

Brocks Upper Room 2020 Ministry Report

Executive Summary

Brocks Upper Room (BUR) is now in its 15th year! With the Corona Virus Pandemic, the BUR Suzuki Music & Worship School continued to offer both online & in-person master and group classes for violin, guitar and piano.

In August, BUR offered its first “Tiny House” Guitar Camp with Suzuki Master Teacher Bill Kossler. The camp began with Parent Education followed by 3 days of intensive training for children ages 5-9! BUR Summer Outreach also included memorials for Grandma Bunny (KC & FL), Waynesville NC House of Prayer, Fort Mill SC Prayer Community, Eden Homestead (Vero Bch FL) and Firestarters (Ottertail MN).

In November, (26-29), BUR returns to Ottertail to direct a “Kickstart” music camp to help birth a music school for young children (ages 5-14) and their families at the Firestarters ministry in MN.

In December (through Jan 9) We went back out on the road to revisit our ministry circuit in SC & FL and expanded our ministry to include the FL Keys (Spirit & Truth Church & FL Keys HOP) in Islamorada just west of Key Largo. (See Below for Ministry Report Updates & Details)

What's New?

Winter Tour to South Carolina & Florida (incl. Florida Keys) Dec 27—Jan 9, 2021

Brock Family at Christian Retreat, Bradenton

Our Winter Tour began in Fort Mill, SC at the Bob Jones Vision Center (Morning Star) and 2 home gatherings. Stephen (and his college friend, Gabe, who joined us on keyboard for the entire tour) alternated leading with Dad (Tim) Brock. Melody & Joseph provided musical atmosphere for encountering the Lord, giving numerous opportunities to play/pray as family over individuals for impartation & healing.

In Florida we ministered in home gatherings, churches and Houses of Prayer (HOPs) in St. Pete, Bradenton, Islamorada Key & Vero Beach. (Ulrich Home, Christian Retreat, Spirit & Truth Church [Keyes], FL Keys HOP, Vero Embassy HOP & Eden Homestead). In the Keys, one of the highlights was joining Pastor Marlin—known for spanning the Keys carrying a full-size cross & captaining small vessels to Cuba (in 12ft seas) to smuggle in Bibles! As we played (as a family) over one individual, she received healing from a 3 year trauma of losing her daughter in a tragic, untimely death. God cares!



Kickstart Music Camp at Firestarters Worship Center (FWC) Nov 27-29, (Ottertail, MN)

Tim, Melody, Stephen— along with 2 KC students joined Samuel & Zanny in Ottertail, MN to equip and inspire a new generation of beginners! FWC graciously hosted and provided a wonderful space for training 12 children & youth. The 3 day camp included master lessons (twice daily) in guitar, piano & violin. Classes included Rhythm/Note-reading/Theory (RNT), Team Worship (drum-circle), Group Ensemble and Parent Education. The camp culminated with an after-church recital for the congregation, family & friends featuring drum-circle, instrument ensembles and a final (all instrument) worship segment. It was amazing to see family & children progressing so quickly and all playing together in unified worship in the midst of the ongoing pandemic. Samuel and Zanny (now based in Ottertail) continue to teach these new students & more (online)!



BUR Tiny House Guitar Camp (Brock Home, Aug 11-14)

BUR had its 1st “Tiny House” Suzuki Guitar Camp (SGC) with Bill Kossler, Mark Hendrickson, Samuel, Stephen, Melody & Tim Brock. Seven students were taught in master & group classes, including two new 5 year-olds! Camp included a Parent Education Class & Faculty Recital, Rhythm, Note-reading & Theory (RNT) classes and worship classes. The camp culminated with a final student worship recital at a local business office, Nation’s Roofing. (Aug 14)



BUR “Tiny House” Guitar Camp with Bill Kossler (Aug 11-14, Kansas City MO)

Drumeo Conference, Vancouver BC (Feb 21-23)

Stephen & Dad Brock attended a powerful drum-set clinic in Vancouver BC (just before the pandemic). Over 10 big-name drummers played back to back for 2-3 consecutive days. Many new contacts and drum friends were made and Stephen won the Paradiddle Competition!

While in Vancouver, we connected with the Chinese church that hosted the IHOP-KC Convergence Conference with 1000 Chinese (David Damien, The Gathering).



BUR Community Worship & Prayer Meetings

First BUR Zoom (Online) Soaking Sets Initiated (Mar/April/May)

With the virus lock-down, and our entire family (and fiancés) all staying in KC, BUR initiated Zoom (online) soaking sets with friends and partners in South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Washington DC. The sets included live music, corporate ascent (in the word & worship) leading into intercession and sharing. (It was an awesome opportunity to reconnect with dear friends—some not seen in several years)

BUR Weekly (USA & Middle East) Watches & Monthly Gatherings (w/ Children) in KC

We continue to host weekly music & prayer watches and monthly family-led worship gatherings that *now include music school children* in our KC Home. The weekly watches are strategic gatherings of Egyptians, Chinese/Indonesian & Americans—seasoned prayer missionaries that bring their unique perspectives. These “glory” meetings continue to be more & more engaging!

BUR Suzuki & Worship School of Music (BUR SOM)

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Brocks Upper Room Suzuki & Worship School of Music (SOM) continued classes from January 6 through Dec 22nd, including July/Aug (new student) Intensives in guitar & piano. The Music School featured master and group classes in violin, guitar and piano. Group classes included rhythm, note reading and theory (RNT) culminating with solo & group recitals in Oct and Dec. Also included were 3 Worship nights that provided opportunity for students to broaden their worship experience & improvisation skills.

Music School Suzuki Book 1 Graduations & Student Recitals:

Three BUR students (2 guitar & 1 piano) completed their Suzuki Book 1 Graduations this year!!! Justice Thomas (July 30), Elly Dech (Aug 5) and Hannah Hawn (Sept 12).

After spring Zoom lessons, Student Solo Violin, Piano & Guitar Recitals were conducted in-person in both May and October (Brock Home & Nations Roofing)



BUR Student Guitar Recital (Oct 29, 6:30pm, Brock Home, KC MO)



Student Solo Piano & Violin Recitals (Oct 24, 4pm, Brock Home, KC MO)

Here are some other 2020 Highlights:

Dorthy Delay Memorial Recital (May 26, 10:30am, Lauren Fraiser Home, KC)

Melody dusted off some beautiful violin pieces to conduct a Dorthy Delay Memorial Concert for Dorthy Delay's sister in Kansas City. (Dorthy Delay was a famous teacher at the Julliard School, NYC). The Concert featured 2nd movement selections and never-heard-before "sister stories."

Joseph Brock Senior Cello Recital (June 20, 1pm, St Catherine's Catholic Church, KC)

Joseph culminated his high school graduation by giving a Cello Concert sharing solo & ensemble, both classical & jazz selections). Concert featured the Bach Cello Suite in G Major and an original jazz tune, The Green Gorilla, by (and performed with) his brother Stephen. (His teacher, Alan Probus, a member of the Kansas City Symphony, has taught Joseph for 5 years).

Edith "Bunny" Brock KC/FL Memorials (June 6, IHOPU, KC & July 11, Dade City FL)

Grandma Bunny's passing on June 2, gave opportunity for worship & testimony ministry in both KC and FL. The Brock family shared a musical remembrance of hymns, classical & fiddle favorites. Each family member & several friends gave testimony of her 91 years of love & service as a minister's wife and nurse. (Both services were "in-person" miracles in the midst of pandemic gathering restrictions). Her remains now join with Tim's dad (Al Brock) at the National Cemetery in Bushnell FL.

BUR US (South East) Ministry & Memorial Tour, NC, SC, FL, AL & TN (July 4--July 17)

The Brock family did outreach, before and after the FL memorial, in worship and musical prayer at the Fig Tree HOP (Waynesville NC), the Fort Mill SC prayer community (McCains) and "The Gate" prayer community (Vero Beach FL). The Gate Prayer community includes many former Wash DC Gatekeepers that continue to intercede for key government officials & offices. (It was a privilege to join them on a small ranch (Eden Homestead) that combines discipleship with gardening). Our final outreach was with 2 dear partner/couples. (Birmingham AL / Memphis TN)

Brock Wedding Heaven (Oct 17-18, 3:30pm Raymore MO & Nov 21, 2:30pm Olathe KS)

A pandemic "silver lining" was the relocation of our oldest son's wedding to Missouri! The Samuel Brock/Suzanne Roberts wedding included old-fashioned "Barn-raising" style gatherings to help renovate an old barn to become a functioning wedding venue. Folks from the community (incl Suzanne's Canadian family) helped build benches, install ceilings & a new barn door. The destination wedding featured a night of worship with the entire Brock family (and a few friends from Israel).

Another pandemic "silver-lining" features our 2nd son, who also ties the knot! The John Brock/Lydia Bancroft wedding also held in a large Barn venue on the Kansas side, includes family & friends from Texas, South Carolina, Florida, incl friends from John & Lydia's "missional" church community in KC/MO! Both John and Lydia will live & work in Olathe, Kansas, working as a physical trainer (John) and a 4th grade public school teacher (Lydia). John & Lydia met in Fort Mill SC and had their 1st date at the prom—which makes them high school sweet hearts!