

Brocks Upper Room Winter Update

Feb 2024

This has been a remarkable year for Brocks Upper Room! It featured our 2nd full-scale Suzuki, Worship & Music Camp (SWMC) for children & youth at IHOPU! We led our 1st Family Worship Workshop, our 1st Teen Leadership Retreat, returned to 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 for children!! Below are some 2023-24 highlights and updates:



Winter Tour Highlights (Dec 27, 2023 — Jan 7, 2024) The Brock Duo (Tim & Melody) just completed a winter tour of South Carolina & Florida. Ministry included home gatherings in Fort Mill, SC (McCains) and Leesburg, FL (Sandy Lindsay). On New Years Eve, we joined a unique Arts Group initiative in St. Pete FL training children & their families (pic on left) using a drum circle to model worship, music & scriptures, with Dad's leading! The tour culminated in Islamorada (Keys), ministering in Word & Worship at Spirit & Truth Church (Marlin & Marion Simon) & leading H&B training & worship at the Keys House of Prayer/Blue Water (Christi & Jeff Dupre)



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 Dad's leading their families in worship. Also, daily student recitals, sharing good food—and of course, plenty of ice-cream! Master teachers included Suzuki Teacher Trainers, IHOP-KC musicians & Leonard Jones!

Summer & Fall Tour Highlights (June, Sept, Oct & Nov) This summer the Brock Family "Duo" completed a 3 week Florida tour (June 21-July 15) ministering in the Keys (Islamorada), Vero Beach (Embassy of Hope), Shiloh Farms (Odessa) & the Smith's "Prayer Jam" Gathering (Nashville). In the Fall, the Duo did another 3 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 (African American) Network "Reign" Conference (Nov 9-10, Los Angeles CA).

New Ministry Developments!

BUR School of Music conducted its 1st Teen Leadership & Discipleship Retreat (Oct 20-22, Horse-Creek Ranch, Sidney IA) The teen team (& Duo) was 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!



Brock Family Update:

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



“Pi-Paw” with little Elayna! Elayna with older sister, Myah.

Brock Family Christmas 2023

John & Lydia have a new addition to the Brock Family: Elayna Serena was born on August 4th! John continues to 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 & composing music. 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!