

Brocks Upper Room 2023 Ministry Report

Executive Summary

This has been a bench-mark year for Brocks Upper Room! It featured our 2nd full-scale Suzuki, Worship & Music Camp (SWMC) for children & youth at IHOPU! This year we led our 1st Family Worship Workshop, our 1st Teen Leadership Retreat, returned to the Spain & the Middle East (Turkey) and had a spontaneous TV Interview, describing our personal story and family culture of worship & music. A major highlight was the donation of over 60 string instruments!!

The Brock Family "Duo" also completed a 3 week Florida Summer tour (June 21-July 15), followed by another 2 week Florida Fall Tour (Sept 22-Oct 8) including worship ministry and teaching at churches, Houses of Prayer (HOP) & home gatherings. The Duo also received a return invite to California for the Psalms Dance Network Reign Conference (Nov 9-10).

The Big Family News: John & Lydia Brock's 2nd girl, Elayna Serena, was born on August 4th!



BUR School of Music in Its 7th year!

Our Suzuki & Worship School of Music (SOM) resumed Aug 1 (thru Dec 15). Riding the camp wave, our fall semester featured a 2-3 fold increase of Group & RNT (Rhythm, Note-reading & Theory) classes. (Group Outreach Concerts, Nov 4 & 23 and our **1st Harp & Bowl Worship Concert** at IHOPU, Dec 2)

What's New in 2023?

Malaga HOP (Mar 4—9, Malaga Spain) Tim joined with son, Samuel, helped Norm Przybylski and a Spanish Apostolic Team gather elders in Malaga to lay foundation for a 24/7 HOP. Over 30 key prayer leaders, pastors & musicians pressed in for God's answer & direction. It was as if God gave the permit for building!



Izmir House of Prayer 100 Hour Burn (Mar 13—19, Izmir Tky)

After several years, Tim & Melody returned to Izmir HOP to help administer and minister in this strategic 100 Hour Burn. In the wake of the recent earthquake, many joined (on Zoom) from the Middle East, Europe and US to worship & pray into the national trauma. (So fulfilling to join other musicians we had previously trained in Harp & Bowl over our 10-12 years ministering in Turkey)



The BUR 2023 Suzuki & Worship Music Camp (SWMC) (June 10-17, IHOPU, KC MO) was a rich mix of teacher training, student master classes (47 students gaining new skills in violin, cello, guitar, voice, drums & piano)—culminating with 5 worship teams & electives in composition, art & audio tech (to name a few) including a Fathers track (led by Kirk Bennett) on leading their families in worship, daily student recitals, sharing good food--and of course, plenty of ice-cream! Master teachers included Suzuki Teacher Trainers, IHOP-KC (IHOPU & GPR) musicians & Leonard Jones!

New Ministry Developments!

The BUR School of Music conducted its 1st Teen Leadership/Discipleship Retreat, (Oct 20-22), at Horse-Creek Ranch (Sidney IA) and were the featured fiddle band at the Belgian (horses), Barbecue & Bluegrass (BBB) Gathering. After 6 unique music ministry outreaches, each teen was able to horseback ride the 80+ acres of trails & hills. These 3 teens demonstrated an excellent spirit, voluntarily “jumping” into several spontaneous ministry opportunities—that included a School-House Museum in Brownville, NB & local church in Sidney, IA!



Rosh Hashana Worship Night (Sept 16, IHOP-KC) This was a unique evening of worship & sharing, that brought together 2 teen leaders from our music school (on violin), joining our guest harpist, Michael David. The evening was unusual as the manifest presence of God seemed to indicate an increase in “angelic army mobilization.” The IHOP-KC meeting featured Michael’s son—an IDF soldier giving testimony—a portend of challenging days to come!





Pick-up Strings! In 2015, Tim met a retired music teacher who said he had a basement full of instruments—for which he was looking to find a home. This summer, after hearing of our SWMC camp and ongoing ministry to children, he offered all those instruments to us! On **July 27th**, Tim went to Clarksville, West Virginia to meet Frank & his wife Kathy, who gave BUR over 60 children's small scale string instruments, including 11 cellos, 12 violas and over 40 violins! Tim drove back to KC with a van load on **July 30th**, with Frank's blessing & his expressed desire for their use in praise.

End of 2022 In Review (BUR Outreach Since 2022 Board Meeting)

Brock Family Workshop (Nov 26-27, Ottertail MN) (3 hour meeting w/ Papa Bear on way up) The Entire Brock Family conducted a Family Workshop at the Firestarter Worship Center (Ottertail MN). Workshop included family panel discussion on creating a culture of Loving God through daily worship (as a family). Workshop culminated Sun with Brock Family music (Stephen's hymn arrangement) & "Father Brocks" message (see <https://youtu.be/-rbObZm1-zs>)

KC, Morning Star, Fort Mill PC & New Zealanders (Dec 3, 26—Jan 7th: KC, Fort Mill SC & Nashville TN) In early Dec we hosted Elihana Elia (Israeli Singer) & her mother in our home for an extraordinary evening of worship & sharing. Our hearts were knitted for eternity! Tim & Melody (Brock Family Duo) ministered in the Fort Mill Prayer Community & at Morning Star/MS, leading worship at 2 home gatherings (Alan & Sandra McCain) and at the Bob Jones Vision Center (BJVC). This was truly a gathering of intercessory eagles, long-term friends who came to ride the heights in worship and prayer before & during the MS Vision Conference. We ministered to Him in intimacy & unity and saw the Lord impart fresh oil on all attending. The tour culminated with a techno-rhythmic "Prayer Jam" hosted by a family of fiery New Zealanders!

BUR 2023 Summer & Fall Outreach

This summer the Brock Family "Duo" completed a 3 week Florida tour (June 21-July 15) ministering in the Keys (Islamorada), Vero Bch (Embassy of Hope), Shiloh Farms (Odessa) & the Smith's Home Gathering (Nashville). In the Fall this was followed by another 2+ week Tour (Sept 22-Oct 8) including worship ministry & teaching at Sovereign Lord Fellowship (Orlando), Eden Abbey (Mt Dora), Christian TV Network (CTN, Clearwater), Shiloh Farms (Odessa), The Feast of Tabernacles at Christian Retreat (Bradenton FL). BUR Fall Tour ministry culminated with worship & teaching at the Psalms Dance Network Reign Conference (Los Angeles CA).

BUR Summer Outreach

Florida Tour Highlights (June 21–July 15):

Embassy of Hope & Eden Homestead (June 22-23 Vero Beach FL)

A powerful time of prophetic worship with David and Tracy Ruleman at the Embassy of Hope (HOP). We later found out that much warfare had preceded our time and the worship helped to bring clarity and divine order. Our ministry in Vero ended with a sweet time of worship with Don Blizzard of Eden Homestead—a ranch dedicated to growing fruit products for health & healing.



Spirit & Truth Ministries & Florida Keys House of Prayer (June 24-29, Tavernier, Keys)
Pastors Marlin & Marion Simon & HOP leaders met to strengthen relationship between the local church and HOP, including leaders from the Miami HOP. (We saw this relationship grow as a model of how both can flow together to bring spiritual transformation to the Keys—which is a very strategic location in our country for revival! We see fertile ground for multi-generational training in this spiritually hungry community!)



Shiloh Farms (June 30—July 2, Odessa FL)
This time was like a summer extension of our SWMC Camp, which included music training for children & youth (including the young in heart) on instruments & in worship leading. (Leonard & Brocks taught)

Afterwards, Tim & Melody joined Leonard Jones for an evening of spontaneous worship that culminated with the children joining in with their instruments.

Prophetic ministry continued on in to the evening as different ones asked us to play over or place our instruments on them for both healing and direction.

H&B Family Ministry near Detroit MI (Aug 11-15, Ypsilanti, MI)

Samuel & Tim ministered at a wedding that lead to several families being trained in family Harp & Bowl. Samuel had trained almost all of the children of a missionary family of 8, just returning from a decade of ministry in Turkey (who's daughter was getting married). Other families in their sending church wanted what this missionary family was modeling—after years of online-training.

BUR Fall Outreach

Florida Tour Highlights (Sept 23–Nov 10):

Sovereign Lord Fellowship (Sept 24, Winter Park FL)

This church is made up of seasoned prayer “veterans.” We see them as a prayer covering to our ministry and an entry gate to our Florida outreaches. They are a “unit” of long-term partners in prayer for our various tours and BUR School of Music. We ministered in spontaneous worship and Tim shared the word, including highlights of our SWMC Camp, for which they were praying.

Eden Abbey (Sept 24, Mt Dora FL)

This was another 1st. Ben & Eve Passmore have created a high quality Brewery that is a storefront to a House of Prayer. Ben & Eve gave us car-blanch to do free prophetic worship in their Brewery. Several customers at the bar were visibly touched by the presence of God—some coming up to us, were open for us to pray with them. We felt a fresh outpouring of new wine & angelic assignments—like Jacobs ladder coming down in a place that became holy ground!



Christian TV Network (CTN) (Sept 26, Clearwater FL)

Totally spontaneous, this interview with Jen Mallan was part of her “Come Home” program that focuses on Family & Christianity. She drew things out us; including how we met, our call to music and teaching, our 4 sons & our family culture of worship. The interview ended with Melody sharing her vision for children zero to six—(a critical teaching window to catch) and an opportunity for Tim to pray for Fathers—to receive new grace to lead their families in worship (see link at <https://youtu.be/-ZcUvuXm0LU?si=yXpHCkac5NejrgDz>)

Shiloh Farms (Nancy & Don Conway) (Sept 27, Odessa FL)

A very fruitful day of worship & early celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles with this precious community which we’re beginning to feel a long-term relationship growing for more training in worship & prayer. We assisted in worship with Life University, (a weekly Facebook-Live event), & then led worship and sharing that evening. Together, we poured out our alabaster jar to Him.

Christian Retreat, Feast of Tabernacles Sept 28–Oct 6, Bradenton FL)

Our 2nd year in a row participating in the longest running Feast of Tabernacles outside of Jerusalem! Our part was to assist in morning and evening worship on violin & flute and provide “soaking” worship for the Living Tabernacle, which is a ministry that teaches the heavenly protocols of encountering Jesus through the symbols that the furniture of the Tabernacle provide —a point of contact to release faith for entry into intimacy into the realms of glory that are available to us now! (see <https://www.christianretreat.org/events/feast-of-tabernacles>)

Reign Conference, Psalms Dance Network, (Nov 9-10, Los Angeles CA) Sherry Traylor is the founder of Psalms Dance Network, a California-based ministry that trains dance leaders in the prophetic, on local, national & international levels. For 19 years, she has hosted an annual (Dominion) conference that features leaders and their teams (both national and international) creating & performing, uniquely ethnic, choreographed expressions, including mime. This year featured a 45’ dance/mime narration illustrating the “unseen” spiritual battle.



The conference is steeped in worship and always has a outreach expression in the streets. Our part has been to provide a worship “soaking” atmosphere for the dance leaders and supporting team intercessors (“Tabernacle Warriors”). This year we were given more opportunity to teach worship and for Melody—something new—to teach nutrition to the young (children) dancers. The Conference worship leader integrated “soaking” worship into the final 10 minutes of worship and the glory came in!! There was such freedom & unity—a sense of great breakthrough and angelic mobilization!



Other 2023 Highlights & Updates



Rita Hauck Piano Teacher Training (May-June 2, KC MO)
We were privileged as a community to experience Rita's last Suzuki Piano Book 1—3 Training before she retired in June. She was a critical factor in keeping some piano students from quitting. She emphasized the role of Dads and the importance of learning and sight-reading hymns. Several local teachers in our School of Music (SOM) received certification, including Samuel's wife, Suzanne Brock.



Tuesday 10 AM Watches (Brock Home, KC MO)
This home-based gathering continues to meet weekly 10am to 1pm (max). Averaging 5-7 people, we share national, international & local/personal concerns. Intercession is informed & springs from live prophetic worship. Prophetic impressions are then shared and prayer ministry sometimes follows. We always end with communion. This time has often been the preparation for upcoming BUR trips and ministry initiatives, including SOM.

Brock Family Update:

Samuel & Suzanne continue to teach music in Ottertail MN. Suzanne (Zanny) is pregnant, expecting a boy this March 2024. They both serve on the Firestarters worship team. Samuel, in addition to teaching & (ministry) travel, continues grow in his home-building skills, helping friends to build their homes from scratch.



"Pi-Paw" with new Brock Baby, Elayna, including Older Sister, Myah (on right)

John & Lydia have a new addition to the Brock Family: Elayna Serena was born on August 4th! John continues take on more responsibility with the Exercise Training company, Front Door Fitness. They also co-lead the youth group at their church where both Stephen & Joseph attend.

Stephen continues to apprentice as an electrician while practicing violin, drum-set & mostly composing. He leads monthly worship nights for the young adults of his church and small group.

Joseph is finishing his senior year in Marketing & Finance (UMKC). He is playing & teaching cello while working part-time in a Search Engine Marketing company where he interned last summer. He and his brother (Stephen) have taken their mountain biking to an extreme level!