

OPERATION CENTURION

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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PRAYER NEEDS:

Praise to God for all the money received to print the German Military Bible

Praise for money received for royalty fee

Praise for safe travel to Russia and Germany

Pray for funds needed for transportation of German Bible from Minsk to Edelsfeld.

Pray for new contacts with German Military

Pray for the ministries of these people who reach out to the military.

1. Nazarene Church in St. Petersburg
2. Rudi Stegmaier in Germany
3. Konstantin Yerofeev
4. Olga and Alexei Shipovalov

Holiday Season is upon us once again and on Thanksgiving Day we found ourselves celebrating with the American soldiers at the military base in Hohenfels, Germany.

Certainly, we were all thankful for the safe return of the soldiers from Iraq. As you can see below, the dining facility was all decked out with many good things to eat.

We are thankful to all of you that have contributed money for the German military Bible and we are happy to announce that we have all the money to start the printing and have contacted the publisher to start the process of printing in Minsk, Belarus.

We are grateful to Samaritan's Purse, Boone, North Carolina and Geschenke der Hoffnung in Berlin, Germany for their financial support and prayers so that we could begin this project of reach-



Hohenfels Dining Facility

ing out to the German soldiers.

Major Rudi Stegmaier, on his return from his deployment to Kosovo, told us there was a shortage of Bibles and Christian literature available to the German soldiers there. Needless to say we are anxiously awaiting the completion of this project in early spring.

We are planning to get with

the current German Command Sergeant Major Wolfgang Hesper whom Roger has known since 1985 when He was stationed in Bayreuth, Germany.

At this season, let us fix our eyes on our Heavenly Father who has provided so much for us, especially, giving the gift of his only son that we might be saved by



believing on Him. Indeed, Jesus is the best Gift we could ever receive!

Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow. (James 1:17) In these times, it is good to know that God never changes and His love is constantly with us!

Merry CHRISTmas!

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Ministry in Sertovolo

It is always a joy to visit this particular military base because these young soldiers are so open to receiving the Bible. Most of the men are new conscripts, are far from home and are often mistreated. They often express to us how they are so happy that someone would care enough to give them this gift of God's Word.

This soldier had come to the kiosk outside the base to get something to eat. After giving him a Bible, we prayed that he might feast on the "Bread of God" which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (John 6:33)

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.. Because military pay for Russian soldiers is so poor, personnel who are married have been furnished with basic food products to help relieve this shortage. Roger and Margaret are the Founder and President of the organization. Their goal is to help provide Christian Servicemen's Centers where soldiers can relax and hear the Word of God through weekly Bible studies and where soldiers can receive prayer and counseling based on Biblical principles.

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MINISTRY IN ST. PETERSBURG

From the middle of September to the middle of October we were in Russia overseeing the work there.

"Faithful" Valery was at the airport to pick us up and it was so good to see him again. Unfortunately, the van had been in an accident and we had to wait two weeks to be able to transport some of our Bibles from where they were being stored on Vasilevsky Island to the Nazarene Church. More Bibles were needed there because the Military Center was getting ready to start. Also, we needed to get some more Bibles to Olga and Alexei so they could continue to provide them for the people doing military ministry throughout Russia.

We were not only thankful that the van got fixed in time to accomplish this task, but that we were able to make it to both Sertovolo and Chernaya Rechka



Margaret & Roger with Russian Bibles

military bases to hand out hygiene items along with the Bibles.

Many thanks to all of you who helped us pray about the van getting fixed!

In our next newsletter we

will share more about our time in St. Petersburg.

We always seem to have more pictures than we can squeeze into our newsletters.