

2020 Stuff a Stocking Update

Pskhu Village, Abkhazia



"The Christmas 2019/2020 due solely supported SOAR Mission , with God's help, we succeeded for the first time to visit a missionary Charitable evangelism farthest Abkhaz settlement Pskhu in the Caucasus Mountains."

By: **Bishop Ivan Chekhunov**
(Second from the Left in the picture)

St. Petersburg

The stockings were ready for delivery when we arrived in St. Petersburg. It would just be matter of visiting the orphanages and distributing the stockings. But, a last minute request by two orphanages, run by the police asked for a visit from the church with stockings for the kids in addition to the scheduled orphanages. No problem, 200 more stockings were stuffed and the team split to cover these additional orphanages. In St. Petersburg, Richard Page would preform a few magic tricks which illustrate the saving message we have through Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection. But, since Richard couldn't be in two places at once, the solution was to teach me, Wendell, some of the tricks. The night before splitting the team Richard taught Wendell 6 illusions and the messages that go with each one. Richard and Timothy Kampen had a good laugh at the blunders Wendell was making as he practiced. Wendell spent a restless night going over the illusions and the messages with each one. The next day after a 3 hour trip to the orphanage and some last minute practices, he was ready! The look on the faces of the kids says it all. The gospel message was shared, the kids were amazed and Wendell slept well that night!



Stockings are stuffed.



How did you do that?



Wendell's first performance.

Ryazan

"8 years ago the Lord had His will to make acquaintance with brothers and sisters from the blessed organization SOAR International. We are grateful to the Lord for this Christmas project "Stuff A Stocking" which we have accomplished with our friends for the orphan kids in Ryazan region."
By: Pastor Anatoly Redin



Children at an orphanage receiving the coloring pages that the kids from Houston Christian School colored for them.



Houston Christian School kids coloring pages and writing letters to the kids in the Russian orphanages

The kids at Houston Christian School wrote some fun letters that were given to children at an orphanage near St. Petersburg. Most, if not all of the letters were



The group picture after one of the orphanages receive the stockings.

responded to. One little Russian girl wrote a 1 1/2 page letter back. We are eagerly waiting for the letters to be translated to English so that the HCS students can see what their Russian friends said to them!

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