

# Merry Christmas! 2023



## Family

It's always a great joy for Heather and I when all the kids are home. We celebrated the marriage of Cy and Shraddha this past August and enjoyed time with Sadie, Emily and Phil as we all gathered together. **Thank you Lord for our Family.**



## Sadie

Sadie is currently attending Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Boulder, Colorado. She is enjoying the opportunity to learn from a variety of accomplished chefs and expanding her skills in pastry arts. We wish we could be there to enjoy her creations. We are so excited to see her pursuing her passion for baking and we continue to ask God to direct her life and bring her closer to Him.

## Cy and Shraddha

Cy and Shraddha were married August 5 in a small, beautiful backyard ceremony at Shraddha's home. What a joy to

see these two young people joined together in the eyes of our Lord. They are currently living and going to school in Anchorage so we get to see them often.



### Emily and Phil

Emily and Phil live in Smithers BC. Needless to say we don't get to see them very often. But when we do it is always filled with laughter and joy. Emily was able to come out for Sadie's graduation in May and they both came to Alaska for the wedding in August.



### Wendell and Heather

Heather and I are adjusting to a much quieter home but Cy left his husky, Kyah to keep us company and make sure she takes us for a walk everyday. After many years living far away from family, Heather has been able to spend quite a bit of time helping her parents with some health concerns the last few months. This has been an incredible gift to be able to spend this time with them.

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### Stuff a Stocking

Since 2002 SOAR has shared the Gospel with thousands of orphans and children in need of Hope. Over the years this project has expanded from Russia to Abkhazia, Moldova and Ukraine. Again this January 7, 2024 SOAR will be working with pastors to bring Joy and the saving knowledge of Christ to thousands of children as our partners share stockings in these countries. Each stocking contains a Bible, gifts, treats and needed items of clothing.



You can give to Stuff a Stocking at this link.

## SOAR's 25th Anniversary



SOAR has had the privilege to come alongside many pastors in Russia and Abkhazia for 25 years. As a result of those partnerships many children and adults have heard the Gospel message of Christ.

SOAR celebrated God's faithfulness on September 16th at Soldotna Bible Chapel. Dick and Kathy Page were recognized for forty-seven years of ministry and founding SOAR twenty-five years ago. What a joy it is to serve alongside such a strong and committed couple.

For more information about SOAR follow the link below:

[SOAR International Ministries](#)

### Prayer Request:

- SOAR's Stuff a Stocking ministry in Russia, Abkhazia, Moldova and Ukraine
- SOAR's building projects in Alaska.
- Additional support for Heather and I

### Praises:

- Cy and Shraddha's wedding
- Sadie doing well at school in CO
- A great SOAR staff to work alongside

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**Thank you for all of your encouragement, friendship, prayers and support!**



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