

## OPERATION CENTURION

## DEUTSCHE EVANGELISCHE ALLIANZ

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**PRAYER NEEDS:**

**Praise:** We are very thankful that Bibles can still be distributed despite the COVID-19 situation.

**Praise to God for the great receptivity of His Word.**

**Pray** that God will be gracious to end this pandemic soon

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

1. Col (ret) Hermann Meyer
2. LTC (ret) Hans Christian Koehnke
3. SSgt (ret) Udo Dickes
4. Cadet Philipp
5. US and German chaplains

Proverbs 3:5-6 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

This verse definitely filled our minds after researching, packing and traveling to the airport only to find out that Germany was closed to us. On that day Germany went to level 3. There had been an increase of COVID-19 cases in Europe. Needless to say, we were greatly disappointed but believe God was directing our path to stay in America at this time. We had to cancel a conference and several meetings with German Chaplains.

But, thanks to Hermann and Udo (picture below) and Hans Christian, Bible distribution still goes on!

The 125th anniversary of the annual meeting of the German Evangelical Allianz was to have been an outstanding celebration with about 2000 participants in attendance in Bad Blankenburg which is located in the Hartz



**LTC (ret) Hans Christian Koehnke**

Mountains. Because of the COVID regulations, the conference was changed to a live streaming event. Messages of relevant Christian topics were presented on politics, prayer, peace and reconciliation, and religious liberty.

LTC (ret) Hans Christian Koehnke and SSgt (ret) Udo Dickes were two representatives from the Cornelius Vereinigung who participated in sharing at this event.

Hans Christian shared about the ministry of Christians in the military and the concept of being both a Christian and a Soldier.

Udo's presentation strongly emphasized how the Bible distribution of "Operation Centurion" is having a great effect upon evangelization within the Bundeswehr. The Lord's Word is going directly into the heart of each seeking soldier and is producing what God desires. Bible distribution

is one example of partnering with the chaplaincy of the German Armed Forces!

We are so grateful for what God is doing in the hearts of those seeking to have a relationship with Him. We are also thankful for those who have partnered with us in helping to get the Centurion Bible distributed.

Even though we have been prevented this time from going, the work still goes on and we certainly look forward to when we can all be together again!

We felt a bit like Paul and Silas when "they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them." Acts 16:6

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Cadet Philipp

Col Hermann Meyer has been very busy serving in God's Army after retiring from the Bundeswehr a few years ago! He has made many trips to Africa, meeting with Christian military there, to encourage them in their walk with God.

He has, also, been very active in helping us distribute the Centurion Bible wherever German soldiers are stationed.

Because of all the COVID restrictions, Herman has been sending Bibles through the mail and handing them off to Soldiers in public parking lots.

One such encounter that turned out to be very interesting was when he went to mail some Bibles, he discovered that the postal clerk was actually the mother of Philip,

*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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## COL(RET) HERMANN MEYER & PHILIPP'S MOTHER

one of the young cadets that was helping Hermann distribute the Bibles!

There was a time of rejoicing, sharing in Christian fellowship, and some prayers of thanksgiving in allowing their paths to cross!

Philip is helping to get these Bibles to troops who will deploy to Africa, Middle East, and Central Asia. He is convinced that the Holy Spirit is the One who " gives us divine encounters with people to effectively speak the gospel into their situations in life."

Like the apostle Philip, this Philipp is bringing people to Christ. (John 1:43-46). He also has joined the Cornelius Vereinigung and is looking forward to being a part of an active Bible study group at his next place of military service!

We pray "that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea!" (Habakkuk. 2:14)

