



## Report on church relief efforts in Kursk and Belgorod regions for 14th September



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Since 16<sup>th</sup> August, 22,529 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 14<sup>th</sup> September were 1,104 people (276 families), **reports diaconia.ru**. They received cleaning products and food packages. Provided upon individual request were bedclothes, folding beds, pillows, blankets, stationary, dinnerware, baby food, diapers and 5 tonometers. Four persons asked for help in finding accommodation and work. The Church Centre received dinnerware from the Birobidzhan Diocese and tonometers, inhalers, stationary and new children's wear from the Blagomed Foundation. Working at the Centre that day were 7 social workers, 25 volunteers and 2 volunteer drivers.

Since 6<sup>th</sup> August, 838 people (288 families) from the Kursk region and 22 people (9 families) from the Belgorod region have appealed for help to the Moscow Headquarters for Refugee Assistance operating under the Synodal Department for Charity. The Moscow Headquarters offered various accommodation options to twenty-nine families.

Over that period, the Moscow Headquarters has received 1,656 aid deliveries from churches, monasteries and concerned Muscovites.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September, 17 people (8 families) from the Kursk region sought assistance at the Moscow Headquarters. Compared to the day before, the number of help-seeking families increased. 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, kitchenware and a wheelchair were provided.

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Four 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 19<sup>th</sup> August, seventeen volunteers from the Synodal Department for Charity have been on work trips to the temporary accommodation centres in the Kursk region.

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

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Since 15<sup>th</sup> 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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A campaign to collect humanitarian aid for people affected by the hostilities in the Kursk region was organized in all parishes within the Metropolia of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug. The

humanitarian cargo has been distributed among those in need.

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