

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

was foundational in melodic ear-training & rhythm. Class objectives included how to develop perfect pitch, recognizing melodic intervals and how to create simple melodies.

Local Church and Retirement Community Ministry (Dec 26, 31)

We had the privilege of ministering with Al & Bunny Brock (Tim's parents) at their local church, New Beginnings, (Middleburg, FL) the Sunday before Al's car accident. Dad (Al) preached and we ministered in worship. (That evening, Dec 26th, we gave an hour concert at PRC). We then led the Penney Farms Retirement Community in a New Years Eve Night Watch. Tim took his dad's place in the formal service and our family led the prayer & worship watch-service that followed. The "closeness" of God came at a crucial time. God allows all things to draw us into prayer, and we're so grateful Tim's dad is ok.

Family Music Recording (Feb 5, 9)

In two sessions we recorded the first phase of the Brock Family CD Sampler of classical, fiddle & spontaneous music in a professional studio. In addition to the 2011 trip, we have sent the CD sampler plus a seminar syllabus to those who are arranging concerts & teaching opportunities for us in hard to reach areas of the Middle East.

Spring Local Church Fundraising Tour (April 11—19)

During a span of one week, we ministered at 4 local churches, leading in family style worship & teaching and received over 13K for the ME trip. Ministry highlights below:

- ***Christian Retreat [CR] (Bradenton, FL):*** A sweet reunion with the CR family as we lead the Wednesday night service in corporate worship and then shared a prophetic update and teaching. CR leaders, Pastor Phil and Gerald Derstine renewed apostolic covering as they sent us out to Turkey and Bahrain as a family. A substantial offering (1K) was given for ME Trip. One of the highlights of this time was the opportunity to reconnect and share a meal & prayer time with our close friends in intercession (Millie Cozart, [Mary], Janet Shell and Joe & Sue Slowik) as we began to form our core ME prayer team.
- ***Zephyrhills First UMC (Zephyrhills, FL):*** This was an amazing reunion with believers from Al Brock's last church (before retiring). Over 250 people gathered as we lead in a concert of worship. A large offering (\$2600) was taken as the church pledged to support us in ongoing missions. Friends from Spiritual Meat Ministries partnered to make this event known and successful—with the view of helping us raise support for the ME.
- ***Leesburg Vineyard (Leesburg, FL):*** Pastor Randy Gideon gave us the entire am service to lead in worship & prophetic ministry. Many breakthroughs were shared on this Palm Sunday. A substantial offering (1K) was given for the ME trip.
- ***Victory in Jesus Fellowship (Winter Park, FL):*** This was a small but mighty Spirit-lead worship service with key prophetic intercession. God gave them a specific word as we grieved with them in the recent loss of their beloved leader Colleen Stienke. In addition to a precious offering, an incredible gift (9K) from an individual w/in the church was given for the ME trip.

Middle East Ministry Trip (April 29—May 29)

After a whirlwind fundraising tour of these four Florida churches, and the great provision that came, it was confirmed to us that God was saying *now!* With just enough time to cover personals & packing (and having just received our 2nd issuance of passports

required for entering restricted countries)—within 10 days of returning from tour we began our journey to Turkey and Bahrain.

Highlights in Turkey

In Turkey we were hosted by precious Korean families in 3 Houses of Prayer (Istanbul, Ankara and Antalya). We were invited to lead worship at each House of Prayer (HOP) in these 3 cities. In each place the glory of His presence came. This also happened in secular settings. Our first night in Istanbul (on the eve of violent demonstrations in nearby Taksim square) we ministered in a public tea house. The Spirit of Glory came and rested on us all. In worship, we joined the director of the Istanbul HOP in “opening the gate” at their new location. In Ankara, we led off in teaching & worship for a 7 hour “burn” at the city’s main Turkish Church, (the sending church of the 3 martyrs killed in Malatya in 2007). We trained local Turkish worship leaders and a YWAM team from New Zealand. In Antalya, we taught the youth of the international church in a two day workshop offering “hands-on” guitar, violin & keys. (Some of them joined us in worship that Sunday) One evening we were invited to perform for a public school (violin) class of over 30 children, connecting us to the main violin teacher in Antalya. We worshipped at Hadrian’s old Roman gate, playing classical/fiddle music & proclaiming Jubilee over Turkey with the Shofar.

Highlights in Bahrain

In Bahrain we stayed with close friends, ministered in the underground church and performed in various educational (secular) institutions. Our role as a family of “musicianaires” ranged from ministry in worship (incl. harp & bowl training) to classical music performance and training—but always including musical worship in every service and performance. As we worshipped Him as a family with our dear friends the Lindsays in their home, the glory continued to come. It was during these times that God would spontaneously set our itinerary. Here are a few doors that opened: We were invited to perform for all the students of an elite international school (grades 1-7). One of the greatest blessings was to do prophetic worship in the underground church. We also performed and did training for the Police Band of Bahrain—this was a lesson in protocol that connected us at a heart level with the Brigadier General of the nation’s top military band. (He also directs the Bahrain Music Institute (BMI), where we first met and played for his staff & students). One of the highs was when his son, (named Essa or Jesus) played “oud” (lute) with our boys in a type of Arabic jazz. The clincher came the night before leaving when we “indirectly” discovered that many BMI music teachers were believers which later opened the door for our host family to teach intercession in the primary (registered) church in Bahrain, which is called to be a “gate” to Saudi Arabia! As a result there are now weekly prayer meetings with Filipinos, Indians, Pakistanis and Bahrainis all attending, which included their first all-night watch in early September (hosted by Sandy Lindsay, of Spiritual Meat Ministries International [SMMI]).

Summer Ministry & Activity Highlights (June—August)

After returning from ME we resumed music lessons which lead to our first Student Harp & Bowl recital in the old PTL Upper Room Chapel. Soon after this we were on the road to New Orleans with a (few extra passengers) to Suzuki music camp to teach elementary & middle school children & youth. Here are the highlights from the summer:

- ***Canmore Canada (June 7—16):*** Tim & Melody combined ministry and personal time as they celebrated their 20 anniversary in their old honeymoon haunt—Banff AB. We stayed with our dear friend Tish Ogston and had many opportunities to reconnect and pray with friends old and new. One of the highlights was to barter musical training for lodging at a beautiful old mountain lodge called Numtajah nestled near Bow Glacier (head-waters of the famous Bow River). We taught about 12 staffers the rudiments of music to help them write their original compositions. Many of them were lost but hungry for the real. After our training session, around an outdoor fire, **one young man recommitted his life to Jesus and turned away from perversion.** We hope to return soon with our family to minister in local churches & train staff at Numtajah (and for a little hiking too).
- ***Upper Room Guitar and Violin (Harp & Bowl) Recital (June 30):*** To culminate our year of local teaching we combined guitar & violin students for a wonderful night of classical music, worship & prayer. The recital was in the old PTL Upper Room Chapel where a full house of family & friends enjoyed the acoustical music with an opportunity to join in public prayer for families in the prayer community (PC). As a result, Clayton (a guitar student) found his passion for playing. That night his mom asked us to take him to New Orleans Suzuki Camp. So we did!
- ***New Orleans Suzuki Music Camp (July 8—17):*** This secular music camp for children & youth was very special with opportunities to inspire young musicians and witness through musical worship & intercession. Melody taught 5 classes in violin & Tim taught a flute and worship improvisation class. Samuel received violin teacher training and is now Suzuki certified. Clayton (mentioned above) was taught by a master guitar teacher and had such an inspiring camp experience that he is now practicing 2 - 4 hours daily and looking at college guitar programs! He now joins Samuel to help lead weekly worship & prayer among the youth in the PC and occasionally at MS. Together, they have a unique blend of classical guitar and synthesizer that facilitates an atmosphere for Spirit led intercession.
- ***Longs Chapel Waynesville, NC (July 24):*** Pastor Chuck Wilson invited us to relieve his (hard working) worship team on a hot July Sunday. Leading worship as a family at this well known & loved church in the Lake Junaluska region was a new & rich experience for us. We led worship for 3 services (two contemporary services and one traditional)—sensing the nearness of God in each setting. This completed our local church tour for raising support for the ME trip. They gave us a generous honorarium (\$400) and have invited us to return, with an opportunity to possibly do more training in the future.
- ***National Flute Association [NFA] Charlotte NC (Aug 11-14):*** This strategic conference was held in Charlotte this year. Tim and another local flute teacher from our PC were able to attend. In addition to receiving new musical/teaching ideas & connections (including Suzuki flute connections), **Tim was able to locate and secure a new (Pro) Flute at a significant savings.** A “new scale” flute was much needed for better intonation on future BUR recordings. Conference concerts featured a prominent Turkish flutist in a fusion of middle-eastern and western sounds—which is an area of interest for our family as we prepare musically to return to the ME. One of the spiritual highlights was to participate in a spontaneous public prayer gathering of Bob Jones Univ flute students.