

## **Ministry Report: BUR US & Middle East Outreach Trip** (Nov 2012 to Aug 2013)

### Executive Summary:

Spanning 9 months, this was the Brock's longest family "musicianary" trip in 9 years of full-time service. It was a quick deploy out of our comfort zone, traveling 11 countries, including the US, Israel, Turkey, Spain, Gibraltar, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Malta, Cyprus and Canada. Our primary purpose was to simply worship in "dark places" and train both local believers & unbelievers in varying combinations of music, worship & prayer. We worshiped in over 70 separate locations. We performed concerts, taught class, led worship in churches, House's of Prayer (HOP) & set places as the Holy Spirit directed. We joined Youth YWAM teams, HOP teams & taught in secular Suzuki music programs.

In Oct 2012, a month before leaving, we did a circuit of 7 churches in Florida. Together they helped send and support us financially, providing the "lion's share" of travel costs.

(FL Churches: Christian Retreat [Bradenton], Penney Farms RC, New Beginnings, Morningstar FC [Middleburg], Sovereign Lord Fellowship [Winter Park], Zephyrhills UMC and Calvary Assembly [Dade City]. Other supporting churches incl. Westerly Hills Baptist [Fort Mill, SC] Longs Chapel UMC [NC] & North Hudson Vineyard [NJ]).

### **Local Church & Prayer Community Send Off** (Nov 25, 2012)

The Sunday before leaving, we were sent out by our local church, MorningStar (SC), and received a word from Bob Jones over our entire family. We were also sent out & blessed by our Prayer Community (PC). One local PC leader (Robert) said, "The Lord has great plans and purposes for Israel & the Middle East at this time in history, and the Brock family is responding to the call to lift up worship and bring the Kingdom of God to the (ME) region for the next six months. If you have been touched by this family, and wish to worship with them and fellowship with them, let's send them out with our blessing!" Our supporting (trans-local) church & prayer community (near & far) provided quick-response prayer cover & critical help at home. A ground swell of financial support from our partners, family & friends completely covered all in-country expenses! For this we are deeply touched and grateful beyond words. (To list them all is beyond scope of this report.)

### **Los Angeles, CA** (Nov 29—Dec 7, 2012)

We felt strongly we were to go by way of the "western gate." Melody's old high-school friend, Mimi, graciously hosted us. We met with Melody's former violin teacher, Alice Schoenfeld (former teacher at USC), who coached our family in music presentation. During this time we also stayed with the Hall family (of 9) and joined them in "re-opening the old well" of Mott Auditorium. The Lord is bringing prayer & missions streams together in that historic place of revival. This also was a time to claim spiritual (family) inheritance as we stayed with Melody's Aunt Betty Jean who, by divine appointment, met Pastor Ken—3<sup>rd</sup> generation to Melody's Italian grandparent's church-plant in Corona. While in LA we discovered the boy's passports were only 5 year & would expire during our tour, but God made a way to get new ones without penalty!

### **Poriya & Jerusalem, Israel** (Dec 8—22, 2012)

- We landed Sat afternoon (1st day of Hanukkah) after a 24 hour delay in LA.
- Picked up & received by our close friends, Dan & Carolyn, for 2 weeks, who host the recently dedicated Poriya House of Prayer (PHOP) in their home overlooking the Galilee. We jumped into daily 10am to noon prayer sets (Samuel led on keys).
- We traveled by bus to Jerusalem on Wednesday 12/12/12—to make a 'timely' connection with the Ray Hugh's team (incl. our close friend Janet Shell). We arrived at Solomon's Quarry (the cave system that reaches under the Temple Mount area) the exact moment they were transitioning—allowing us to play with Janet, providing a rear guard for their team. (All the right bus/train connections had to be perfect for this to happen!) In sight of Golgotha, we continued to

worship at the mouth of the cave for over an hour, doing open-air worship in the Arab “Damascus Gate” quarter, ministering & releasing the Fragrance of Christ.

- Thurs eve (12/13/12) we gave our 1st family concert for a local outreach in Poriya (southwest Galilee). The local home/congregation (of Eric & Terri) invited the community for Hanukkah, food & music. Also, our close friends Moshe & Lily, who are key Suzuki music teachers in the land, came to accompany the boys & Mel in the classical portion of concert. We felt the prayer cover. The glory fell! The worship was inter-woven with classical pieces and the community entered into a corporate ascent that took the unbelievers right along. Relational healing (esp. with mothers) and strong relationship building with unbelievers occurred.
- Fri (12/14/12) we were invited to play with Moshe and Lily’s year-end Suzuki violin recital in Tivon, which featured Arab & Israeli students playing a mix of indigenous Arab & classical music. (This mix was a fulfillment of their dream, “Strings of Peace” – to bring Arab & Israeli children together, through classical violin & folk songs. In 2000, we brought them 11 ‘baby’ violins for this project). Hearts were so open. After, we laughed & shared late into the night about life and what God is doing in our lives. As we departed, they invited us to return in April to teach in a 2 day music workshop. This is a deep well with huge impact on both Israeli & Arab families for decades! *Moshe said we were his "Hanukkah Miracle."*

#### **Izmir, Gure, Gazientep & Istanbul, Turkey (Dec 22—Mar 22, 2013)**

- Reunited with our dear friends, JinJae & Haejeong, directors of Izmir HOP, after a wonderful Christmas week with our host family (Todd, Gwen & 3 sons), who first took us to Gure, to help lead worship in their ‘hidden’ gathering there. (As a result, we did another service with their home-based church plant, in early Mar). First week, we did H&B daily, teaching them music lessons, while they taught us Turkish—a divine setup.
- Another divine setup was the departure of a certain violin teacher who met with Melody the day we arrived in Izmir. She debriefed Melody, turning over all her students for 3 months (the exact time we would be in Izmir). The assigned translator was the worship leader of a Turkish church that was forbidden to foreigners—which gave Melody & Samuel access to this church and later opened the door for a strategic inter-church meeting on “Finding the River.” (See below).
- We played at the local Dirilis church (located in the red-light dist) that partners w/ IzHOP, assisting their worship teams & training the children in H&B. (Stephen & Tim connected with Dirilis pastor [Andrew] at the Mar 2012 IzHOP Dedication). Our boys joined the local youth group, incl. youth from several churches. Pastors Andrew & Norine received us & their daughter taught us Turkish 3 times a week!
- New Years Eve was also one of the reasons we were "stretched" to come to Izmir so soon. We joined our host family & friends, playing carols in a busy square near Izmir Bay, just prior & into the New Year. Over 75 locals gathered around with hearts tender as we literally felt the glory in every note! The afterglow was another chance to make new friends in His "presence." It was the kairos moment we were anticipating. People were singing, clapping & overall joining in from overhanging balconies and nearby storefronts—that were later burned-out (during June riots). Afterwards we shared hot chocolate! What a privilege to bless the Turkish people. (See New Years Outreach video: <http://youtu.be/vZ5PzCZbPyg>)
- On Jan 12<sup>th</sup> we did a city-wide family concert at the International Church (through JinJae & Haejeong’s connection). We asked our Turkish translator, who was a key worship leader, to join us. Three local congregations were represented, including key families from each church. One of the young believers had a picture that God had cleansed the land as we were playing. He saw Jesus putting nutrients back in the soil. (Later, we deposited Israeli soil on that same Anglican Church property,

as a prophetic act of redeeming the land for God's original plan!) Also, the prophetic worship theme that night was so surprising: 'Song of Solomon', which is opposite to the spirit of fear so prevalent in Islamic Middle East and Turkey.

#### Summary of Our First 45 days in Izmir:

Izmir is a "governmental gate" city (Historic Church of Smyrna) which from the early days is the only 'Revelation church that never lost its candlestick.' There has always been a Christian expression in Izmir! Our primary residence in Izmir was the basement of the House of Prayer (HOP)—an old British Consulate surrounded by 5 mosques in a poor Kurdish neighborhood. The Brock boys were learning Turkish, exercising with the home-school swim team, playing soccer & Skyping their LIFE Home-school Co-op in SC. We were asked to lead several worship & prayer sets as a family at the HOP and assisted 3 key churches, whose pastors are in loose alliance. Melody & Samuel were teaching violin with a translator. Tim had several guitar classes. On Friday afternoon's we would teach, transforming the HOP into a conservatory of music, ending with a special prayer set for young people & families—(Mostly families whose children we taught & who had a H&B bent).

#### Gazientep & Istanbul, Turkey (Feb 21— Mar 4)

Gazientep is in eastern Turkey, only an hour north of the Syrian conflict. We lived with the primary pastor of the city, his wife and family (of 5)—where indigenous Turks were constantly coming & going. We played over the discipleship class in their (un-registered) church and taught classes on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (the Pastor wanted everyone in his congregation to be filled with the Holy Spirit!). We conducted classes in music & rhythm at Sabina's Univ Youth Center and showed local church members how to sing the scriptures—Harp & Bowl (H&B). Our hearts were knit to this bold pastor & his community. We then flew to Istanbul (HOP) for 2 days.

- Gazientep Highlight was a Saturday night family concert at the local Youth Center. About 35-40 university students came—many unbelievers. The boys took the lead and the response was interesting and intense. The next day (Sun) at the church gathering, a young Islamic university student came up and explained he had been searching out the scriptures for 4 years & at the Sat night concert, he made his decision to believe. He then gave his confession of faith to the entire church—our 1<sup>st</sup> personal taste of the harvest!
- Istanbul Highlight was the HOP (JungHak & Anna). Led Fri eve worship & shared word. Precious time with JungHak's family. Sat, joined the visiting YWAM team to do H&B in St. Sophia's Mosque! Met "Mr Violin of Turkey" for dinner & shared vision for teaching.

#### Summary of Our Last 2 Weeks in Izmir (Mar 5—22<sup>nd</sup>)

- Our last 2 weeks included several key events that culminated our time of relationship-building and teaching. Sat the 9th, we joined a strategic citi-wide church in closing their week of prayer and fasting with a concert of worship. We began with classical violin songs which flowed into "river" worship. As we began to do Turkish worship songs, a Turkish college student came up and began to sing with us, and the flow of unity truly went to another level. The night ended with deep groanings, dance and personal ministry, (as we were asked to play over local Turks & leaders—the Lord imparted something of His heart of worship to all present).
- Then on Wed Mar 13th, we had the privilege of teaching a class on "Finding the River in Worship" at a key Turkish Church. (This church had been 'off-limits' to foreigners but Melody had been teaching violin there every Saturday). About 25-30 key worshipers & leaders gathered in unity from 3 churches—which the Holy Spirit called, "historic". (This church is considered by some to be the first modern evangelical church of Turkey, which began in the 50s—their pastor, a key leader, was the 1st modern Turkish convert of this era!). We sensed that the Holy Spirit was ministering to hearts that night—hearts that were in the balance of going one

way or the other. Afterwards, we had a chance to meet with this precious pastor & his wife and hear their hearts about the daily challenges facing Turkish believers.

- On Sat the 16th, we held a worship & prayer workshop (including singing the scriptures). This was hosted by the International Church (Helmut & Judith) at the famous old Anglican Church. We provided practical tips for (interactive) singing & praying the scriptures as a team (Harp & Bowl). This was followed by a recital for the families and friends of the 20 students that we had been teaching over the last 3 months, including violin, guitar & flute lessons/classes (taught by Melody, Samuel & Tim). At the end of the recital, all the students, teachers and even some parents joined together up-front to worship with their instruments. (This included open “selahs” for spontaneous musical “prayers”). There were waves of the tangible presence of God going over the 100+ attending—and as the last wave seemed to subside, one of Samuel’s younger students began to “play violin in the Spirit”—and then the glory came! People were gently weeping and everyone seemed caught up in this “eternal” moment. The hearts of those present were knit together in a genuine sense of trust, and it came through a child. After, Judith, the pastor’s wife said, “They trust you and you have a place here.” This was the climax of our entire time in Izmir! The effectual prayers of the saints are amazing!

### **MRPG: Gibraltar & Malaga, Spain (Jan 25—Feb 5)**

During our time in Izmir, Samuel & Tim flew to Gibraltar (Gib) & Malaga (Spain)—transported by our good friend Mayra to the Mediterranean Regional Prayer Gathering. This strategic MRPG gathering brought Pastors & prayer/mission leaders (mostly from the Mediterranean Rim) together with leaders from Gib & Spain. As a result, a HOP was birthed in Gib! Samuel & Tim led worship sets, did on-site prayer with local intercessors on “Top of the Rock”, a night watch with UMC Pastor (Fidel) & also with key leaders in Malaga (incl. Norm & Deb). In Spain, we stayed with a well known flamenco guitarist and ministered with Pablo C. head of 24/7 Burns. *Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, while playing in Malaga Airport, we had an “appointed” meeting with an Austrian woman who had just lost her husband.* (see Bregenz)

### **Poriya, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jerusalem & Tivon, Israel (Mar 22-April 25)**

After returning to Poriya House of Prayer, we played another family concert at a large Kibbutz (Beit Kineret) on 3/30/13. This was another divine appointment as Mel & host Pastor’s wife (Terri) met the director of the event on the street 3 months prior—resulting in a standing-room only concert! Again, we sensed that hearts were in the balance. Our dear friends, Moshe & Lili joined our family team & accompanied Mel & the boys (who played challenging classical pieces). We worshipped & shared, with Moshe interpreting!

### Bethlehem, Hebron & Jerusalem (April 11—25<sup>th</sup>)

We were then invited to stay in Bethlehem for almost 2 weeks, with side trips to Hebron, & Jerusalem (also, back to Tivon & Poriya). This was our first time living in a Palestinian community. Our host family (David, Karen & 2 daughters) oriented us, giving us contacts and tips for shopping, transportation & ministry opportunities. Here are a few highlights:

- On-site worship in key locations: Church of the Nativity (April 12<sup>th</sup>), Shepherd’s Field (13<sup>th</sup>), and Hebron, Tomb of the Patriarchs (17<sup>th</sup>). This was our first time worshipping in these locations. We played in (conservative Islamic) Hebron at the intersection of 2 worship traditions—a very strategic place of high tension—the Jewish and Muslim sites observing Abraham’s tomb. With our host family as a covering, we played at both sites, releasing incense while also depositing Israeli soil on the Palestinian side. We felt heavenly break-thru, His love & compassion. (Later, an Israeli soldier was killed by a Palestinian sniper in this same location, on Sep 22,)



- House of Bread Church (Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>) with Pastor Issa Al-Zoughbi (& son Fadi). We were received, invited to minister as a family and graciously treated to lunch.
- Sunday eve meal with special cab driver (Issa) and his Christian Arab family. They prepared a feast in their main (two) room home. We laughed & worshipped.
- On 18<sup>th</sup>, played 3 concerts for elementary, middle & high-school (K—12, Jerusalem School)
- House of Hope, worship & ministry to children with disabilities & dedicated staff.
- Melody's violin lesson with Mohammed, a hungry Muslim from a radical family.
- Family H&B around the fire with the landlord's son, Timothy (who fixed us hot-dogs!). On our last night, he serenaded us with Arabic songs from his heart.
- Prayer Sets at Succat Hallel (16<sup>th</sup>) and Old City of David (24<sup>th</sup>), near the Gihon.

On April 18 we returned by bus to Tivon (near Haifa) to do master classes & a family concert for mostly unbelievers in a Suzuki music program headed by Moshe & Lili Neuman. Melody, Samuel, Stephen & Tim taught master classes in violin & rhythm. We then played a family concert for a full hall of Israeli families (19<sup>th</sup>). Afterwards, we stayed an extra night with the Neuman's sharing food, life & music—including a ping-pong tournament and playing jazz with their son Moran and his cousin Rotem. After, we returned to the Poriya HOP, worshiped with a dying friend, Brookie, and said goodbye to our friends before returning to Bethlehem. Our last 3 days were for completing divine assignments in the Cities of David, including sharing the gospel with a hungry IDF soldier in route to the airport. We then flew to Basil.

### **Bregenz, Austria (April 25—April 30)**

*An Amazing Story:* Renate Wipplinger invited us to Bregenz, Austria on Lake Constance (near the border of Switzerland & Germany). Renate had just lost her husband in early Feb. (Samuel and Tim were playing in the Malaga [Spain] airport just before returning to Turkey, when Renate approached and said: "That music was for me!" Her husband had just died in a motorcycle accident near Malaga and later we found she had 2 teenage sons, Nick & Philip, 14 & 17). In Bregenz, we found ourselves in a strange but beautiful setting with a family still grieving from the sudden loss of Hans, a lawyer, who enjoyed amateur racing. Renate then invited us to do a musical memorial for Hans in a "historic chapel" for her side of the family. That Saturday evening (27<sup>th</sup>), the glory fell among those hungry "non-practicing Catholics." They took up an offering and invited us to share in their family reunion the next day. We began to connect with her two teenage sons. Nick & Philip, with our boys, started to have fun again. We hiked, rode bikes, watched movies, *and we worshiped in her home*. During some of these times she would weep. We also felt we were re-digging ancient wells and later discovered that Bregenz was a historic "well" with direct links to the Bangor (24/7) Monastery in Ireland!

### **Thun, Switzerland (May 1—5)**

On Tues, two Swiss (Leanne & Ruth) took us from Bregenz to Thun. We sensed we were following some ancient paths of worship & prayer in the heart of (dark) Europe. They briefed us about Swiss spiritual warfare. Things look great on the outside, but hearts are hungry for a real move of the Spirit. Many trust in works & their own abilities, striving in their own strength. Switzerland was a nation established in 1291 on Christian principals. Friday (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) was an amazing night of ministry—a time of river worship, teaching & personal ministry to just about everyone present with our entire Family ministering to 50+ hungry believers, imparting & prophesying to young & old, (who also sowed big into us).

### **Florence & Rome, Italy (May 5—8)**

Traveling by train, we arrived late afternoon in Florence. While waiting for accommodations, we played over an hour for the stressed-out hundreds gathered in the

station. Literally, the hectic atmosphere changed as all (within ear-shot) stopped to listen! After spending two wonderful "down-days" in Florence, we had a significant H&B prayer time with a certain 'gate-keeper' (Ming) in Rome. We also played at the Coliseum, before catching a flight to Malta (May 8<sup>th</sup>)—the same island where the Apostle Paul was ship-wrecked & centuries later the Knights of Malta stopped Islam from taking Europe.

### **Malta (May 8—18)**

We were received by the MRPG directors, Ben & Eve and their precious young family. (Ben transported us from the airport, along with his close friend who is the step-son of CS Lewis! Our boys enjoyed talking with Doug about the next Narnia movie, which he is producing). Our role was to join Ben's HOP team, do prayer/worship sets, and teach on prophetic worship. We were also invited to provide H&B training for a Univ team from a conservative Christian College in Palm Beach Florida. Having just arrived, they were there to reach out to 7 African refugee camps—but they were in store for more. Four days into their stay, they were encountered by the Holy Spirit in a supernatural way. From 11pm to 3am 'Pentecost' came to this unsuspecting team! Here's what happened:

#### Fresh Wind in Malta:

On Sunday am (Mother's Day, May 12) we had a breakthrough time of worship in a local Church in close relationship with the HOP. Ben, who is also HOP director, later shared that during our family worship he felt like he was going to explode. After we finished, he came before the church in tears, sharing his burden for prophetic worship to be birthed in Malta. However, he was travailing for something even more immediate. Later that night, 'Pentecost' happened to the visiting Univ. team—without any initiative of man!

This visiting Univ team (of 11), were conservative Evangelicals with no experience with the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Around 11pm, one girl asked the team to pray for her "spiritual dryness." Immediately the Spirit fell and they were in the glory (tangible presence) until 3am. One was shaking non-stop for 3 hours. They were speaking in tongues, prophesying over each other & all were tangibly touched. Their theology of worship was 'rocked' and they continued seeking God during their time in Malta. We began to do family H&B with them. One was birthed in prophetic violin. Singing the scriptures became a lifestyle sustaining their 5 week ministry to the African refugees!

#### Malta Ministry Highlights:

- May 13: Melody's ministry to women and young girls from the University team (Shared on Intimacy & Breaking Strongholds).
- May 15-16: Family-led worship at HOP, followed by Tim's teaching on Prophetic Worship—two night sessions. Our "core prophetic worship message" began to congeal as we shared on the River, Fire and Singing the Scriptures. (All the boys interacting/imparting with Univ Students modeling/singing the scriptures [H&B]). We also sensed "beginnings" of what Ben was in travail for—prophetic corporate worship in Malta, laying the foundation for an Apostolic 'City-Island of Refuge'!
- May 17: Toured the Island with a precious HOP couple (Ray & Margaret), new friends, playing at key sites including Valletta (overlooking famous battle areas near St. Elmo) and Mdina (where Paul prayed for the Chief's son & he was healed).

### **South and North Cyprus (May 18—27)**

Our last 9 days of Med. ministry were in South & North Cyprus. This little island (shaped like a violin, where Lazarus was Bishop until his 2nd death), is like the Switzerland of the Middle East—providing neutrality and easy access to Turkey, Iran, Russia, Israel, Egypt,

Central/East Europe and the Mediterranean rim. South Cyprus has a relatively strong Christian base with a budding blend of HOP/Missions. Cypriots (who have their own language) had just suffered an economic shaking (Mar 15), so hearts were open. North Cyprus is like an extension of Turkey—the only nation acknowledging N Cyprus—which offers cheap travel between the two countries. We stayed with 3 missionary families & attended a strategic “Net” Conference (led by Tom & Teresa C.) which connects HOP leaders from all over the Middle East, for prayer, encouragement & ultimately to help build the Isaiah 19 Highway—a key for understanding the last days ingathering & revival.

May 18<sup>th</sup>, we were graciously received in Larnaca, S Cyprus by Jeorn (YWAM/HOP intercessory artist) & his family of 8. We spent precious time in H&B with this family—both in the beginning & end of our time in Cyprus. (Their oldest daughter was a skilled violinist, hungry for prophetic playing.) We then stayed with precious Russian Pastors Alex, Larisa & their 2 sons, ministering in their new church plant in Nicosia. We were given total freedom to worship, teach & impart. (There is a huge opportunity with the Russians).

Opportunity: On May 24<sup>th</sup> we traveled with fellow intercessor (Lely) to North Cyprus to be with our friends, Steve & Cindy. (They hosted Stephen & Tim in Istanbul in Mar 2012 when the cloud of ‘Jesus interceding’ appeared). That evening we joined their team in finding the river in their hidden “oasis” home. We deepened relationship and saw their burden for the great harvest opportunity in N Cyprus & Turkey. They have invited us to return. Nearby, we were surprised when we found a thriving European Suzuki String program—across from the old Monastery (Winny & Kim). We sense there is a great potential in N. Cyprus to teach and conduct workshops—giving both native and mainland Turks affordable access.

#### Cyprus Ministry Highlights:

- May 21-24: Played over (as a family) Middle East & Med. HOP leaders attending the Net conference. There were prayer leaders from both North & South Cyprus (South-Greek & North-Turkish) both with significant prayer initiatives-impacting the future of Israel & the ME. Ground-breaking for new HOP/Ch Missions Base.
- May 25: We lead worship as part of re-digging an ancient well in N Cyprus at an old monastery (a place of apostolic sending & refuge). This monastery can host up to 35 students and is a possible site for worship & music training workshops. It offers affordable access to Turkish students & is next to a Suzuki School (See below).
- May 26: While ministering in music as a family at a Russian church in Nicosia, a skilled Turkish clarinetist was moved to give his heart to Christ. Many received prophetic impartation as we shared our Eagle worship message “Soar, don’t Flap”
- May 27: Met with a famous French Horn player, who directs the Suzuki Music School in Girne. After taking the tour, he invited us to play as a family for him & his violin teacher. Presence of God came & favor for possible future workshops.

#### **Televiv, Israel (May 28)**

We flew in late the eve of May 27<sup>th</sup>. Before leaving the next day, we were invited to play/worship at the Dugit Messianic Outreach Centre (Tel Aviv HOP). We played in the storefront coffee shop for over an hour—releasing incense, having a blast doing our last ME gig as a family—worshiping in every style incl. jazz, fiddle combined with Israeli & classical. At Dugit, we “ran into” the MorningStar High-school adult team-leaders & class. That night our Bethlehem host family brought dinner (for a final picnic on the beach) and took us in two trips (with all our gear) to the Tel Aviv Airport. We arrived in US on the 29<sup>th</sup>! We then launched our US & Canada Trip on June 9<sup>th</sup> thru August 17<sup>th</sup>. (See BUR US/CAN Report)