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00:00:03,270 --> 00:00:02,149
hi my name is dan burbank and i'm

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00:00:05,110 --> 00:00:03,280
talking to you from aboard the

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00:00:06,869 --> 00:00:05,120
international space station as commander

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00:00:08,470 --> 00:00:06,879
of expedition 30.

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00:00:10,230 --> 00:00:08,480
holidays spent away from family and

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00:00:11,990 --> 00:00:10,240
friends especially when you're thousands

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00:00:13,749 --> 00:00:12,000
of miles away and in our case hundreds

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00:00:15,829 --> 00:00:13,759
of miles above the surface of the planet

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00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:15,839
can be a little tough sometimes but we

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00:00:19,590 --> 00:00:17,760
know that in our case in a very real

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00:00:20,790 --> 00:00:19,600
sense we're not far from those who care

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00:00:22,870 --> 00:00:20,800
about us

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00:00:24,790 --> 00:00:22,880

for one thing we have hundreds of people

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00:00:28,070 --> 00:00:24,800

worldwide and control centers watching

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00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:28,080

over us and our space station 24 7.

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00:00:31,109 --> 00:00:29,760

and we also know that our families and

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00:00:33,910 --> 00:00:31,119

friends are thinking about us and

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:33,920

supporting us every step of the way

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00:00:38,310 --> 00:00:36,480

my crewmates anton shkaplerov

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00:00:40,869 --> 00:00:38,320

anatoly ivanishin and i have been living

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00:00:42,790 --> 00:00:40,879

aboard space station for nearly a month

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00:00:46,549 --> 00:00:42,800

it's been a very busy but wonderful

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00:00:48,150 --> 00:00:46,559

experience iss is designed for a crew of

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00:00:49,590 --> 00:00:48,160

six so we've been at half strength for

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00:00:51,350 --> 00:00:49,600

quite a while now

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00:00:52,869 --> 00:00:51,360
that's about to change next week when

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00:00:55,590 --> 00:00:52,879
we're joined by our friends and

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00:00:57,029 --> 00:00:55,600
crewmates oleg kononenko andre kuipers

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00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:57,039
and don pettit

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00:01:01,189 --> 00:00:59,199
with their arrival iss will be back at

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00:01:03,590 --> 00:01:01,199
full strength but will also have three

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00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:03,600
good friends uh to join us

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00:01:06,950 --> 00:01:05,280
will also happen just in time for the

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00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:06,960
holidays the christmas and new year's

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00:01:10,390 --> 00:01:08,159
holidays we've already put up

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00:01:12,310 --> 00:01:10,400
decorations and we've gathered together

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00:01:14,630 --> 00:01:12,320
all the cards and gifts that our friends

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00:01:16,710 --> 00:01:14,640

and families have sent to us and we're

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00:01:18,870 --> 00:01:16,720

planning a couple of very big meals that

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00:01:21,670 --> 00:01:18,880

that'll be great and we'll celebrate the

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:21,680

holidays in uh in great fashion after

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00:01:28,950 --> 00:01:26,469

to see planet earth

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00:01:30,870 --> 00:01:28,960

from above from the vantage point of

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:30,880

space is an incredible experience and

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:32,479

we're very fortunate to be able to do

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00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:33,280

that

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00:01:37,990 --> 00:01:35,280

this planet of ours is indescribably

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:38,000

beautiful when seen from above

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:40,320

in my opinion photographs just don't do

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00:01:43,910 --> 00:01:42,000

it justice

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00:01:45,190 --> 00:01:43,920
a couple of nights ago at the end of the

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00:01:47,190 --> 00:01:45,200
workday

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00:01:49,429 --> 00:01:47,200
the three of us were in the cupola

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00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:49,439
taking turns sharing the view

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00:01:53,670 --> 00:01:51,520
and that's a room that we have in one of

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:53,680
the modules about midway down the stack

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00:01:58,550 --> 00:01:56,000
of the space station it's got a 360

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00:01:59,990 --> 00:01:58,560
degree view and you can see thousands of

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00:02:03,590 --> 00:02:00,000
miles of the earth's surface from a

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00:02:05,830 --> 00:02:03,600
horizon to horizon to horizon to horizon

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00:02:07,830 --> 00:02:05,840
and it was nighttime and we're flying up

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00:02:08,790 --> 00:02:07,840
the east coast the united states and we

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00:02:11,430 --> 00:02:08,800

could see

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00:02:13,510 --> 00:02:11,440

from florida to cape cod massachusetts

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00:02:15,190 --> 00:02:13,520

we could see from washington d.c to

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00:02:17,190 --> 00:02:15,200

chicago illinois

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00:02:19,510 --> 00:02:17,200

and then within about 10 minutes we were

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00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:19,520

flying over the north atlantic and the

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00:02:23,830 --> 00:02:21,520

aurora borealis the northern lights were

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00:02:25,270 --> 00:02:23,840

putting on a spectacular show

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00:02:27,350 --> 00:02:25,280

and then a few minutes later we were

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00:02:30,070 --> 00:02:27,360

flying over the swiss alps still night

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00:02:31,350 --> 00:02:30,080

time and then over the mediterranean

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00:02:33,509 --> 00:02:31,360

and

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00:02:34,470 --> 00:02:33,519

to me it looked as if the northern

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00:02:39,990 --> 00:02:34,480

lights

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00:02:42,869 --> 00:02:40,000

on both sides of the atlantic

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00:02:43,990 --> 00:02:42,879

and i couldn't help but think what many

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00:02:44,869 --> 00:02:44,000

of

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00:02:46,710 --> 00:02:44,879

the

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00:02:48,309 --> 00:02:46,720

previous space fliers have thought i

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00:02:50,790 --> 00:02:48,319

think and said before

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00:02:53,030 --> 00:02:50,800

and that is that this planet is

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00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:53,040

unimaginably beautiful

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00:02:56,630 --> 00:02:54,959

and it's peaceful and it's serene when

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00:02:58,070 --> 00:02:56,640

you look at it from plant from from

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00:03:01,750 --> 00:02:58,080

space

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00:03:03,350 --> 00:03:01,760

and that night pass to us seemed like

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00:03:05,910 --> 00:03:03,360

a holiday greeting card the most

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00:03:07,910 --> 00:03:05,920

beautiful one you could imagine

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:07,920

so on behalf of the expedition 30 crew

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00:03:13,350 --> 00:03:10,080

aboard the international space station

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00:03:15,750 --> 00:03:13,360

we wish everyone on planet earth a happy