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To God  
be the Glory!



An update  
from the Pages

## SOAR TO SOCHI, RUSSIA

*That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:2*

### Highlights from Sochi outreach

What a privilege it was to assist Russian pastors and believers in a major outreach to their people during the 2014 Winter Olympics in February. Dick flew to Sochi in late January for final preparations for SOAR's FunZone outreach in Sochi's Central & Mountain zones.



God provided amazing team members from the US, Canada, So. Africa & Russia to share the Gospel through puppet shows, Bible stories, crafts like Wordless book bracelets, gospel object lessons, music, face painting and more.



One of SOAR's Fun Zones

Each day over 300 Russian men, women & children came to SOAR's **FunZones** (located on church grounds). Some had never been to the church before nor even knew it existed.

After the Olympic outreach concluded, people began attending the churches & some couples/families have asked for counsel. The churches are also continuing to reach out to the children & youth.



We thank God for our Pastor John Rysdyk from Alaska who joined our first two teams. He had the privilege to preach and teach a Bible study in the Russian churches. He also led our daily SOAR team devotions.



While in Sochi our teams gave away 100's of SOAR **pins** to visitors with an explanation of the gospel in both Russian and English.

### Praises & Prayer

- We thank God for those who heard the Gospel & responded to it. Pray for all who came to the FunZones.
- Pray for the Sochi pastors & believers who are standing strong in persecution and are continuing the work.
- We thank God for safety during over three weeks of ministry in spite of terrorist threats.
- Please pray for the tensions between Russia/Ukraine. Dick has key decisions re. SOAR's summer ministry.

Due to the unrest in Ukraine, we are grateful for the assistance of Russian partners and pastors who distributed our Baskets of Hope/ Bibles this year in orphanages outside the Moscow area. Please continue to pray for the precious needy children who heard the HOPE filled Gospel presentation of Christ's death and resurrection!!

*Baskets of Hope*



Far East Update



Ruslan & Olya Mahotkin, SOAR missionaries in Provideniya will travel in May to Moldova to register their new baby, Elijah (required by the Russian government). They have had many struggles this winter so please pray for the Mahotkin's as they travel, rest and refresh, visit family, and get further pastoral training. Pray also for the Provideniya church in their absence that they will remain strong.

family update



Kevin & Rebecca expect a baby girl in August! JOY!!

Seth, Lydia, Heidi, Bryan, Levi & Titus on Easter (No. Carolina)



Scott, Stephanie & Jayden (3) Easter memories in Alaska



Papa's birthday hug from Jayden.

NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?

*Trust God in the present*

*Hope in Him for the future*

*Honor Him every day every moment we are on earth.*

*Live in awe of our Lord and His redemption.*

----from our Pastor John Rysdyk's  
Easter sermon

This has been one of the most intense years of our lives, but God's strength, grace & provision have been there through each step! Thank you for your support, prayers & encouragement! Please pray for God's wisdom in SOAR's ministry, in health situations & in our need to reroof our home!

Happy Spring!

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*We thank God for you!*

*Serving together,*

*Dick & Kathy Page*