

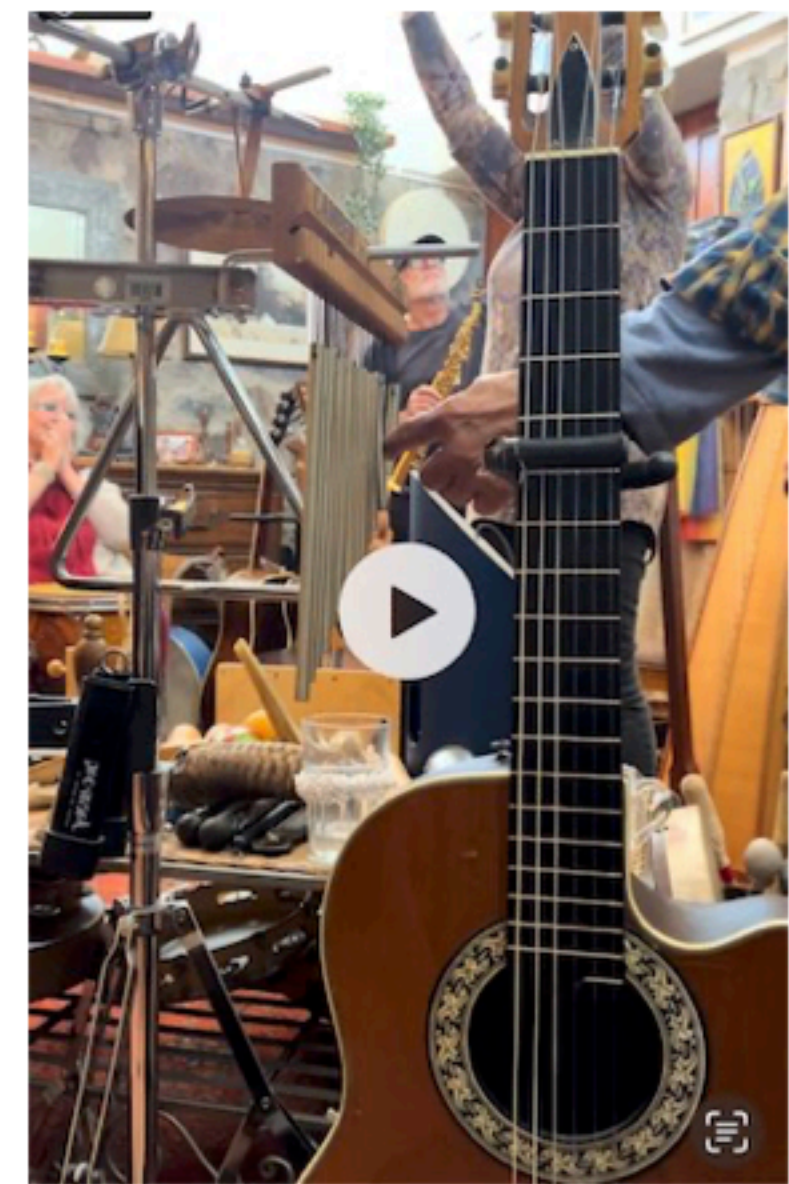
Brocks Upper Room 2024 Ministry Report

Executive Summary:

Brocks Upper Room, (incorporated in 2005), begins its 20th year of ministry! This year, 2024, also marks our 6th mission trip to Israel! In the midst of ongoing war abroad and challenges at home with the IHOP-Community, we continue to service the next generation in music and prayer. Tim & Melody took 3 teen leaders to Japan for 3 weeks, ministering to indigenous Japanese through spontaneous worship, teaching & Suzuki Chamber Orchestra outreach. BUR international outreach also included ministry to HOPs in Basil & Geneva Switzerland. Stateside tours included Tavernier & Islamorada (FL Keys), Cairo (IL), Fort Mill (SC), Leesburg, Bradenton & Odessa (FL). The BUR School of Music (SOM) continues with violin, guitar & piano students (mostly children & youth) including recent Master Class workshops with world class musicians. This year we were invited into student homes to encourage families in their culture of worship. BUR SOM also renewed emphasis on worship and improvisation in the group classes offered!

Israel & Switzerland Ministry Trip (Mar 19–30):

In March we returned to Israel and spent 7 days with a strategic couple (Arni & Yonit) and their worship community in Poyria Elite (overlooking the Sea of Galilee). They host evening & morning worship gatherings that are totally spontaneous and invoke participation on every instrument imaginable! The environment is set to just “BE” with Jesus. In summary, as we worshiped together in unity, we felt the power of an atomic explosion in the heavens over Israel—and the radiation is still falling! In the land, we could feel the violation of Oct 7th. So I asked Arni, “Where is your safe room?” He said, “Our worship room is our safe room (see pic). This is where He trains us!” Our final day, we traveled to Jerusalem and ministered (1 worship set) at Succat Hallel HOP before flying out and ministering in HOPs in Basil & Geneva Switzerland.



Japan Ministry Trip (July 30–Aug 17):

In August, Brocks Upper Room School of Music arrived in Japan! Tim & Melody (& 3 of our teen leaders—5 member BUR Team) joined a Suzuki Chamber Orchestra (15 total) in Matsumoto & Karuizawa. But before joining the larger team, the BUR team ministered in the Osaka area Aug 1-6, basing out of a YWAM Base in Takatsuki. The team ministered at OnFire Japan (an online discipleship ministry), YWAM Takatsuki, Praise Power (an indigenous prayer gathering) & New Hope Osaka International Fellowship (<https://youtu.be/1AbFUCpNz5s>). There were many opportunities to worship Jesus & share God’s word while offering free concerts at the historic “Union” Church! Aki (Leader of Praise Power) wants to continue meeting monthly by Zoom!



BUR Team at Osaka Int. Church



Aki & Team with Praise Power Gathering



Suzuki Orch. Outreach in Karuizawa

Florida Fall Ministry Trip (Oct 11–26):

In the Fall, Tim & Melody ministered in the Florida Keys, Bradenton, Leesburg and Odessa. We began our trip just as Hurricane Milton was ending, leaving many without power & downed trees everywhere (including Christian Retreat where we were scheduled to minister for the Feast of Tabernacles). We ministered, leading worship and sharing the word at Spirit & Truth Church (Marlin & Marion, Tavernier/Keys), Keys House of Prayer/Blue Water Church (Nolan & Olivia), Christian Retreat Feast of Tabernacles (Phil & Jannette Derstine), Leesburg home gathering ("The Unit", hosted by Chris & Brenda) and Shiloh Farms in Odessa (Nancy Conwell). In every place we ministered, the Holy Spirit opened the heavens almost instantly (as we experienced overseas). We ministered both corporately and over individuals with our instruments. In every place we sensed transformation, healing & breakthrough! One highlight was when we played over a leadership team preparing to counsel 8 young women who recently had abortions. They all received tangible inner healing!



Brocks Upper Room (KC) Suzuki & Worship School of Music (SOM) resumed Aug 19 (thru Dec 19). Fall semester features 6 Group/RNT (Rhythm, Note-reading & Theory) classes.

This past spring and summer we hosted 2 Guitar master class workshops (Mar 9 & Jun 18 –20). Aleia Gonzalez, (Director of KC Guitar Society) and Bill Kossler (Suzuki Guitar method co-founder) provided great inspiration & world-class instruction for our SOM guitar students. Also Dr. Jenny Lee gave violin master classes in Mar and Staci Jinkerson gave a piano worship class in April.

Violin & Guitar Student Recital at Assisted Living in KC

What's New in 2024?

Cairo IL (April 4–5) Tim & Melody met Harold Jones in Cairo Illinois the weekend of the April solar eclipse. He oversees an art center in a depressed part of southern Illinois. He hosts local Folk & Jazz festivals and teaches children & youth violin! He has given us an open invitation to teach and conduct workshops! (This is an opportunity to possibly use our donated instruments for under-privileged students)

Family Worship in Homes (July) Two Asian families in our music school invited us into their homes. One asked us to specifically lead worship and "change the atmosphere" in their home. The other invited us for fellowship, opening the door for future family worship. This is an exciting direction for BUR to directly impact family worship culture! (We see this as an extension of our monthly in-home worship nights)



New Ministry Developments!

The Living Tabernacle at Shiloh KC

(June 14–17) Tim & Melody were invited to lead worship at the IHOP-KC Shiloh property for 4 days at the Living Tabernacle (LT)—a unique “Glory & Fire” ministry led by Cindy Hoskins that is an extravagant display of the biblical Tabernacle “pattern.” Ministry began with worship in an outside tent, followed by personal ministry at the water laver, brazen altar—all leading into ministry “behind the veil” so to speak. One of our parents (from SOM) was healed of Lyme’s disease!



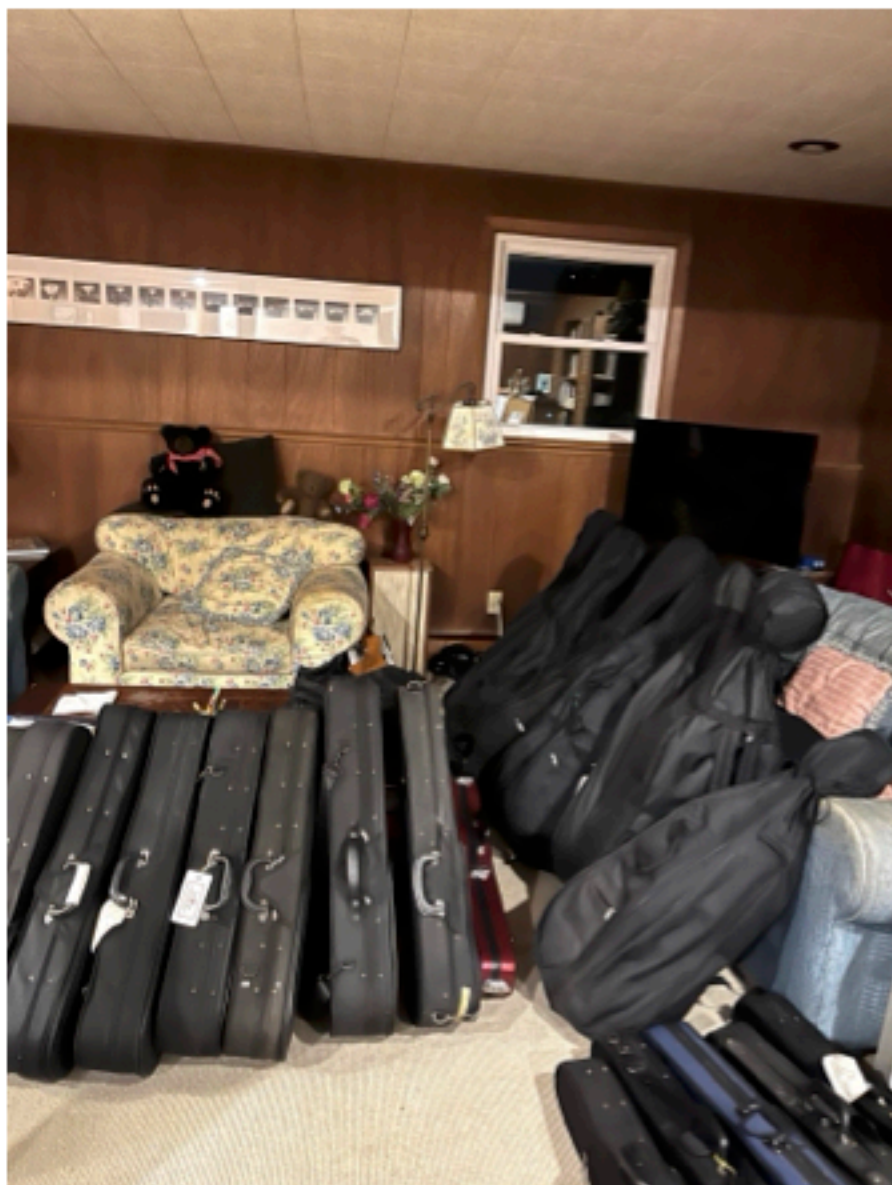
Teaching the Children about the Tabernacle

(June 17–18) One of the featured events, (Spear-headed by Melody), of the Living Tabernacle ministry was to teach the children and youth (mostly from our music school) about the Patterns of the Tabernacle. Duane Feathers and Cindy Hoskins (LT Founder) both taught on the Tabernacle within us, which is Christ. This teaching included training in spontaneous expressions on their violins and ministry time in the Living Tabernacle.



Man Camp at Camp Nebowa (Sept 12–14, Onawa, Iowa) Pastor Joseph Eberly invited Tim to join his worship team for a “Man Camp” for several days of bible study discussion, sharing around a big fire, great food, fellowship, shooting, & throwing axes etc. The worship was part of an evening that featured the grandson of the Camp Founder sharing his testimony & family legacy. Surprisingly, many of the men expressed appreciation for the flutes, which included the “Winds of Revival” [Red River] Native Flutes.





Update on String Instrument Donation:

A faithful friend of the ministry, felt to donate a large sum (3K) into refurbishing the instruments donated last year! We are currently preparing “String Quartet” groupings of the instruments to be used for training, providing small scale instruments for hands-on workshops for underprivileged students (possibly in Cairo IL). The retooling includes new strings, bow repairs & shoulder-rests. Our vision is to train students and get them playing in a string quartet setting as soon as they have suitable technique—to give them early success, experience and motivation.

End of 2023 In Review (BUR Outreach Since 2023 Board Meeting)



Winter Tour Highlights (Dec 27, 2023—Jan 7, 2024) The Brock Duo (Tim & Melody) 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)

BUR 2024 Summer & Fall Outreach

South Carolina Summer Trip (June 21–July 16):

McCains Home Gathering (July 5–9)

In mid summer, Tim & Melody ministered at the McCain Home, in Fort Mill SC, for an evening of worship. The time was very unusual—as if we all went to heaven together! Those attending were from the Morning Star (MS) Community, including musicians from the Bob Jones Vision Center (MS Prayer Room). Also a sweet reunion with 2 couples, attending, that have been faithful (periodic) partners. The teaching was from Is 66:1-2: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool...but to this one I will look...who is humble & contrite...and trembles at My word...”

Florida Fall Ministry Trip (Oct 11–26):

Spirit & Truth (S&T) Ministries & Florida Keys House of Prayer (Oct 12-14, Tavernier, Keys)
Pastors Marlin & Marion Simon of S&T, invited us to minister in worship and the word. The worship was truly a corporate journey into His heart. We all knew we were in heaven. A woman who does missions to Guatemala, Gail Gorden, came up afterwards and said the worship stirred her. She then brought her husband the next night—where we ministered at the Keys HOP, hosted by Blue Water Church. We taught on the power of spontaneous worship and released the HOP worship team (Nolan & Olivia) to go completely spontaneous, as an exercise, leading into another corporate ascent and intercession. Gail later gave BUR an unexpected large gift.

Christian Retreat, Feast of Tabernacles (Oct 15–23, Bradenton FL)

In the aftermath of Hurricane Milton, Christian Retreat was without power until the day before the Feast. We joined the Feast Worship team on Violin & Flute for the 3 day (abbreviated) Feast. We also played for an outdoor luncheon under the Sukkah and led an evening worship set in the Hotel Lobby, playing over everyone attending, sensing God's hand on each person that we laid our instruments on.



The Word given Tim while at Christian Retreat (CR) for Pastor Phil re Feast of Tabernacles & Hurricane Milton:

Job 37:12-13: God directs the storm and uses it for correction, His world or for LOVINGKINDNESS! Also, felt the words of the song "O How He loves" (He is Jealous for me) has a kairos prophetic edge in this context: "...He loves like a hurricane, I am a tree, bending beneath the weight of Your wind & mercy..."

But here's one more puzzle piece to consider: With the "B" in the (CR) Tabernacle sign (see above pic) taken down by the Storm—(and nothing is random in God)—the "B" in Hebrew is "House!" It's as if the Holy Spirit is reminding us that this physical house is temporary, and just as the Sukkah is a weak and temporary house, that during the Feast of Tabernacles, we are reminded to return and rejoice in our DEPENDENCE on God.

2 Cor 5:1+ reminds us that these temporary afflictions (storms), including damage to our houses & income, is our opportunity to rejoice in the weighty glories to come—both NOW and future!

"The Unit" in Leesburg (Oct 18, Leesburg FL)

This was a special night as we reunited with the Spiritual Meat Ministries International (SMMI) home gathering—"The Unit." It was our 1st time meeting since Sandy Lindsay (Founder of SMMI) passed. We led in worship and were asked to report on our Japan Trip, (with the Unit), as they supported us in prayer. Tim played over Chris, the host. The moment the flute touched him, he immediately was thrown to the ground, as the power of God hit him!

Shiloh Farms Feast of Tabernacles (Oct 24–25, Odessa FL)

Nancy Conwell invited us to lead worship in a small intimate setting at her Shiloh Farms ranch. During the ministry, another group (called Deeper Still), who were also meeting at Shiloh, joined us as "joy broke out" in the room. Later, this group, that joined us, invited us to play over them the next morning. They were a special ministry team that was preparing to minister to 8 women who had recent abortions. Many on the team also had abortions and all received a deep touch from the Lord—Deeper Still! Melody saw us ministering to this group and followed the Lord in it!

Brock Family Update:

Samuel & Suzanne have a new little boy, Asaph Nathaniel, born on March 20, 2024! (The day we entered Israel!) They both continue musicianary travel, serve on the Firestarters worship team & maintain their music school, teaching both live & online. Samuel continues to sub-contract in local construction.



John & Lydia have 2 girls: Myah (2 1/2) and Elayna, 15 months old. John continues to take on more responsibility with his exercise training company, Front Door Fitness. They have stopped leading the youth because they are leading a Missional Community (MC) group (6-8 families) that meets weekly on Wednesday nights at their home (The MC is one of many from their church- where both Stephen & Joseph attend separate MCs).



Stephen continues to work at Faith Technologies as an electrician. He is studying for his Journeyman exam. He leads monthly worship nights for the young adults of his church and small group. He continues to play violin, drums and compose original pieces for the Brock (Wedding) Trio!

Joseph, after graduating in Marketing & Finance (UMKC), is working full-time at Go Local Interactive, a search engine marketing company where he interned last summer. He continues playing & teaching cello. He & Stephen have a new startup (The Brock Trio).



Father Son Trip (March 15-18)

In mid March Joseph and Dad did their Father-Son trip (3 days) in New York City. The first day we toured the 9/11 Museum and then took in some Jazz at the Blue Note in Greenwich Village. Cool things came together as Tim's former design teacher from Pratt met us and gave us a special tour of the lower part of Manhattan, seeing some of the galleries and speciality shops ending with a special meal at Katz Deli! The final day we met a long term friend of the family who treated us to a tour of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Overall, a Father/Son trip we'll treasure & never forget!

