



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Dear Family and Friends,

Hello from Space!

The year 2023 is inevitably reaching a close. The Srinivasa family has had an exciting year, including the adventures of Missy's Siberian Husky, Leon Barkley. Here's an update on all the family's doings and whereabouts.

Next week I will finally return to Earth after a very long but productive 18 months in space. I must tell you that living on the ISS is not as romantic as it may seem. Certainly, the lure of the unknown and the ability to work on the threshold of new scientific ideas is unparalleled. Plus, the camaraderie that has developed amongst the crew has been exceptional (albeit with some tension). The collaboration has given us confidence and faith that mankind's future is bright.

I have been able to successfully conduct scientific experiments that are providing a wealth of information which will support innovative ideas and technologies for life in the outer solar system. Sure, the drudgery of the daily routine, sleeping arrangements, and separation from family can indeed interfere with the work. But as a professional this "hardship" is secondary. The maintenance of the station and its complex systems is demanding especially if systems need replacement or unexpectedly fail. These events do provide unanticipated problems that help us design better systems for future missions.

If I were to have one complaint it would be housekeeping duties, especially when rotation involves the toilet. In the end it all balances out, especially when there is a required EVA (extra vehicular activity) to repair station hull damage due to the many fine micrometeorites and dust that constantly bombard the craft.

As alluded to above, the crew has been terrific but since the conflict in the Ukraine arose, tensions between the Americans, Europeans and the Russians have emerged. The war in Ukraine and the vicious attack on Israel and the resulting conflict has increased mistrust. Still, we are steadfast in our professionalism without disruption to the essential work we are here to do.

Finally, I do want to say that seeing the beauty of blue planet Earth and its swirling white clouds through our viewports or while floating out in the emptiness of Space is awe inspiring and will never be forgotten. We are indeed a lucky species to have this warm wonderful world as home. Let's protect it!

But enough about me. My wife Cybil and Missy and Tarak are all doing very well.

Cybil's business has exceeded expectations with a client base of well over 100,000 users. Her staff has done an impressive job managing the tech aspects of the business, which has allowed Cybil to focus on marketing strategies while addressing the regulatory hurdles in developing markets. Her research work at the Max Planck Institute and the network she developed with key opinion leaders have helped ease many challenges.



*Additionally, the positive press and customer feedback has been invaluable. The latest update to the iWear implantable will allow a user automatic cerebral downloads. I would share more but it is all proprietary right now. However, if you are thinking of Christmas gift for your college-age children reach out to Cybil who can facilitate beta versions prior to launch. These will be offered free of charge and will be fully upgradable once the market ready device is launched. No changes are required to existing skull plugs.*

*Missy has become an integral part of Taylor Swift's incredible stardom. She is a true Swifty, co-writing many of the hit songs. As a result, they are not only great friends but tremendous business partners. I am so proud of her achievement.*

*You are all aware that Cybil and I were hoping Missy would pursue a scientific career rather than major in Music, but she did show innate talent from a young age. When she was accepted at the Juilliard School her life was transformed. Now we are only hoping she meets an eligible life partner as we would love to be grandparents. But she tells us she is too busy with travel and side projects to even think of settling down. She has been smart with her finances and managed to purchase a beautiful cliffside bungalow with dronepad on the Java Coast overlooking the Pacific. The pad is large enough to park her new autonomous X3.iA flier.*

*Oh, and she told me that if you are looking for concert tickets, reach out to her. She can probably even get you backstage to meet Taylor.*

*Tarak is doing well but, like me, the family has not seen him for months since accepting the Director of Research and Innovation at the underwater facility in the Mariana Trench. His research in deep water marine biological systems may lead to the extension of human life well beyond 100 years. This immunoglobulin coenzyme discovery has been widely recognized by the scientific community as having great potential. Word is he may be considered for the Nobel Prize in physiology. He surfaces monthly as a lecturer but can otherwise be reached at [DrTarak.Srinivasa@CelluLife.com](mailto:DrTarak.Srinivasa@CelluLife.com).*

*Lastly, due to Missy's extensive travel schedule Leon Barkley needed more care and attention. She reached out concerned and I suggested she send him up to the station on the next shuttle mission. Yes, we have an animal program since we know that humans cannot go anywhere without their Best Friend! It was arranged and Leon was flown up on a recent Blue Origen flight. I have to tell you he arrived totally terrified, pupils dilated, shackles up, panting and drooling. Then a few days after his arrival Leon managed to escape his tether leaving a large number 2 in one of the modules. I was entering data as a long cigar shaped poop floated between me and the com screen. I reacted quickly and captured it. However, I suspect there may be more bits and hope they are found before landing on a crew member's face.*

*On behalf of the family may you all have a Happy Holiday Season, filled with Peace, Joy and Prosperity.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*The Srinivasa Family: Jitesh, Cybil, Missy and Tarak!*