

RUSSIAN CHURCH SENDS \$5,000+ TO FEED 500 NEEDY FAMILIES IN KYRGYZSTAN



The Russian Orthodox Church's Synodal Department for Church Charity and Social Service has transferred \$5,385 (400,000 rubles) to the Social Department of the Bishkek Diocese in Kyrgyzstan for food aid to those in need.

The funds were collected via the departmental Miloserdie.ru website, and were used to purchase 5 tons of food. 500 500 packages were then received by large families, single mothers, single pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities, reports the official site of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Each package included four types of choice canned meat, vegetable oil, flour, sugar, rice, buckwheat, dry meat broth, tea, tomato paste, and household soap. Local benefactors also provided mayonnaise, ketchup, olive oil, canned fish, and cookies.

Since a state of emergency was declared in Kyrgyzstan on March 22, the diocese has already distributed 1,000 food packages at its own expense. The funds from

the Synodal Department were used to provide food to those who had not yet received assistance from the diocese.

Through the distribution of goods, the diocese also became acquainted with 20 large families, with 7-10 children each, that are now receiving regular assistance from the Church.

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