



Report on church relief efforts in Kursk and Belgorod regions for 12th September



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Since 16th August, 20,373 people have appealed for help to the Church Centre for All-Round Social Relief operating in the Trinity Convent in Kursk. Seeking assistance at the Church Centre on 12th September were 1,220 people (305 families), **reports diaconia.ru**. They received cleaning products and food packages. Provided upon individual request were pillows, blankets, bedclothes, folding beds, stationary, kitchenware and 10 tonometers. Six displaced persons with limited mobility received transport assistance. Targeted help was provided to a person with first-degree disability. The Synodal Department for Charity sent to the Church Centre blankets and bedclothes. Working at the Centre that day were 30 volunteers and 2 volunteer drivers.

Since 6th August, 815 people (275 families) from the Kursk region and 21 people (8 families) from the Belgorod region have appealed for help to the Moscow Headquarters for Refugee Assistance operating under the Synodal Department for Charity.

Over that period, the Moscow Headquarters has received 1,614 aid deliveries from churches, monasteries and concerned Muscovites.

On 12th September, 9 people (4 families) from the Kursk region sought assistance at the Moscow Headquarters. Compared to the day before, the number of help-seeking families decreased. All the people who appealed for help are staying with their relatives and friends. All the families received humanitarian aid (foodstuffs, hygiene and cleaning products, school supplies). Upon request, folding beds, mattresses, pillows, bedclothes, blankets and kitchenware were provided.

Since 6th August, 229 people from the Kursk region have appealed for help to the Church Headquarters for Refugee Assistance located in Saints Martha and Mary Convent in Belgorod.

On 12th September, 76 families sought assistance at the Church Headquarters in Belgorod. Receiving humanitarian aid (foodstuffs, hygiene products, bedclothes, pillows, blankets, clothes) were 181 people: 155 people from the Belgorod region and border areas, 20 people from the Kharkov area, 4 people from the Kursk region, 2 people from the DPR, the LPR and Ukraine.

Seven volunteers of the Synodal Department for Charity have been working in three temporary accommodation centres in the Kursk region. In the temporary accommodation centres, the volunteers look after the elderly and people with disabilities, feeding them, helping them maintain personal hygiene, taking them for walks. Since 19th August, thirty volunteers from the Synodal Department for Charity have been on work trips to the temporary accommodation centres in the Kursk region.

Priests from various dioceses in Russia visit Kursk hospitals on a regular basis. Since 9th August, there have been 5 shifts with 5 priests from 3 dioceses.

Since 15th August, volunteers and sisters of mercy from St. Alexis Hospital in Moscow – sixteen people in total – have been working shifts in the Kursk Regional Hospital, nursing the wounded and critically ill patients.

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