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God loves families! Every family in heaven and earth derives its name, identity and purpose from our heavenly Father. (Eph 3:15) As we reflect on our ministry in 2021—both on and off the road—Jesus is highlighting and inviting us into a deeper understanding of what He calls family. As for our family, it continues to expand as we are expecting our 1st grandchild! (See below)

Here are some BUR Summer & Fall Highlights (including Family Updates):

#### **BUR Summer Outreach**

Florida Tour (July 4—18): Samuel, Zanny, Stephen, Joseph, Melody & Tim ministered in a multigenerational gathering (First United Methodist, St Pete), at Christian Retreat (Pstr Phil Derstine, Bradenton) & the Embassy Prayer Room (David Ruleman, Vero Beach). In Vero, a woman's neck was healed and a man had a growth in his right foot dissolve as we played over them!

<u>Turkey Tour (July 11—31)</u>: Samuel & Zanny spent time teaching & encouraging YWAM & HOP missionaries & their families. As musicianaires, they taught music & strengthened relationships!

#### **BUR School of Music**

In August, Melody started 4 new violin students, and 4 new piano students. In addition to his guitar students, Tim is teaching an Israeli flute player at IHOPU Forerunner School of Worship, and an online flute student in Turkey. Group classes (3 per semester) are fun key training times.

Red River Revival Flute Project: Wood from the 200+ year-old Red River Revival Tree was given to us to create custom Native (wooden) flutes. Thanks to several generous donors, we were able to make 6 flutes (6 different keys). There is just enough wood to create the 7th flute to complete the project! (\$1K) Please let us know if you'd like to help—no amount is too small.

### **KC Outreach & BUR Home Meetings**

We continue to host weekly prayer/worship meetings for our nation. As we worship, it shifts the atmosphere. We also have worship meetings approximately once a month. One meeting, we hosted a family from Amsterdam, and the Lord ministered powerfully to a widowed father & son.



Melody, Joseph, Stephen & Tim ministering for IHOP-KC Offertory (9/26/21)

# **Family Updates**

# Tim & Melody

Tim is now part-time (PR) staff in the prayer room at IHOP-KC. We are now both doing the Arabic Set in the All Nations Prayer Room and have resumed the End-Times Study course online at IHOP, studying end-time passages in the book of Isaiah. This summer, Melody took a refresher course of Suzuki Violin Book 1. Tim is also taking electric guitar lessons at IHOPU!

### Samuel & Zanny

Continue to teach and direct their music school in Ottertail, MN as they serve as worship ministers at the Firestarters Worship Center. They continue to teach students online (in Turkey & the US) and our now visiting Zanny's family in Canada as they celebrate their 1st anniversary!

# John & Lydia

Have bought a home in KC! They are expecting their 1st baby in April 2022!! John continues to be a busy physical trainer and manages accounting & online training at Front Door Fitness. Lydia is teaching 1st grade in the Kansas public school system—a full class of 18 youngsters!

#### Stephen

Now in his senior year, is studying drum-set with Carl Allen (former Juilliard Jazz Director, now the new Director of UMKC Jazz Studies). This July, he & Tim did the long-awaited 4 day Father/ Son backpacking trip in the Colorado Rockies (Eagles Nest area, 12.5K ft). Quality time & great weather. Also included a concert for neighbors at Tom's (Tim's cousin who hosted us in Dillion, CO)

#### Joseph

Navigating well his sophomore year as a business major—while keeping time for Ultimate Frisbee and playing electric cello for Jonas Park's team at IHOP. He has joined a local church with his 2 older bros where they share life in small "missional community" family groups.

# **Thoughts From the Prayer Room**

What is the..."Administration suitable to the fulness of the times"...? The Family of God!

Paul, in Ephesians 1:10 gives his insight into a "mysterious" vision of the future. Indicating there is a mysterious expression of governance that is suitable for the fulness of all time, when everything is summed up in Christ! To perceive this mystery, we must be "born" of the Spirit.

If we study this out, Paul gives the answer to this question in his Apostolic Prayer in Ephesians 3:15: It starts with "bowing his knees" to the Father, from whom every *family* in heaven and on earth (or in other words, the entire "Family of God") derives its name (or identity). "The Family" as defined by God Himself, is that administration! Its no wonder that Satan, the enemy of the family, is so vehement and diligent in his attempt to destroy its foundational identity & function.

Jesus introduced us (His Bride) to the core eternal Family—the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. The family fellowship was demonstrated on earth by Jesus in His life and way. He showed what real family looked like as He drew his followers together into a close family dynamic. Then, through His suffering, death & resurrection, He revealed His purpose to Mary Magdalene saying, go to my brothers & tell them My Father is now their Father, inviting all true believers into the Family.

God's Family is essential and will be the "administration" of His kingdom for all eternity!