

Brock Family 2020 Update

Nov 2020

Do not let your hearts be troubled! We trust you are well and resting in His love and faithful care. Thank you for standing with us in this time of great upheaval. We sense God is bringing us through many challenges, yet with “silver-lining” blessings and a few surprises! We wanted to share some of these with you—a quick summary of 2020 family and ministry updates.

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

After 3+ years in our homes (Betsy & I), Grandma Bunny peacefully passed on June 2. We had 2 memorials, with worship & testimonies, in both Kansas City and Florida. The Brock family shared a musical remembrance of hymns, classical & fiddle favorites. Family, relatives & several friends gave testimony of her 91 years of love & service as mom, grandma, minister’s wife & nurse. (Both services were “in-person” miracles in the midst of pandemic restrictions). Her remains now join with Tim’s dad (Al Brock) at the National Cemetery in Bushnell FL.

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

A pandemic “surprise serendipity” 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 & Samuel’s Aunt Betsy & Uncle Guy) 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 and Nashville).

Another “silver-lining” blessing was the acceleration of John & Lydia’s wedding, who tied the knot Nov 21st! The Brock/Bancroft wedding was held in a large Barn venue on the Kansas side, and included family & friends from Texas, South Carolina, Florida, and friends from John & Lydia’s “missional” church community in KC/MO! Both John and Lydia will live & work in Overland Park, 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 Highschool prom!

Joseph’s 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, Mendelssohn’s Piano Trio and an original jazz tune, The Green Gorilla, by (and performed with) his brother Stephen. Joseph began his 1st year of University at UMKC this fall, with both online & in-person classes.

Stephen and 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! Stephen is in a (Covid induced) gap year and is full-time, playing IHOP sets, practicing & serving in BUR ministry trips and camps (incl the Kickstart camp in Ottertail MN—see below)

Here are some other 2020 Highlights:

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

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

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 that combines discipleship & gardening (Eden Homestead). Our final outreach was with 2 dear partner/couples. (Birmingham AL/Memphis TN)

What's New @ Brocks Upper Room Suzuki Music & Worship School?

Brocks Upper Room (BUR) is now in its 15th year! With the Corona Virus Pandemic, the BUR Suzuki Music & Worship School has continued classes (both online & in-person) from Jan 6 through Dec 22nd, including new student Intensives in guitar & piano (July/Aug). The Music School offers master and group classes in violin, guitar and piano. Group classes include rhythm, note reading and theory (RNT) culminating with solo & group recitals in Oct and Dec. Also included are 3 Worship nights that provide opportunity for students to broaden their worship experience & improvisation skills

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)

Kickstart Music Camp (Violin, Guitar & Piano) for Children & Families, (Nov 27-29, Ottertail MN)

Tim, Melody & Stephen will join Samuel & Suzanne in directing a 3 day music camp for 16+ children and youth (along with their families) at the Firestarters Worship Center in Ottertail MN. Classes include rhythm, note reading and theory (RNT) culminating with a solo & group worship recital—helping to "kickstart" a music school that services a dedicated worship community of young families. Samuel & Suzanne (now residing in Ottertail) will direct the music school over the next year blending online & in-person teaching, while joining the Firestarter's worship team.

BUR Community Worship & Prayer Meetings

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 tri-generational!

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 with Grandma Bunny, we initiated several 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)

Thoughts From the Prayer Room

Between Two Times:

It's as if we find ourselves in the twilight, between day and night. There's a holy tension as we wrestle not against flesh & blood, but against the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Two things strike me while seemingly held in this holy tension: Not unlike Daniel, we stand in an appointed time (Dan 9), knowing our prayers are the appropriate response, but yet it "feels like" our prayer is not getting through (but it really is!).

Second, the story of Jehoshaphat and his singing army of priests takes on new relevance. An enemy too strong for Jehoshaphat is preparing to attack & decimate Judah.

Jehoshaphat follows Solomon's prayer, calling the people to humble themselves, seek God's face and turn from their own ways. God answers! He gives clear directions, telling them to station themselves and see the salvation of the Lord—that the battle is not theirs to fight, but rather to sing and praise the Lord—this was how they were to "engage in battle."

These old testament stories are also for now—maybe for a people caught between two times, facing an enemy that is too strong.

But God delights to deliver His people who respond in prayer and station themselves in praise. He Himself sets the ambush and causes the enemy to destroy itself. And the spoil for God's people is very great.

So to those caught in a holy tension, pray, wait for the strategy, set yourself to praise the Lord! Expect a miracle and much spoil! (2 Chr 20) *BTB IHOPKC 11.12.20*



Let us know how we can pray for you! Keep the Brock Family in your prayers! Thank you!!