



Musick Notes

July 2009
Countdown

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My beloved family and friends,

My time in the US is quickly drawing to a close. It is bittersweet, as I am looking forward to going to Germany, while realizing how much I will miss everyone at home.

Pre-Field Orientation

PFO in Houghton, NY was helpful in preparing me both to leave home and to enter Germany. Teachers, RAs, and dorm parents from Christian schools around the world attended PFO. It was wonderful to find such a warm community of believers. In our sessions we learned about third culture kids, discussed the transition experience, engaged in cultural simulations, and prepared to teach in diverse classrooms. I feel much more prepared to go to Germany after going through PFO.



(photo of my PFO small group
by Kristi Schliep)

You can read more about what I learned from PFO at my blog:

<http://musickfamily.net/jill/blog/2009/06/>

and <http://musickfamily.net/jill/blog/2009/07/10/>

Goodbye Party

In our discussions about transition, the PFO speakers emphasized the importance of leaving well. After a few people asked me if I would be having a goodbye party so I wouldn't just disappear, I realized I probably should do something to give everyone a chance to say goodbye to me. I also want to see everyone at least one last time. So if you live in the area or are willing to travel to Illinois on a weeknight, you are hereby invited to my goodbye party on Thursday, July 23 from 5-8pm. It will be in the south Blackwell Forest Preserve at the west shelter (near Mt. Hoy). We will have food on the grill and play Frisbee and other sports. If it rains, we will be eating inside the shelter and probably playing card games and Speed Scrabble. Stop by to say goodbye, even if you can only be there for a short time!

Departure Date

Countdown begins now! I will be flying out of O'Hare on the evening of

Monday, July 27. I will be flying British Airways through London.

Support Updates

My one-time expenses are all in, and I am at 80% of monthly support. This translates to \$400/month more that I need. If 2 people commit \$100/month, 2 commit \$50/month and 2 commit \$25/month, that would cover the expenses. Even if you can only contribute a small amount monthly, it would help get me over to Germany. The departure date is drawing near; there is not much time left!

To commit to monthly support, go to <https://worldventure.com/CommitmentForm.aspx?id=24047&aliaspath=/Give/Make-A-Commitment>

You can also call 1-800-487-4224, ext. 2160 to donate by credit card.

To join my prayer support team, go to <http://musickfamily.net/jill/prayer/>
Just a note: You can sign up for any slot, even if it already has a name in it.

I ask that you pray for the following:

- **Pray** that God would provide the rest of my funds very quickly, as well as the funds of the other staff going to BFA.
- **Pray** that I would have closure here in the US and say all the goodbyes I need to say.
- **Pray** that God would prepare me mentally and emotionally for my role as a teacher of missionary children.
- **Praise** God for those He has already called to support me financially and with words of encouragement.

God bless you all!
~Jill Musick