

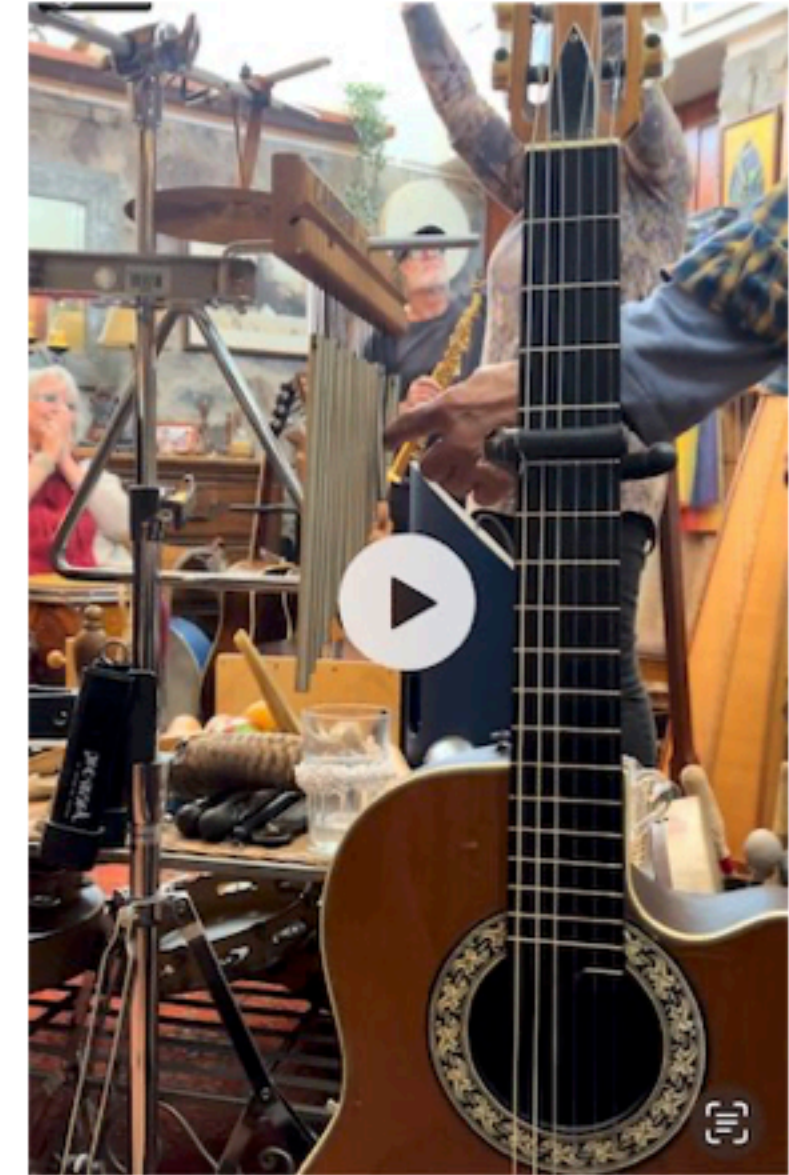
## Brocks Upper Room Fall Update

Nov 2024

Dear Friends, We are excited to share this update! So much has happened. We wish to thank so many who continue to run with us in this challenging season. In the midst of global changes (war in Israel), we have also seen many changes here in the last year at IHOP-KC. Yet our hearts remain fixed on Him and the calling to train up the next generation in whole-hearted worship, music and prayer. We feel even stronger that God has us here in Kansas City to strengthen us in the forerunner calling, “to declare to Zion, that they are God’s people.” (Is 51:16b)

### 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!” On our final day, we traveled to Jerusalem and ministered (1 worship set) at Succat Hallel HOP before flying out and ministering in HOPs in Basel & 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 Youth With a Mission (YWAM) 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. (Milton left 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 (just as we experienced overseas). We ministered both corporately and over individuals with our instruments. One highlight was when we played over a leadership team preparing to counsel 8 young women who recently had abortions. The leadership team all received tangible inner healing!



Violin & Guitar Student Recital at Assisted Living in KC

**Brocks Upper Room (KC) Suzuki & Worship School of Music (SOM)** resumed Aug 19 (thru Dec 19). The fall semester features weekly private lessons & 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 guitar students. Also Dr. Jenny Lee gave violin master classes (Mar) and Staci Jinkerson gave a piano worship class (Apr)

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## Thoughts From the Upper Room

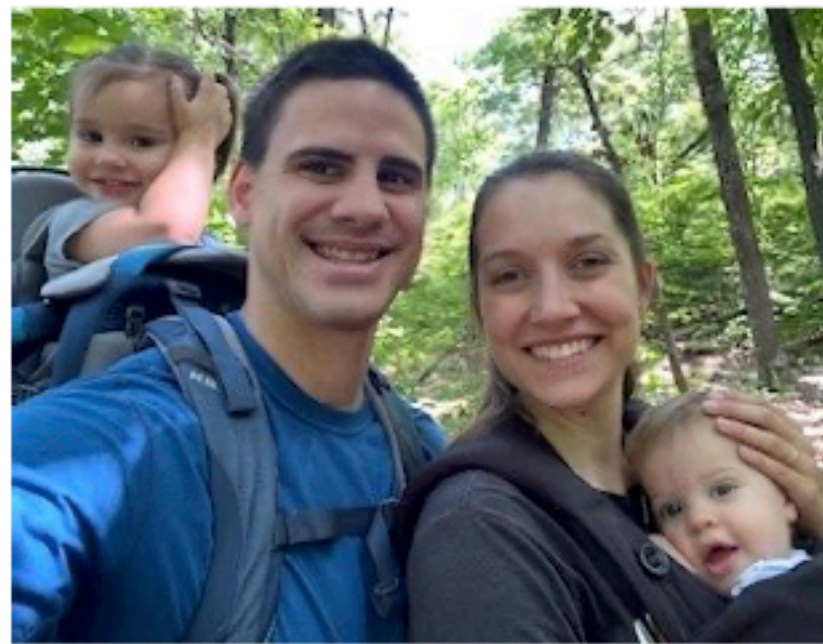
Two forerunners we draw encouragement from in this season of transition and reset are Abraham and Jesus. Both were able to *transverse two realms*—heaven and earth! Abraham, as he was about to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, heard the Angel of the Lord (Jesus) call from heaven saying, “Do not harm the lad!” And again, the Lord said, “Now I know you fear Me and I will bless you and multiply you!” (Gen 22:16 Brock Summary Paraphrase) Also, “In the Mount of the Lord it will be provided.” The “mount” speaks of our heavenly position (Col 3:1). Jesus, as our Chief Forerunner, has gone before us into heaven. He is the anchor of our soul and our steadfast hope “*which enters within the veil*” (Heb 6:20). Both of these, as men, had one foot in heaven and one foot on earth throughout their lives as an example to us that we, who are born again, have the capacity to access “the mount” through prayer. This is our invitation & inheritance—but it’s also our Forerunner Calling, as priests, in becoming the praying Church that transverses two realms!



## 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 (in Ottertail, MN) and 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 (Kevin Gatta) 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! On the final day we met a long term friend of the family (Fursey McCormack) who treated us to a tour of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Overall, a Father/Son trip we'll treasure & never forget!

