

Winter 2024



Visit from the Potekins

Kirill and Nastia Potekin, our good friends and translators from Russia, who now live in London came for a short visit back in September. We were able to show them a little bit of Alaska and can't wait until they come back for another visit. Nastia will be able to join us for our *Stuff a Stocking* trip to Moldova this coming January.



SOAR's *Stuff a Stocking*

Heather and I are getting ready to lead a team to Moldova, Ukraine and possibly into the area known as Transnistria. Transnistria is a sliver of land, which is Russian occupied, in the country of Moldova on the border of Ukraine. SOAR has been invited to take stockings from our *Stuff a Stocking* project into a church there and distribute them to the kids. We will accompany Vitaly and Kristina from Voice of Truth church in Chisinau, Moldova to churches around Moldova, and if possible, into Transnistria.



into Moldova on the 2nd of January. We return home to Anchorage on the 14th. We hope to be able to take 1500 *stockings* with at least 500 of those going into Ukraine. The team consists of Jan & Mary who are 81 years young, from Washington and Michigan. Roman & Tiernan, brothers from Idaho, who will be documenting the trip for us. Rounding out our team of 7 is Nastia, she and her husband Kirill (pictured above) are originally from Moscow, Russia and have been our translators to Russia & Abkhazia for many years. The team from the US will meet in Seattle before flying to London where Nastia will join us.



Would you consider giving to *Stuff a Stocking* here:

Give a Stocking

Family

Emily and Phil remain in Smithers, British Columbia enjoying the outdoors skiing, biking and fishing. Cy and Shraddha have moved to Frederick, Colorado where Shraddha has begun her Culinary training at the same school in Boulder, CO that Sadie attended last year. Sadie has finished her Pastry Arts training and is working as a pastry chef, and renting a place of her own. Heather spent a few weeks visiting her parents in North Dakota for Thanksgiving. I took a couple of weeks back in October to help Cy and Shraddha move to Colorado.



Camping in Whitehorse, Yukon
Traveling from Alaska to Colorado



SOAR International

A special thank you to the team from Renton Bible Church for the help with SOAR's remodel project. What a tremendous blessing they were.



Prayer Requests:

- God's hand upon the war in Ukraine and in Israel.
- That kids in Ukraine, Moldova, Russia and Abkhazia would come to know Jesus as Lord.
- Team traveling to Moldova.

Praises:

- Renton Bible Church Work Team.
- Safe travel for Cy and Shraddha to Colorado.

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

