

# OPERATION CENTURION

## TRANSITION

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**PRAYER NEEDS:**

Praise God for the publisher that was found to print the German Military Bible

Praise God for money for Bibles and for distribution from Samaritan's Purse and for God to continue to bless their ministry.

Favor with Russian and German governments

Continued good health for both of us

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

1. Sergei Halezov
2. Oleg
3. Konstantin Yerofeev
4. Olga and Alexei Shipovalov
5. Andrei & Irina Bolshakov

On 26 February we will fly to Germany to begin our expansion of our military Bible ministry to the German Armed Forces. All our medical tests have turned out very well and we are now ready to return. We are especially happy that Roger will not have to have any more MRI's on his spinal cord. Praise God that no more tumors have returned!

We have received a nice letter from Franklin Graham along with some money to start our fund raising for this Bible. We are so grateful for the prayers, financial support and encouragement from Samaritan's Purse.

We believe that now is the time to move forward in Germany to reach soldiers for Christ. I had the honor of being given the Medal of Honor from Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Defense Minister of West Germany in November of 1988



### “Medal of Honor” from Germany

for my work with the German military and civilian population promoting friendship between the two countries. We believe that this will open more doors for us with the German government and their military commanders. We now have many contacts in Germany to move forward.

We are especially grateful how the Lord has provided us

with an apartment and furniture in making our move to Edelsfeld. This little town in upper Bavaria is located near a large German base at Amberg and also close to American bases at Grafenwoehr and Vilseck.

Around the first week in March 10,000 Russian military Bibles will be delivered to St. Petersburg. Our Rus-



sian helpers, Olga and Alexei, are anxiously awaiting them.

We are truly grateful to all who have invested their prayers and financial support to make this happen. Our friend in Murmansk, Sergei Halezov (on the right in the picture) is grateful as well for providing 300 Bibles to him so that he can minister to the Sailors who are in the Russian Navy stationed on the Barents Sea.

Russia and Germany

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**Oleg**

It is good to know that the Military Center in the Nazarene Church in St. Petersburg is still functioning under the direction of Oleg. Operation Centurion purchased sports equipment and provided Bibles to help Oleg with his ministry. Christmastime was a perfect time to tell the Soldiers about salvation through Jesus Christ and to present them with a special gift of God's Word.

We know that lives are being changed because God says in Isaiah 55: 11 "So shall My word be that goes forth from MY mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

We are certainly looking forward to the testimonies of some of the men when we see Oleg later this year!

*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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## LENIN'S HOME TOWN

Ul'yanovsk, founded in 1648 as a frontier defense post on the Volga River, is best known as the birth city of Vladimir Lenin. The city was formerly called Simbirsk but in 1924 it was re-named to honor Lenin whose original surname was Ul'yanov.

Lenin, who was the leader of the Russian Revolution in 1917, closed all the churches in Russia and persecution of all believers began. People were not allowed to have a Bible and many were arrested for just having a Bible in their home.

Even 20 years ago no one could imagine that Bibles would be distributed in Russia and especially in the city where this communist leader was born.

Now the reality is that we can openly share with other people about our Lord and many Bibles are being given to soldiers and policeman.



**Pastor Maria Pakhomova (far left)**

Maria Pakhomova, the pastor of the Nazarene Church in Ulyanovsk is very grateful for the Bibles which Olga and Alexei gave to their church when they taught some Bible classes in Ul,yanovsk.

Some of the lay people in

this church are currently serving in the military and plans are being made to reach out to the young soldiers in this region of Russia! Let us praise God for the people in this church who have such an evangelistic spirit!