

AUGUST 2002 REPORT

OPERATION CENTURION - SO GOOD, I WORRIED

The new ministry with soldiers has gone really well. So well that I began to worry. If Satan isn't fighting us, I wonder why. We have had three services with the soldiers and they have been very receptive to the salvation message.

In our first service we had about 160. The major commanded all soldiers to come, over 300. But only half came because the others were being disciplined.



Again, the major was going to order everyone to come for our second service. Pastor Sasha told him we just wanted to preach to those who would come voluntarily. Still more than 70 attended the services.

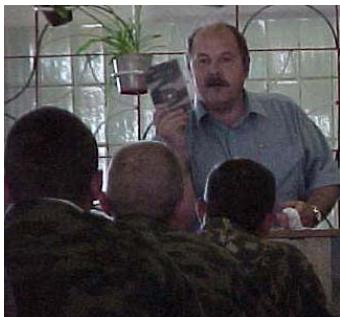
By the end of July there were still no hindrances, no spiritual battle either. Thank goodness everything changed. The young soldier that was instrumental in getting us on to the base left without leave. Now, that was a problem.

Then another base commander with greater authority reviewed our documents. Everything was in order and we "passed inspection".



For our third service on base there was a conflict in schedules. Soldiers were scheduled to be in their own meeting but were given the opportunity to choose which meeting to attend.

Besides that, we were only allowed an hour for the meeting. I usually let the pastors I work with do the speaking so they can gain more experience. I was thrilled when they suggested I do the speaking since the time was so limited. We had more than 50 come and the best response ever.



Oleg presents a Bible to a soldier who completed 3 courses with "Emmaus".

After the meeting nine more requested the study material. Several stayed, asking questions about eternity and their spiritual needs. Please pray that we can continue this ministry.



God alone can save these men and give them abundant life.



Soldiers wanting to know what happens to children who never reach the age of accountability

They asked a multitude of questions. We explained that all their questions are answered in the correspondence course "Emmaus".

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Current prayer needs:

1. Church in City Center
2. Church in Kupchino
3. Effort to plant church in the Laderskaya region of St Pete.
4. Russian correspondence for program "Missionary Notebook" aired on Trans World Radio in Russia and the former Ussr.
5. Correspondence Course "Emmaus"
6. "Operation Centurion"
7. Personnel and staff of Cornerstone, St. Petersburg, Russia

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Anna is a small, elderly lady who trusted Christ in November 2001. She has been enjoying her new life in Christ, was baptized in July 2002, and became a member in Kupchino. Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> she was sexually assaulted and the man attempted to throw her from the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the apartment building to her death. Neighbors came to her aid and the man faces a minimum of 8 years in prison. She was in the hospital until Friday, August 9. Pray for her recovery.