for aid to refugees. By comparison with the previous day, the number of families applying for aid at the Moscow headquarters for aid to refugees had increased slightly. All of them have moved to the homes of relatives or friends. All the families who applied were given humanitarian aid in the form of food products, hygiene products and household goods. Refugees also asked for and were given bed linen and blankets.

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211 people from the Kursk region have applied for aid at the church headquarters for aid to refugees in Belgorod located at the Ss. Martha and Mary Convent since 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Seventy-four families have applied for aid at the church headquarters in Belgorod on 30<sup>th</sup> August. A further three families have applied to the headquarters for aid on the hotline. 187 people received humanitarian aid (food products, hygiene items, bed items, pillows, blankets and clothing): in the Belgorod region and the border regions – 165 people, in the Kharkov region – fourteen people and in the Luhansk and Donetsk Peoples' Republics and Ukraine itself – eight people.

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The acting chairman of the Synodal department for charity and the Patriarchal humanitarian mission archpriest Mikhail Potokin held a conference with those working at temporary distribution centres where refugees from the Kursk region have been housed.

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Staff members at the Synodal department for charity Irina Khyudyakova and Yekaterina Muslimova are continuing their tour of temporary relocation centres in the Kursk region.

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On 30<sup>th</sup> August, presided over by the metropolitan of Kursk and Rylsk German, there was a planned conference of the temporary centre for refugee aid and aid to temporary re-settlers of the Kursk region. At the conference the head of the metropolitanate reported on his visits to church centres for social and humanitarian aid located in Kursk.

Also invited to the meeting were workers at the church centre for social aid at the Holy Trinity monastery in Kursk and the humanitarian collection centre at the youth department of the diocese of Kursk. They spoke about their work and discussed issues directly concerning their work.

The head of the social department of the Kursk diocese archpriest Pavel Kostin spoke about the organization of religious and material aid at the temporary relocation centres. A priest of the diocese has been appointed to attend to the needs of each of these centres.

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From 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September there will be learning courses for volunteer nurses in Kursk. The intake has been organized with the blessing of the metropolitan of Kursk and Rylsk German. The programme itself will be taught by the study centre of the Saint Alexis hospital. Classes will take place at the 6<sup>th</sup> city hospital and the Church of the Ascension in Kursk.

By 30<sup>th</sup> August more than sixty volunteers had signed up for the course. Upon completing their training the sisters will be sent according to their availability to hospitals, palliative care departments and hospitals to care for the seriously ill and wounded.

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