

Ministry Report: Summary of BUR Activities & Outreach for 2011

Summary: God has opened a wide door for us to return in fruitful service to several dark regions of the Middle East. We continue to be musicianaries at home and abroad.

In 2004, God told us to follow Him into dark places and release the fragrance of His presence—and *He would cause His glory to dwell in our land!* (Ps 85:9-13). This year the door opened for Bahrain, but was put on hold because of the recent riots there. Then we sensed God's kairos time for Turkey—and that it was strategically linked to our own country. Then suddenly after a whirlwind tour of 4 local churches, we had an opportunity to obey and go—which we did! The following is an executive summary of BUR activities & outreach, including highlights from our middle-east (ME) trip to Turkey & Bahrain.

Highlights of the year at a glance include:

- **BUR Daily/Weekly Prayer Services and Musical Training** (Jan—Present)
- **Winter & Tour Highlights** (December 1, 4, 11)
- **Family Music Recording** (Feb 5, 9)
- **Spring Local Church Fundraising Tour** (April 11—19)
- **Middle East Ministry Trip** (April 29—May 29)
- **Summer Ministry & Activity Highlights** (June—August)

BUR Daily/Weekly Prayer Services and Musical Training (Jan—Present)

We are seeing encouraging signs of a growing prayer culture in the Heritage (former PTL) area. One of our ministry goals is to help facilitate a continuous prayer “altar of incense” in Morningstar, which is the trans-local church with apostolic leadership in the region. A new pastor of prayer has been appointed at MS and discussion of a prayer room with set hours is in progress. Prayer leaders are engaging for training & activation.

Presently, we help with weekly community prayer at Morningstar (leading worship & prayer 1 to 2 times a month, including Samuel on Synth). Monthly we lead worship at the Morning Star Intercession Department meeting (every 3rd Sunday). We also host 2 to 3 soaking prayer sessions a week at our home (one is youth-led). (We're inquiring of the Lord if any or all of these home-based meetings should be shifted to MS.) We maintain family worship & musical prayer daily and are now in our 8th year of full-time ministry.

We continue to pray into a prayer & worship music school for this area. We are still in a foundation building stage, giving the larger effort to establishing continuous prayer in the region and to outreach (incl. ME/International). However, Tim & Melody are both teaching a core of older students (including our sons), grooming some of them for teaching the younger generation—to possibly help launch a school when the time is right. One of the highlights of the year was to see the old Upper Room Chapel purchased and restored for continuous prayer. We have established relationship with the owner who is in full support of the BUR music & prayer vision and has given us free use for recitals. (For more on this, see Upper Room Recital and New Orleans Suzuki Camp Report)

Winter & Tour Highlights (December 1, 4, 11)

At the end of 2010, (in 3 sessions over a span of 10 days), BUR conducted its first local music workshop for over 20 young people from the prayer community. The workshop