

Dear Friends,

January, 2017

Brock Update

We recently returned from our 1st "full" family tour in several years—which included Grandma Bunny! We shared with our friends & core supporters in a 3 week tour re-connecting with 7 churches in North/South Carolina & Florida (incl a special wedding in Tennessee). Grandma Bunny (88) kept right up & thoroughly enjoyed herself as we were so warmly embraced & extravagantly supported by our core churches. Among the many highlights was the opportunity to lead a worship set as a family in the newly finished Bob Jones Vision Center (Morning Star), culminating 7 years of worshipping with our dear friends in Fort Mill.

KC Suzuki Co-op & Worship Recital: This year marks our first Suzuki Group Classes & Worship Recital since returning to Kansas City, MO. The Brock Family & BUR students along with several other Suzuki teachers joined for a combined "Assisted Living Outreach" recital featuring classical, worship & jazz selections. (We now resume teaching, conducting bi-monthly watches & weekly prayer sets).

Samuel and John are back in college (Samuel anticipating his junior commercial violin recital mid-March & John now in his winter & spring football training). Joseph continues to develop his skill on cello (and football :). He is really enjoying the Daniel Academy and will be playing rec soccer this spring. Stephen had an amazing 3 month Thunder School (at The Foundry in Nashville—see attached). He now begins his journey into music school auditions—starting with master lessons in California (Alice Schoenfeld, USC & Lyndon Taylor, Principal 2nd for LA Phil).

Thoughts from the Prayer Room

So what time is it? "Light is sown like seed for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart." (Ps 97:11). Psalm 97 shows that light & gladness are things that we "sow" in the Spirit. As a decision of our will—regardless of the circumstances—when we choose to declare & rejoice, it is like seed unto a harvest of joy. It also reaps greater awareness (and all the benefits) of His presence. Declaring "High Praise" is one of the greatest expressions of faith. It says to God: "You are good, trustworthy and in control of all things, both personal and corporate (micro & macro). Its time to rejoice in the revelation of Him. High praise unlocks everything! (Ps 149:6)

Thoughts on the Election

Recently a man of God from Egypt shared in our worship & prayer (home) group. He gave his insights on the power of declaring the decrees of the Lord *before the dawn*. He went on to share how believers in Egypt were lead to do this. He saw 50,000 Christians unite to deliver their nation—within 3 days of becoming a caliphate in 2011 (google Cave Church 11/11/11). He, among many others from the Middle East, came to our home to share their concern for the US—feeling a burden to pray for our 2016 election. In summary, we were provoked to pray in earnest. I don't think we realize how close we came to losing our country. But something has shifted in the atmosphere over our nation—irregardless of how we voted—a shift has occurred that has opened the airwaves, inviting the counsel of God, who alone changes the epochs, times & seasons. "And it is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings...and "humbles those who walk in pride." (Dan 2:21a, 4:37)

Thanksgiving & Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for the awesome continuing support of our partners (many special offerings)
- Plans for our return to the Middle East (as early as this summer)
- Monthly provision (and boy's music lessons, college expenses and Melody & boy's dental)

Blessings and Peace, Tim, Melody & Family

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