

## **Ministry Report: Summary of BUR Activities & Outreach for 2012**

*Executive Summary:* We continue to train the next generation in music and prayer, providing for youth and children a “safe” environment to explore God’s love in musical worship. Two of us took a short mission to Turkey and Cyprus for a House of Prayer Dedication and to build long term relationships for the future. We’ve been going out on more trips (as a family team) helping to build the “wall of prayer” from NYC to Florida as we raise support for longer-term missions in the Middle East. We sense God’s timing is “now” to come alongside Houses of prayer in Turkey, Israel and other Middle East nations—to encourage and equip, to help prepare the Middle East for coming Harvest!

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### **BUR Daily/Weekly Prayer Services, Musical Training and Discipleship**

We continue to *Train new youth worship/prayer teams* in our home (Fort Mill) as they work with more seasoned saints. Goal: to have teams ready to go, whether at home or abroad. We’re continuing to work with a core of youth in music training, as well as offering up incense (musical prayer) in tri-weekly community prayer meetings in our home, local church, and as a family each morning with our instruments. (We hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship/Prayer, Violin & Guitar Recital this past Dec (2011) in the old PTL Upper Room Chapel, including Samuel’s students). Samuel and a core of (prayer community) youth had their own Benefit Concert in the Upper Room to raise support for a youth mission to Northern California in late March & Melody’s Jubilee Concert was 10-22-12.

### **Winter Tour Highlights** (Dec 28, Jan 1)

On Dec 28<sup>th</sup> (2011), as a family, we had one of our most effective concerts at Penny Farms Retirement Community performing both challenging classical selections and other styles combined with Harp & Bowl worship—demonstrating what we do as musicianaries to open doors for public worship in dark lands. The following Sunday (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>), we lead worship (as family) and preached at New Beginnings Church in Middleburg. The word was “Encouraging Yourself in The Lord and Finding Your Road to Jerusalem.”

### **Local Church/Outreach and Continuous Prayer Activities** (Jan, Feb, Oct, Nov)

Every Saturday (10am to noon) is a youth-lead worship set at our home, providing modeling/training in worship & music. These meetings give some of the older youth (that we’re teaching) opportunities to exercise leadership in a spontaneous worship setting. This has prepared them to lead some Morning Star (MS) intercession sets (such as during the 40 day 12/7 prayer & music sets leading up to the November Presidential election). Other opportunities included outreach with visiting YWAM teams (both local and in San Francisco CA), and most recently, helping lead a 3am to 5am worship set during the 40 Days of 24/7 worship at the White House Ellipse in Washington DC (Nov 2—5).

### **Middle East Ministry Trip (Mar 11—31)**

#### *Encouraging Family Worship in Turkey*

After a series of “suddenlies” both Tim and Stephen (14) were deployed to the Middle East to participate in the Izmir (Turkey) House of Prayer Dedication & Net Conference in Cyprus. They stayed with a wonderful worship & prayer family—Todd, Gwen & their 3 sons—all hungry for God, and hungry to learn “Family Harp & Bowl”. Tim & Stephen spent evenings with them doing hands-on music and prayer—including time with a local youth group that meets at their home. (Following are some thoughts/experiences from Tim & Stephen’s ME trip).

#### *Izmir HOP Dedication: (Mar 14-17)*

Many from the Far East feel that revival in Turkey will begin in Izmir and go east--to join "God's Tsunami", which is the great end-time harvest culminating in Israel. We witnessed an unprecedented unity of believers from all over Turkey & the ME for 4 days of worship, travailing prayer and teaching that was sealed with a 7 hour “Burn” of continuous worship. (The building dedicated was donated by believers in Canada, Korea & China. Historically, Izmir is Sardis, one of the 7 churches in Revelation.)

The highlight was to lead worship for the final set of the HOP 7 hour "Burn." The love of God was ushered in, breaking strongholds of fear and intimidation (prevalent in Turkey and other Muslim nations). Afterwards, several key Turkish worship leaders (WL) asked us to impart gifts of prophetic worship (which we did in partnership with the Holy Spirit! We believe this is a preview of coming attractions--that we will have opportunity to spiritually/musically impart to Turkish WLs).

#### *Istanbul and Buyukada Island Outreach: (Mar 24--Prayer for Outreach on April 23)*

We were invited to join a worship & prayer team, (led by Steve and Cindy S., with a prophetic evangelist from England, an Indonesian and a local Turk), to play at strategic sites in Istanbul. One highlight was Buyukada Island in the Marmara Sea (site where many early church martyrs were drowned). This is a place of yearly pilgrimage for thousands of Muslims seeking to pray at a Greek Orthodox Church at the top of the island. (Our assignment was to prepare the island for an outreach planned for the “Day of Pilgrimage” four weeks later). Stephen & I were given permission to play in this famous Greek Orthodox church of destination. The presence of God came in a tangible way. Immediately after, we witnessed something we will never forget. A cloud formation appeared over the Marmara Sea as the sun was setting. Obvious to everyone observing--about the size of a man's fist--was a clear bust-image of Jesus, with a talid, leaning over a rock (or surface) with hands clasped in prayer. This cloud kept its form perfectly during the entire sunset (lit from the front, naturally impossible, seemingly independent of the sunlight behind it). We were in awe--realizing that Jesus, Himself, was interceding over the island and Turkey. We then entered into whole-hearted worship for over an hour with our voices, instruments, flags and dance--*and heaven's gate opened*. We sensed many angels descending with human assignments! Here is an eye-witness report of the outreach (four weeks later): "This year 80-100,000 Muslim Turks went on a pilgrimage...we joined 300 to 350 believers to bring the Gospel message to those thousands of Muslims...It was an unprecedented day in the preaching of the Gospel for this nation. 7,000-10,000 New Testaments were handed out. 20,000 Gospel brochures were given away. Thousands heard the gospel message... scores were healed, 10-20 people were saved and several thousand received prayer." (Steve S., team leader, giving an eye-witness account in a country with only 3300 true believers out of 77 million).

### **Summer Ministry Trip & Activity Highlights (July 7—31)**

*Here are some bullets from the summer:*

- Taught at the Greater New Orleans (GNO) Suzuki (children and youth) Music Camp. Joseph discovered his passion for Cello. Melody taught violin classes and Tim taught both guitar and flute. Samuel was the featured soloist for honoring the former director, Kathleen Tyree. We ministered in worship & word at a GNO. (partnering) local church. Joined a celtic harp group at an Irish pub in French Qtr.
- Returned to Kansas City MO and met with former students and their families for a wonderful night of worship, sharing the word and stories from the Middle East.
- Ministered at Longs Chapel UMC in Waynesville NC, leading worship in 3 services for their Missions Sunday.

### **Northeast Summer Ministry Trip (Aug 17—26)**

*Here are some bullets from our Northeast Tour:*

- We ministered at the Son Spot in Ocean City MD, leading worship, declaring the Word of the Lord and joining the Son Spot outreach team for a sweet time of “presence evangelism”. As we worshipped on the Ocean City boardwalk, phrases would come to us to speak out to the passerby and 30 or more people gathered. The tangible presence of God touched all of us as we shared about Christ’s humility and the cross—many stayed for prayer.
- Played as a family (open-air) in NYC Battery Park in the financial district, releasing the fragrance of Christ in that bustling food court area just south of Ground Zero. Several “locals” responded to our family playing & God’s presence.
- We joined the North Hudson Vineyard Church of North Bergen NJ, for 3 nights of worship and intercession. Each night we joined with their worship team in tag-team leadership style. The pastor decided to continue the format for Sunday am service. This helped to start a Friday night prayer meeting that is still going!

### **Florida Fall Ministry Trip (Sept 29—Oct 7)**

*Here are some bullets from our Florida Tour:*

- This was another whirlwind tour of 5 churches that are partnering with us for harvest in the Middle East. The churches are Morning Star (Middleburg), Sovereign Lord Fellowship (Winter Park), 1<sup>st</sup> UMC (Zephyrhills), Christian Retreat (Bradenton) and Calvary Assembly (Dade City). We worshipped Jesus in each place, sharing the word and pictures from our previous Middle East trips. Their response was overwhelming as their combined offerings were over \$12,000, one indicator that God is providing for us to go now. (This amount will provide for the lions-share of our transportation costs. We are still needing greater monthly support for housing. Some of these churches are helping us monthly and a few more may join as we follow-up).
- One of the highlights was when we were asked to share with a group of “un-churched” youth at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Zephyrhills. As we worshipped and shared testimony with a group of about 35— at our invitation (and to our surprise) over half of the youth group came forward for salvation or rededication. They were God hungry!