July 2018

We are so excited to share all that God is doing in this season of 'Seeking'. No drama, no trauma and no agenda: The Lord said "Seek My Face!" so "Your Face, O God, we will seek!" (Ps 27:8) Never have we felt so weak, yet so cared for by God. We pray the great "I Am" will be with you in every season. "Ask rain from the Lord, in spring" (Zch 10:1)

# Here are Some Updates and Highlights

# **Family Update**

**Melody** continues to teach violin, also at IHOPU School of Worship, and will be adding several piano students in August. She has been an amazing caregiver to Grandma Bunny for 6 months, while juggling many family, teaching and volunteer activities (incl organizing & completing a Suzuki Piano Teacher & Parent Training Course).

**Grandma Bunny** has now transitioned to enjoy the cooler weather of western North Carolina where she is with Tim's sister (Betsy and her husband, Guy). She has had some challenges but is coming thru like the ever-ready Bunny! Before leaving KC, (in one of our home meetings), God used her to speak a profound prophetic word to those gathered: "Be still and listen to Me. You may be surprised by what you hear."

**Tim** continues to teach guitar (including 3 little 6 year-olds) in our (BUR) School of Music and will begin teaching flute at the Forerunner Worship School at IHOPU this fall. He also has been caregiver to his mom—including enjoying times with her in the IHOP-KC prayer room. Tim continues to play bass on an Arabic Worship Team at IHOP.

**Samuel**, graduated from Belmont U (Commercial String Performance) in May and now prepares to go to Israel this August to help with the Dor Haba Music & Worship Camp. He has been involved in June outreach (Bonnaroo Festival, Nash TN) and the String Crossings Camp for teens at BU. He is basing out of Nashville at an Inner City ministry (The Foundry). He also plays for Reignite, a Fusion String Quartet (w/ Drummer).

**John** broke his leg (left fibula) during spring football practice, requiring surgery (plates & screws)—but God, his banner (miracle), has helped him financially and to heal quickly! John just returned from Costa Rica for his Exercise Science Internship (thank you to those who were able to help!) and will be able to play Fall Football in his senior year! He will also return as a Resident Coordinator, which will cover most costs of his senior year!

**Stephen**, after his 1st year at University Of Missouri KC (Jazz Studies), is practicing, playing drums and violin for different venues (incl IHOP Prayer Room) and recently organized a Jazz Trio performance at a local Chick-Fil-A where he also works w/ his brother (John) part-time! Stephen has been a forerunner in our upcoming trip to NW.

**Joseph** just returned from a 10 Day Infusion YWAM (Youth With A Mission) Camp here in KC. God is doing a fresh work in his heart. He has received full scholarship to play cello at a String Quartet Camp this Aug. He continues to play in the IHOPKC Prayer Room weekly. He soon starts part-time at Chick-Fil-A and works out w/ his bro (John) preparing for Fall Football. Joseph is coming into his junior year of High School!.

## **BUR Ministry Highlights**

After completing our 1st year of the BUR Suzuki School of Music and Worship (KC), we now go out on the road in a totally different way—to the great Northwest! We leave early July 4—14 to be part of a family worship camp in Libby, Montana. This will be our 1st time playing/ministering together as an entire family since last fall. We sense something strategic about this opportunity to connect with a prayer community that also shares relationship with some of our overseas (middle east) missionary families.

**School of Music:** This August we begin our 2nd Suzuki Intensive for beginners. We have seen a fresh crop of youngsters (violin, guitar & piano) come into the music school. Each semester includes parent training, master & group classes, improvisation, note reading and scripture memorization. The semester ends with an outreach concert in a local assisted living center. (Your support and gifts help us keep our teaching costs & rates low so other musicianary families can afford lessons!)





Suzuki Intensive Guitar Class and Young Violinists Performing at Retirement Center (BUR SOM, KC)

**U.S. & Middle East (ME) Prayer Watch:** ME outreach opportunities through prayer and giving continue as we host weekly small group worship & prayer with Egyptian & Chinese believers. This includes monthly gatherings that give opportunity to sow into the Isaiah 19 Highway! Tim also continues to play weekly on an Arabic Team at the All Nations Prayer Room (IHOPU)

#### **Thoughts From the Prayer Room:**

After such a great victory at the Red Sea, Moses led the people 3 days journey into the wilderness and found bitter water. Instead of worshiping (as they had been commanded) they gave into bitterness. It was their 1st test. Even though the water was bitter, (not what they expected), they forgot to worship. But God showed Moses a tree and he threw it in the water and it was made sweet! In our weakness and disappointment, don't break faith but rather *turn* to the Tree (Cross), take time to listen to His voice and be refreshed in the Holy Spirit. (Ex 15:22)

#### **Praise & Prayer Points:**

- Praise for the gifts sown into Samuel's Israel Musicianary Flight! (\$4K still needed for Hebrew Univ)
- Praise for your faithful donations that have also helped us sow into local Arabic missionaries!
- Provision for Joseph's schooling at The Daniel Academy (\$400 a month)
- BUR School of Music (Prayer for provision and God's choice of students & families)
- · Critical need for new partners and ongoing monthly/periodic support. (incl medical insurance)

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