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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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"...for behold, I bring you **good news** of a great joy which shall be for all people; for today there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." **Luke 2:10-11**



Dick during last year's
Stuff a Stocking



Taking the Good News of God's Love to Russia and Abkhazia

Dick & our SOAR team are busily preparing for this year's Stuff a Stocking trip to reach out to orphans and at risk children in Russia and Abkhazia with true hope in Christ. We're excited!!! This year we have a special invitation to visit a remote isolated village in Abkhazia to give Stockings and Bibles to the children there! There is still time to sponsor a stocking with Bible. Go to www.stuffastocking.org!

You can also check out our SOAR Christmas gift catalog for your year end giving: <https://soarinternational.org/catalog>



Last year's Stuff a Stocking trip special highlight: Orphan graduates in Ryazan shared how Stuff a Stocking impacted them spiritually when they lived in the orphanage. Great encouragement as many stories were shared!!



MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- Last summer SOAR partnered with the Abkhazian churches to bring 19 orphans from the war zone in Ukraine for a two week Bible Camp in Abkhazia. Lives were impacted!
- Another SOAR highlight for Dick was traveling to Abkhazia in October. SOAR partners with the pastors there to hold two camps for disabled children and youth. Brings such joy to these kids (see picture to right).
- SOAR Missionaries Ruslan and Olya Mahotkin have moved (due to health reasons) to Chaplygin, Russia to plant a church there expanding SOAR's outreach in Russia!
- A big answer to prayer - God has brought SOAR a gifted young couple that have lightened our work load. We have another family coming next June! We thank God for all of our staff!!!





COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS!!

We are greatly blessed to have Scott (son) & family living next door - such joy!! Scott works with us at SOAR while Steph homeschools Jayden, Rosie and Gracie. They continue to run Page of Joy (pageofjoy.com) creatively producing some great encouragement tools as well as Christmas gift ideas. My favorite is the amazing 2020 daily personal planner Steph designed - it's fabulous! Check it out!

We treasure our yearly trip to North Carolina to visit Kevin (son), Rebecca & Lydia, Levi, Heidi, Bryan, Titus, Seth, Lucy, Greta and Alex. Such happy memories together!! Kevin was promoted to Controller at 1800Packrat, a portable moving and storage industry with over 1000 employees. Rebecca is an amazing mom & homeschool teacher! They live on a mini-farm with lots of animals, including peacocks!



Joy to the World! The Lord has come!!

How we love this time of year as we focus on God's great gift of love to us in sending Jesus who is the Savior of the world!

Let's light the tree and remember with gratefulness the amazing GIFT of His salvation to us!!

Sharing this Good News is the joy of our lives and our SOAR ministry!! We thank God for you and your part in our lives.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray as Dick travels to Russia and Abkhazia in January to stay well.
- Pray for SOAR's Gospel outreach into this remote Abkhazian village
- Pray for the children who receive Bibles & hear the Gospel during Stuff a Stocking
- Pray for a Pastor for Provideniya
- Pray for wisdom for Dick and health for both of us.

PRAISE

- God has brought new staff to SOAR!! We praise Him!
- For lives changed because of Christ!

We wish you a Christ-centered Christmas that exalts Him through the season!!

Our love,

Dick and Kathy Page

