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PRAYER NEEDS:

Money for Bibles

New Converts

Continued favor with government

Expansion of Facilities

Wisdom

Pray for these soldiers who have received Jesus

1. Efim
2. Roman
3. Vasily
4. Valodya
5. Sergei

MARCHING ON WITH JESUS

It is so wonderful to report that as we enter our 10th year of ministry in Russia how God has been so Faithful and continues to be. Reflecting back on these ten years of ministry brings back so many wonderful moments and the countless miracles that the Lord has performed. We are looking forward to serving Jesus in the coming years in His Service. Please pray with us as we plan to open more Centers that we will find volunteers who would want to serve in this ministry.

We have received so many wonderful reports from Pastor Volodya concerning the Center. During the Christmas Season the Center was decorated by the church and small gifts were given to the soldiers that came for Christmas.

The Center was open for New Year's Eve and there was a celebration starting at 8:00 PM lasting until 7:00 AM New Year's Day. There was plenty of food and singing. Pastor Volodya delivered a New



Russian soldiers receiving Bibles and hygiene packets

Year's message and three more soldiers received Christ. Afterwards, the soldiers played games and enjoyed the fellowship.

We will be flying back to St. Petersburg on the 18th of February and we are anxious to see everyone there at the

Center. We are looking forward to getting more Bibles published this Spring and to getting them into the hands of the young Russian soldiers.

Many thanks to all of you who are making this possible! We are truly co-laborers with Christ.

EXPANSION TO KRONSTADT

This year the city of Kronstadt is celebrating its 300th birthday and all through the year there will be celebrations and events involving the personnel at the Naval Base which is in the Gulf of Finland. We met a Russian pastor and his

wife who would like us to open a Servicemen's Center there and also for Margaret to have a Bible study with the wives of the sailors who are deployed on ships. There are approximately 18,000 Navy

personnel assigned to the base at Kronstadt. We have been supplying Bibles to the Russian church there to be given to Navy personnel. Please pray with us concerning the funds needed to open a Center there!

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Nadezhda has been working at the Center since we opened the doors of the Center. She is the wife of a retired Russian Colonel and has been saved ten years. Because she has many opportunities to go unhindered to military hospitals and military graduations, she is able to give the love of Jesus and our Bibles to many soldiers in St Petersburg.

Nadezhda, whose name means "Hope", has been a wonderful asset to the Servicemen's Center. She truly loves Jesus and loves to tell of the Hope which we have in Him. In fact, she led our first soldier to the Lord.

She is the mother of three children, two sons and a daughter. She and her husband Ivan (John) have been married for 35 years. He does not yet know the Lord. Please pray that he will receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.

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 and toothbrushes, disposable razors and shaving cream are provided for single soldiers. Because military pay is so poor, personnel who are married will be 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 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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RUSSIA-WEST ROMANCE ENDING?

By Vladimir Isachenkov

Russia's romance with the West appears to be in trouble over it's renewed assertiveness toward former Soviet Republics and what many view as the Kremlin's growing authoritarian streak. Europe and the United States are taking the Kremlin to task, saying Russia is backsliding and hypocritical, and the backlash is felt in the victory of anti-Westerners in the Dec. 7 parliamentary election.

There are no pro-Western forces in the new State Duma- they all are either radically or moderately anti-Western. This will put pressure on the presi-



Valodya and Roman , two of our first converts.

dent pushing him in that direction.

Some fear that without positive feedback from the West, Putin might reverse his course of befriending the West and launch aggressive attempts to wrest ex-Soviet Republics out of Western orbit.

Optimists hope the president will refrain from open confrontation, but even they don't expect the Kremlin to bow to Western pressure. After striving for integration in to the

West, Russia may now turn to forming its own zone of influence on former Soviet territory. After the Sept. 11 attacks, Russia rode a wave of Western admiration for President Vladimir Putin's steadfast support of the U.S. led war on terror, but now Moscow finds itself on the defensive.

The West hasn't made even tactical concessions to Russia to secure good strategic relations for the years ahead. Western policy toward Russia has helped strengthen anti-Western, nationalistic sentiments. The most obvious result is the strong showing in Parliament of the nationalistic Homeland Bloc party.

Please pray that Russia will remain open to democratic reforms.