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Dear family and friends,

Many of you know how God has been moving me toward a missionary teaching position at the Black Forest Academy in Germany. The time has come for me to offer you the opportunity to become involved.

**The Story (skip this if you have already read all the previous editions of Musick Notes):**

God first began moving me toward overseas ministry when I visited the Czech Republic in 2005 with a missions team from Grace Church of DuPage (<http://gracechurchofdupage.org/>). At the time, I did not see how this could relate to my passion for music and teaching. In the fall of 2005, I entered Wheaton College (<http://wheaton.edu/>) as a music education major, with violin as my main instrument.

During the fall of 2008 (my senior year), a representative visited Wheaton from Black Forest Academy (BFA) in Germany. By God's timing, I talked with the representative and learned that the school needed a violin teacher for the next academic year. Through communication with the music department, I learned that the school was planning to start an orchestra program the next school year, but they had not yet found a teacher for the following year! I could not ignore the "coincidence." After praying for God's direction and asking advice from family and friends, I decided to apply for the position. I was officially invited to join BFA staff on January 29, 2009! Starting August 2009, Lord willing, I will be teaching violin and orchestra at Black Forest Academy in Kandern, Germany.

**Black Forest Academy:**

BFA is a Christian, international, English-language school primarily for missionary children (<http://www.bfacademy.com/>). It is a boarding school for students in upper grades. Teachers use a North American curriculum, and incorporate a Christian worldview, seeking to train students to influence their world for Christ. All teachers and staff at BFA are not paid a salary; instead, they must be financed by sponsorships through mission organizations.

**My role at BFA:**

As a private violin teacher, I will be able to give students individual attention as I train them in music and as followers of Christ. As the orchestra teacher there, I hope to give the students a better understanding of the role of community in their spiritual development as we relate to one another in music and as believers. Many students are far from their parents, so they need teachers and mentors who will guide them in their spiritual development. I am humbled and honored to be able to minister to these kids, whom God has "obtained with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

**WorldVenture:**

As all BFA staff do, I joined a mission organization in order to help me build my mission support team. I chose to join WorldVenture (<http://www.worldventure.com/>) because my uncle, Glenn Kendall, is the Africa director. WorldVenture seeks to create partnerships with missionaries and churches to support and send people to the mission field.



## How can you partner with me in this ministry?

I invite you to become a part of my sending team. “How are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Rom. 10:15). As part of the Body of Christ, I am the foot that is going from West Chicago to Germany to minister to missionary kids through teaching music. I cannot say to the leg “I do not need you.” (1 Cor. 12:21) I do need you! I need you very much, and I cannot go without you. There are two main ways in which you can partner with me in my ministry. I would be honored to have you on my team in either (or both) ways.

**1. Prayer team.** “We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against . . . the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12). I appreciate all of your prayers for me, including the sporadic ones that come whenever you happen to think of me. However, I do want to be sure that I have a regular foundation of people praying for me (Eph. 6:18), so I am setting up a prayer team. If you would like to pray for me regularly, all I ask is that you choose one time period for one day of the week, and pray for me during that time every week. If you go to <http://musickfamily.net/jill/prayer/>, you will see that you can sign up for morning, afternoon, or evening slots for a day of the week. It is my goal that someone will be praying for me every day throughout the day for the entire time I am serving as a missionary.

**2. Financial support.** Once I arrive in Germany, WorldVenture will pay me a monthly salary from the support of church members, friends, and other donations. The budget established for me is approximately \$2,000 per month, plus additional one-time expenses. In order to be given clearance to depart for BFA in August, I must have sufficient commitments and donations in my account at WorldVenture to meet this budget need. Please prayerfully consider joining my team, either with a one-time contribution or a monthly commitment. This is one opportunity that you have to partner in ministry across the globe. Be a ligament, tendon, or joint in the global Body of Christ!

**If you feel called to financially partner with me, you can give donations or commitments online ([www.WorldVenture.com](http://www.WorldVenture.com)). For donations, click on GIVE. Click on DONATE. Scroll down to my name in the missionary directory, enter the monetary amount, and click on ADD. You would then scroll down further and follow the prompts. For commitments click on MAKE A COMMITMENT, scroll down to my name in the directory, enter the monetary amount, and click on ADD. You would then scroll down and follow the prompts. If you prefer, you may also give by mail or by phone. See the website for details.**

I thank you sincerely for supporting me in whatever way you feel led to do so.  
May God bless you with His abundance of grace!  
~Jill Musick

