

# OPERATION CENTURION

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### PRAYER NEEDS:

**Praise** to God for the eager reception of the German and Russian Military Bibles

**Pray** for the salvation of soldiers in Germany and Russia

**Pray** for traveling mercy for us as we travel to Russia in September

**Pray** for wisdom and strength for these important people who touch the lives of their military:

1. **Olga and Alexei**
2. **Igor Kostousov**
3. **Chaplain Dmitri Kostyunin & Elena**
4. **Pastor Konstantin Shlyachovski**

We are so happy to have help from our friends Olga and Alexei. On one of their trips to the Ukraine to teach classes for the Nazarene Church, they met a woman from the USA named Natalia. Actually she is Ukrainian but immigrated to America several years ago during the Soviet Union time. Because her family was Christian, they suffered persecution.

Now that the doors are open for evangelism in the Ukraine she comes for extended periods of time to do ministry for the Lord. She happened to be in one of Olga and Alexei's classes. When she heard about our Military Bible, she wanted one for her son who is serving in the US Army. Because he speaks Russia, Natalia wanted to surprise him with this gift. How interesting that here is a case of our Bible going to a Russian speaking soldier in the American Army.



**Natalia and Peter**

Recently we spoke at the Military Chapel in Katterbach near Ansbach, Germany. We were pleasantly surprised to meet Chaplain (CPT) Dmitri Kostyunin and his wife Yelena ( see picture below). They are originally from Arkhangelsk which is located in northern Russia near the Arctic circle.

Dmitri has been in Amer-

ica for eleven years and he and Yelena have been married for seven years. They met each other in church, which, of course, is the best place to meet one's spouse.

What is so interesting is that this couple is ministering to the United States Army and we have been ministering to the Russian Army. All of us agreed that God's plans for



our lives can be so much different than what we might think.

God just wants to know, "Will you follow the path I have chosen for you?" Will you say. "Here am I, Lord, send me!"

There is great joy in following Christ where He leads and there is no greater fulfillment than to be in his will!

Thanks for all your prayers as we seek to win many souls to Jesus and to comfort hearts during these difficult times.

Russia and Germany

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**Alexei Demetskiy**  
Metro Worker

It is good to know that the men who work in the Moscow Metro system have someone to give them the 'Good News' of Jesus.

Nazarene Pastor Konstantin Shlyachovski has been reaching out to minister to these workers, especially after the bombings that took place in the subway in Moscow this past spring. Needless to say, the workers were quite shaken from these acts of terrorism.

From September 22 until October 4 Margaret and I will be in Russia to meet with our co-workers and to visit military bases. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel both here in Germany and around Russia.

*Operation Centurion is a Christian non-profit organization reaching out to Russian and NATO soldiers and their families. The organization provides Bibles and Christian reading material along with Christian music. Basic hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and disposable razors are provided for single soldiers in Russia. Roger and Margaret are the Founder and President of the organization. Bibles have been printed with camouflaged covers to be given out to German and Russian soldiers. Every Bible has the Plan of Salvation along with a forward, written by Roger to encourage the soldiers to accept Jesus as their personal Savior.*

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## ARKHANGELSK

Recently we received a report from Igor Kostousov concerning his ministry in Arkhangelsk region. Igor completed his military service in St. Petersburg a couple of years ago and he has been very eager to distribute our Military Bible. In fact, he is anxious to share Jesus with many different people.

One of these people is Roman who works in the library of a public school. He very much wanted to put Christian literature into this library so Igor gave him a couple of Military Bibles along with some other Christian books.

We believe that teenagers are very much drawn to



**Left (Igor & Zhenya Gortzev) Right (Roman)**

the camouflage pattern and we are praying that some of them will be drawn to this Bible and read it.

Igor also gave a Bible to Zhenya Gortsev before he went to serve

in the Russian Army. Zhenya is a young man who was attending his church and is a member of the honor guard now serving in St. Petersburg.