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MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the Pages



Now may the God of *hope* fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in *hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



Merry Christmas dear friends & family

Christmas is the Season of HOPE. We pause to ponder God’s great LOVE for us in sending Christ. Our HOPE (our confident expectation) is not in things we see or own, but it is in this Child of Promise, the Prince of Peace whose birth we celebrate. Our Lord is our HOPE and His unfailing Word provides DIRECTION along life’s path, COMFORT in loss, and HOPE in difficult trials or pain. He is our only dependable anchor in life. He is the Good News of Great Joy!!

Bringing Hope & Joy to Orphans and Refugees

Our SOAR staff is now preparing for our Stuff a Stocking outreach in January! This yearly project brings Christmas joy & hope to children as we pass out Stockings with Bibles and share the amazing TRUE Christmas story of Christ’s coming to earth to pay the price for our sin.

We are excited that our SOAR team will travel to Moldova to take Stockings and Bibles to Ukrainian refugee children as well as other needy kids who have been through such hardship & difficulties. Our team has also been invited to take this outreach into Transnistria, so pray with us about this great opportunity!

Because of the Russia/Ukraine war, SOAR is still not traveling to Russia, but our partners continue taking Stuff a Stocking to orphanages and other needy kids.



**We still need 1500 stockings to reach our goal.
Want to help? Go to www.stuffastocking.org.**



Wendell & Heather Garrison

Passing the Baton

On January 1st Wendell Garrison will become SOAR’s new Director/ President as Dick passes the baton and becomes President Emeritus of SOAR. Wendell and his wife Heather are a fabulous dedicated couple and the transition is going great. We plan to remain on staff with SOAR helping with recruitment & fundraising and hopefully travel on ministry trips.





SOAR team in Oshkosh

Prayer Requests for SOAR

In July our SOAR team had a booth in the missionary aviation tent at EAA Airventure in Oshkosh, WI. One goal while there was recruitment as SOAR needs **additional staff**. Pray with us for this need!

Renton Bible Church from WA sent a wonderful team in August who accomplished much on our **office remodel**. We were all encouraged! Please pray we can complete this big project. Let us know if you would like to help.

The Blessing of Family

Scott (son), Stephanie and their five have lived in Idaho for a year now & love their little farm, the sunset views, their warm church & the milder weather. They thank God for protecting them when a fire began on a neighbor's property and the wind pushed it in their direction. Church friends housed them when they were evacuated. Gratefully the wind turned directions & their house, animals and property were protected with no damage.



This Christmas we are in Idaho celebrating with them. In about a year we hope to move to Idaho to live near them. So we appreciate your prayers as we navigate these changes in life, pack up nearly 50 years of "stuff" and prepare our house to sell.



Kevin (son) and Rebecca and their 11 children continue living in NC on their small farm. Kevin continues his job as VP of Finance at 1-800-PACKRAT and works mainly from home. Levi (18) graduated from high school last May. We eagerly anticipate our next visit to their home in May 2025.

Rich and Diana (Kathy's sister) Hay and their kids, Jonathan & Erica and Holly & Brent visited us in May. They toured some gorgeous areas of Alaska and spent time with us in Soldotna as well!!! This picture shows them enjoying the Kenai Fjords boat cruise out of Seward. We made happy fun memories during their visit!!



Our hearts are full of gratitude to God for this Christmas season when we focus on our Lord Jesus who came for us! And we thank Him for our wonderful family and friends who pray for us, love us and support our personal ministry and the ministry of SOAR. You are a gift to us that we treasure. We are blessed! THANK YOU!!

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Merry Christmas!

With warmest love & best wishes for 2025 to you, our dear friends & family!

Dick and Kathy Page