

Dear Friends,

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Here's the Brock Update, Thoughts & Highlights from our Middle East (ME) Musicianary Trip, showing what God did through your prayers & support! We've resumed daily Harp & Bowl (H&B) prayer at our home and local church. We continue to teach music lessons. We are going out this Dec 27–Jan 6, to share at several churches and spend time with family in FL. We have an opportunity to return to Bahrain & ME to help train worship & prayer teams, June–July 2014.

Brock Update

On Oct 23rd, Mel's dad passed on. He was 91 years old and we were able to speak Psalm 91 over him as an entire family the night before. He died 2 months after Mel's mom passed away. They were married almost 60 years. He was a tennis coach and taught us all. He was a compassionate, godly man who loved to help others. Thanks for keeping Mel in your prayer—this season has been a very challenging transition & re-entry for all of us.

After 9+ years of full-time ministry, we find ourselves in a most vulnerable place. Since returning, our support is ebbing—yet we cannot go under for going over! Through Him we shall do valiantly! The 3 younger boys are attending a Leadership School that is part of our local church, MorningStar (MS). Melody is volunteering there in addition to practicing & teaching. In Aug, Tim was invited to join the MS intercession leadership team. We're currently doing prayer & worship sets as a family at MS, as part of a 40 day prayer initiative. Tim's also doing ministry follow-up, web planning, leading sets & teaching.

- Samuel, in his gap year, continues to lead worship sets, prep for music school auditions, record & build websites. He auditioned for Belmont Univ (Nashville) and will soon audition at UMKC (in Feb). He teaches violin, including students from Turkey via Skype.
- John had another amazing season of US Football. (His team won the championship 70-28! You can see rough-cuts from his season at <http://youtu.be/RgPdc5eMMTQ>). John received training this past summer and is now certified to teach Suzuki Violin (Bk1).
- Stephen had a great soccer season (third place this year!). He joined Allstar Jazz Band, is teaching drums & doing violin classes with 2 skilled Chinese teachers, (V.Pan & Wei-Wei)
- Joseph also played JV soccer and soloed in his 1st cello recital at Univ N. Carolina (UNCC)

Middle East Ministry Trip Highlights:

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. Our supporting (trans-local) churches & prayer community (near & far) sent us out & provided quick-response prayer cover & critical help at home. A ground swell of financial support from our churches, partners, family & friends completely covered all expenses! *For your support we are deeply touched and grateful beyond words.*

Poriya, Israel We were invited to play with our long-term Israeli friends Moshe & Lily, at their 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 to the Lord. As we departed, they invited us to return to teach in a 2 day music workshop (which we did). This is a deep work with huge impact on both Israeli & Arab families for decades! *Moshe said we were his "Hanukkah Miracle."* (Our wonderful hosts, Dan & Carolyn continue in relationship with them)

Izmir, Turkey: After 3 months, in our final week on Mar 16th, we held a worship & prayer workshop (including singing the scriptures). This was hosted by the International Church (through the Izmir HOP) at the famous Izmir 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