

2017 BUR Ministry Report: (Incl. Dec 2016 Suzuki Recital in KC & Winter Tour)

Executive Summary:

"I will shift the season when the time-change occurs" (A Word that came in our home worship gathering on Nov 6, 2016 right after last year's Annual Board Meeting on Nov 4, 2016). For the BUR ministry, it has been a continual acceleration of activity since receiving that word on Nov 6!

This past June, for the first time since 2013, the entire Brock family returned to Israel to minister in concerts, music training and worship! Concerts included playing for a certain Suzuki program in Tivon, back to back outdoor concerts in the upper Galilee and Concerts of Worship in the City of David and Bethlehem.



Brock Family in Bethlehem June, 2017

There's a [fresh] wind a blowin...Brock Family Returns to the Middle East

In Bethlehem, 2013, Melody had the opportunity to give a young Muslim dentist his first violin lesson. He had been wanting to play all of his life, and finally he had the chance to actually hold a real violin, and draw the bow across the strings. (Learning western musical instruments is not common in the Arab community). We felt to bring a violin over to him as a gift. We wanted to get him an excellent quality instrument, so that it would be easier to produce a beautiful sound. Unfortunately, we could not locate him, and will wait until another "God-time" opportunity.

Also this past June, a National Suzuki Teacher brought her Suzuki Institute to IHOPU June 3-9. (Melody helped land this music camp which included Harp & Bowl classes by Mark Hendrickson). Many IHOPKC families benefited who graciously received scholarships/aid from BUR partners). Later, (in Aug) several of these IHOP families/ children continued in our 1st BUR Summer Music Intensive in KC!

This Fall, after the BUR Summer Music Intensive, BUR launched a Suzuki Music School for Violin & Guitar. The Fall semester (Sept 4 through Dec 18) offered Teacher Training for Teenagers (TTT), master and group classes for violin & guitar (Bk 1), worship & improvisation classes and a Christmas Outreach Concert on Dec 17 at Villa Ventura Retirement Center.



BUR Guitar Group Class (5 year-old students from Summer Intensive)

Also this fall, Stephen Brock (19) received a full tuition scholarship in the Jazz Studies Program on drum-set at University of Missouri, (UMKC)

BUR Overview of 2017 Activities

BUR Fall Outreach:

- Brock Family at Awaken the Dawn: 3—5am Night Watch Sets (Oct 6-9, Wash D.C.)
- BUR Worship Outreach in ME & Med Rim (Oct 24-Nov 11 incl. 24/7 Burn in Athens Gr)
- BUR Suzuki Parent Meeting for Fall Semester (4:15pm, Sept 16, Brock Home)
- Violin Suzuki Teacher Training for Teens (Sept 9, 16, 23, 3-5:15pm, Brock Home)
- Violin & Guitar Group Classes (Oct 1, Oct 21, Dec 2, 3-4pm, Brock Home)
- Worship & Improv Group Classes (Oct 21, Dec 2, 4:15-5:15pm, Brock Home)
- BUR Suzuki Christmas Concert (Sunday, Dec 17, 2pm, Villa Ventura KC MO)
- Bi-Monthly (USA & Middle East) Watches in IHOP homes from 7-9pm.

Ongoing / Current Activities:

- Daily Harp & Bowl (H&B) worship as a family
- Bi-Monthly (USA & Middle East) Watches in homes from 7-9pm. Cross-generational (international) families & seasoned intercessors in corporate ascent with the word, spontaneous music & prayer
- BUR Suzuki Music School: Teaching children/youth Suzuki violin & guitar
- Weekly Worship & Intercession (Arabic) Sets at the All Nations Prayer Room (IHOP-KC) (Brock Family, Tues, 4pm to 6pm, Central)
- Weekly Worship with the Word (Rizzo) Sets at GPR (IHOP-KC) (Brock Brothers, Sat 8am to 10am, Central)
- Distribution of Paneras bread for those in need (In Fort Mill, SC)

BUR Ministry Highlights this Year:

Southeast US Winter Tour (Dec 2016 —Jan 2017)

We had 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 (then 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 (Dec 2016)

The end of Dec 2016 marked 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.

Ottawa Suzuki Strings Institute (OSSI) Comes to IHOPU! (Jun 3-9)

This was like a music training “aircraft carrier” coming into the culture of IHOPKC! Melody worked closely with Alice Joy to help land this Institute, which also impacted young IHOP families. Alice Joy Lewis, one of the top Suzuki Teachers in the nation, is a wonderful believer. Although the camp wasn’t Christian in name, she hired Mark Hendrickson to teach a “worship and improvisation” course. The Institute included early childhood music education, parent training and teacher training in violin and guitar. Samuel, Melody & Tim all taught/assisted in the camp.

More on the Brock Family Trip to Israel / Bethlehem (June 12-June 24)

Although it was a short trip, it was packed with concerts in Israel and worship (changing the atmosphere) in Bethlehem. It was also about renewing relationships from 4 yrs ago.

- We were invited to play on Moshe Nueman's (Israeli Master Suzuki teacher) student recital June 14 in Tivon. Moshe's father passed away in April. He asked if Melody & Samuel could play a movement from the Bach solo sonata in A Minor, his father's favorite piece. We also played a jazz/worship medley as a family.
- We played 3 times in Porriya: We led worship at the Messianic congregation (Eric & Terri Morey, with Dan and Carolyn Hinton), Fiddlers on Lawn concert - an outreach in Porriya, and a concert at Kibbutz Zera in the Valley of the Kinneret (which means the Valley of Violins). Kinneret is the Hebrew name for the Sea of Galilee. Kibbutz Zera (which means seed) had some acreage which was sitting dormant. They sold it to a group from Canada. It is now a Return Center, helping Jewish people make Aliya (citizenship). The leadership team is Messianic, yet they are working hand in hand with the government. (This is a miracle!!)
- Our family was the first to "break in" the outdoor stage for Friday evening concerts on the Kibbutz Zera property. God is amazing!!
- We played at the City of David Prayer Room, hosted by John & Una Gere. Also included an open-air worship concert at the City of David Exhibit. (COD asked if portions of the concert could be used in their marketing materials!)
- Stayed 4 days with a certain pastor in Bethlehem in the peak of Ramadan. This was a unique time living with the pastor and his family & extended church family. Relationships in Bethlehem were renewed (Issa, the taxi cab driver) and worship truly shifted the atmosphere!
- We drove out to NYC via Cincinnati, renewing relationships at Melody's alma mater University of Cincinnati (She graduated in 1988), staying with her former roommate Jacquie Fennell and family.
- Upon our return to NYC from Bethlehem, we ministered at a Messianic congregation in NYC through our friends Deb & Jeff Kramer. We also got to have family time at a house near the beach on Long Island. We so appreciated this time!! We stopped in D.C. for another worship time with intercessors (Judy Sullivan & Tim & Melody Thomas)

Other Summer Brock Family Outreach

- Brock Family at Thunder Musicians Camp (Samuel, Stephen & Joseph all participated in this Inner City Outreach, July 3-9, The Foundry, Nash TN)
- K-12 Prayer Watch: Bethel, FCA & TDA (12:30pm, July 31, Brock Home)
- JS Brock joins Rolling Thunder Musicians Tour (Included outreach to Montana Indian Reservations July 17-Aug 8th, SD, MT, USA)
- Rolling Thunder Team, Community Meal & Worship (6-9pm, Aug 7, Brock Home)
- Brock Family Worship Outreach for Seer Lab (Aug 12, 6-10pm, 7 Thunders @ IHOPU)
- BUR Suzuki Parent Info Meeting for Violin & Guitar Intensive (3-5pm, Aug 6, Brock Home)

Other Fall Activities: Athens 24/7 Burn & Turkey Prayer Retreat (Oct 24–Nov 11)

Tim has been invited back to Turkey for a strategic Prayer Retreat in Ephesus. (This will also include 2 Sunday services at the church (Dilrilis) of Pastor Andrew who has been imprisoned for his faith since Oct 2016 in Izmir. The second week will be an intercession tour to the sites of the 7 churches of Revelation (in Turkey). We feel this is a very critical time in Turkey (encouragement is needed in the community where our dear friend, IzHOP founder Pastor Andrew, has been imprisoned since Oct 7th).

During this trip, Tim will be joined by his online guitar student (Jordan Thomas, from Wash DC). Together they will train and lead in worship, music and prayer initiatives, including 4 days in Athens Greece to help with the 30 Day (24/7) Burn—which will be running the entire month of Nov. This also is a very strategic prayer and music initiative which could congeal the region in prayer long-term. This “air-cover” is so needed in an area that has been saturated with ME refugees.

Locally, we’re now mobilizing a team of worshipers/intercessors in Marshall, MO (John’s College town). Marshall is somewhat like “Perretti’s, This Present Darkness.” Missouri Valley College (MVC) head football coach has had history with the Lord, and seems to have great respect for John and his walk with God. The Mayor (John’s pastor) is hosting this initiative in his home!

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