

# OPERATION CENTURION

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### PRAYER NEEDS:

**Praise:** Chaplains tell us they have never been able to give away so many Bibles as this camouflage Bible

**Praise to God for** Biblica formatting updated Bible text.

**Pray for wisdom, strength, guidance, good health and safety for us during our travels**

**Pray for wisdom for these important people who touch the lives of the military:**

1. Hermann & Udo
2. Biblica
3. Chaplains Reitz, Richter & Leckner
4. United States military Chaplains

In late Spring we drove to Colorado Springs to meet with Marie Chavez, Program Manager, Rights and Permission with Biblica. It is this organization which holds the copyright for the “Hoffnung fuer Alle”, the German version of the New International Bible.

This wonderful Bible organization, formerly known as the New York Bible Society, was started back in 1809, producing its first Bible translation in 1810: William Carey’s Bengali Bible. Two years later, in 1812 it began its ministry to the military!

Marie has been wonderful to work with and it was great to get to meet her face to face! Marie really encouraged us when she shared that we were one of the smallest ministries that they work with, but we have printed the most Bibles! That was a great surprise for us.

Biblica has a great desire to see soldiers come to faith in Christ and to be discipled through reading God’s Word. They have decided to take



Margaret, Marie Chavez, and Roger

care of the fee for formatting the new version! We are so thankful to them and to God for this wonderful gift to Operation Centurion!

Both Raymond and Connie have hearts for the military and they blessed us with an offering for Bibles. We are so thankful for their help!

We agree with the famous evangelist, Billy Graham, who said, “The very practice of reading the Bible will have a purifying effect upon your mind and heart. Let nothing take the place of this daily church exercise.”



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## All-Saints-Kirche

COL Hermann Meyer (r) and Udo Dickes have been very busy delivering Bibles to various bases in Germany. On one of their trips, they went to Cologne. There they met with Chief Chaplain Petra Reitz and Chaplain Leckner.

Chief Chaplain Reitz has been appointed as the very first female chaplain in German military history to this very important position within the Bundeswehr chaplaincy. Her responsibility stretches over the Federal States of Hessen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Rheinland-Pfalz, and Saarland and consists of more than twenty pastorates.

The verse that has guided her throughout her life is Deut 31:6: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you."

Important subjects were

*Operation Centurion is a Christian non-profit organization reaching out to NATO soldiers and their families. The organization provides Bibles and Christian reading material. **Roger and Margaret Hogan** are the Founder and President of the organization. Bibles have been printed with camouflaged covers to be given out to Russian and German soldiers. Russian Military Bibles (28,000) have been previously distributed. Every Bible has the Plan of Salvation along with a foreword, written by Roger, to encourage the soldiers to accept Jesus as their personal Savior.*

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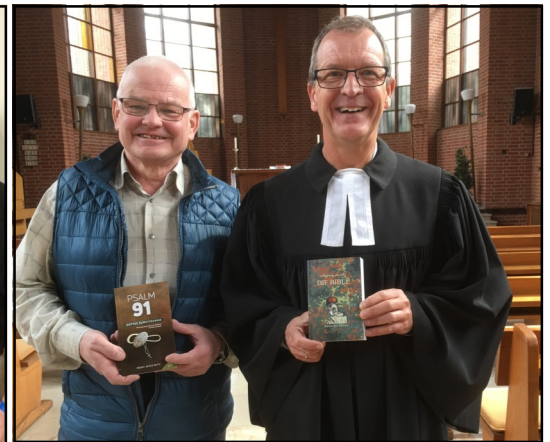
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## COLOGNE GERMANY



Chp Leckner, Chief Chp.Petra Reitz , and Hermann



Udo and Military Deacon Claus-Joerg Richter

discussed such as how military leaders can draw benefits from their Christianity to cope with complex situations they encounter within the military.

Both Chaplains were very happy to receive the Bibles Hermann and Udo brought for them and looked forward to distributing them to this large area under their authority.

Next, they visited with

Chaplain Richter at the military chapel, "All Saints Church", which is also in Cologne.

Chaplain Richter is on his second 6 year tour as a military chaplain. Already, he has served deployment to Afghanistan and Jordan.

While in Al Azrak, Jordan, he was delighted when a soldier, with no previous interest in Christianity, suddenly appeared

at a church service. The soldier was drawn to the service for a chance to listen to the scripture and see what might apply to his individual situation in life. Chaplain Richter ministers in three barracks. He highly appreciated the boxes of the Centurion Bibles delivered to him by Hermann and Udo.

Chaplain Richter believes the mission of the Church is to share the gospel with all!