

# OPERATION CENTURION

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## PRAYER NEEDS:

Money for Distributing  
Bibles & Maintaining  
Centers.

Prospect of new center  
with Baptist Church

For Oleg and Igor, di-  
rectors of Centers

Hygiene items to give  
away

Pray for These Soldiers  
to Receive Jesus

1. Ivan
2. Sasha
3. Nikita
4. Konstantin
5. Andrei

## COMFORT IN BESLAN

All systems are a go to return to Russia. Should be able to fly around the 4th of March. This time we had a few obstacles in our way.

We had returned home early so that Margaret could have surgery and I needed to re-new my passport. Well, Margaret's doctor had to have surgery and could not do hers. Then because of Hurricane Katrina, it took me seven weeks to get my new passport. Margaret will now possibly have surgery in the summer when we return home to share in churches again.

However, all the delays gave us opportunity to share our ministry with several churches and supporters of Operation Centurion in the states of Indiana, Missouri and Florida.

We have lots to keep us busy on our return with the printing and distribution of the Bible. Also, we are



Soslan Gigolaev (on right in blue jacket)

negotiating with a Baptist church to start a Service-men's Center in the northern part of St. Petersburg.

We were blessed to hear that our Bibles were given to the parents of children who lost their lives when Chechnyan terrorists blew up the school in Beslan. Soslan

Gigolaev has been distributing our Bible to Russian soldiers stationed there as well.

Many thanks to you all for making this happen. There are many hurting souls who need the "Balm of Gilead" to soothe them. How wonderful to be a part of bringing them comfort!

## MINISTRY IN MISSOURI



The weekend of 5 February we were privileged to share at the Community Church of Potosi, Missouri. Bill and Freddie Brammer are pastoring there. We first met the Brammers in Darmstadt, Germany in 1980 while we were serving in the military.

Bill retired after that tour of duty and went on to attend Midwestern

Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bill and Freddie have been very helpful in our ministry and we are happy to be reunited with them after a 20 year separation. God was so good to find them for us. We were especially happy to find out that we were both in full time Christian Service!

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Fyodor Livinder

Fyodor says " I held some meetings with active duty Navy personnel. I use your Bible to share with the men and tell them how important it is to read and study the Word of God. At the end I offer a copy of the Bible to those who desire to have one. Sometimes they ask, "How much does it cost?" and when they learn that it is free of charge, they rejoice! Praise God for the privilege of this opportunity! I thank Roger and Margaret who gave us these Bibles. I thank God for these people with sensitive and loving hearts that are obedient to Him."

How happy we are to say that God has given us the money to print the Bible again. We have contacted the publisher in Minsk, Belarus to start the printing of ten thousand Bibles. They will be delivered to us around the middle of April. Most of the Bibles are spoken for and we will be busy mailing them all over Russia.

We want to thank all of you who have made Operation Centurion a success in the evangelical outreach to the Russian military. Only in eternity will we know how many soldiers have come to know the love of Jesus and His salvation by your support and prayers.

*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 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 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.*

*Your contribution is tax deductible. Operation Centurion is a 501 © 3 Non-profit ministry. Our tax I.D. number is: 81-0558115*

## VLADIVOSTOK

One of the most exciting things for us as missionaries to see is the nationals taking responsibility to minister to their own people. We have been praying for this.

At the military conference in October, 2005 we met a group of military and former military from the city of Vladivostok. The man in the photo on the far right (Leonid Shilov) is the president of the Russian Bible Society. He worked three jobs just to have enough money to come to the conference.

The man in the center of the photo next to me with coat and tie (Victor Bronnikov) is very interested in our coming to Vladivostok to start a Servicemen's Center. He is the Far Eastern Coordinator of



the Union of Military Christians. The other men in the picture are helping Victor give the Bible to the military in Kharbarovsk near Vladivostok.

The military Bible has reached across to Russia's far western shores. It truly amazes us on how this Bible has transformed many lives

and is so well received by the military and the Orthodox church.

Let us pray that God will give to all these men the confidence and boldness that is needed to evangelize the soldiers in their region.

Thank you so much for giving to make this possible!