



Dear family and friends,

Greetings from the Black Forest in Germany! I hope that all is well with you. Please update me on any new events in your life! Be sure to read my blog to catch all of my in-between stories that don't fit into this newsletter.

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Ghosts of Februaries Past

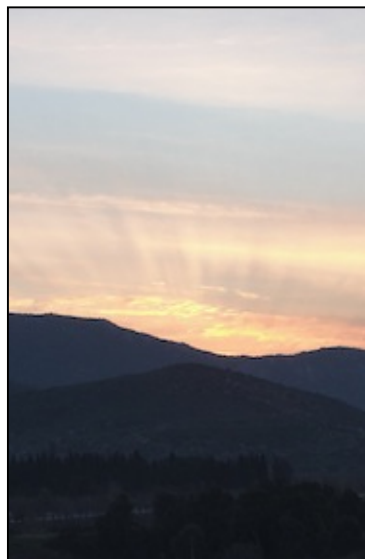
Looking back at my last year at BFA, February stands out as a dark month in the midst of an otherwise happy year. Last year, February opened with heartbreaking news of a bad situation at BFA. My memory of February is the darkness and pain of the situation.

I entered this February with a sense of dread for what was to come. Would it be another month of darkness? No, not this year. So far, it has ushered in sunny days, warm friendships, and meaningful discussions with students. There may be dark and rainy days ahead, but this February has been another reminder to me that God brings us through valleys so we can more greatly appreciate the heights.

Looking Toward the Future

Whether there be valleys or mountains ahead for me, BFA will remain my home next year. I believe that God wants me to stay here for a while longer.

In order to remain fully supported, I need at least 2 more people to commit to \$20-25/month, or 4 to pledge \$10-15/month. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with me financially as I continue this work in the Black Forest?



Currently Reading:

- *The Sacred Mundane* by Connie Befus
- *Drei Mann in einem Boot* by Jerome K. Jerome
- *The Language Files*
- The Bible

Currently Playing:

Violin Works:

- *Violin Concerto* by J. Brahms
- *Jota Aragonesa* by P. de Sarasate
- *B minor Partita* by J.S. Bach

Orchestral Works:

- *Die Zauberflöte* by W.A. Mozart
- *Masques et Bergamasques* by G. Fauré
- *Piano Concerto* by F. Chopin
- *Piano Variations* by F. Chopin

Changes This Semester

1. I now supervise a Study Hall first period; this means I do devotions with my class each morning!
2. High School Orchestra now meets before school on Tuesdays. Pro: I finally have them all together! Con: I only see them once each week.
3. I have 2 more students in the Intermediate Orchestra. This makes 9 students!
4. A German girl is taking lessons from me. This is an exciting opportunity for her to practice her English, me to practice my German, and for her to experience a taste of the BFA community.



Private Lessons

When I came to BFA, my focus was on the orchestras, and private lessons were my secondary work. My heart is still for the orchestras to grow in size, maturity, and musicality, but my joy in teaching lessons has been increasing over the past year and a half.

As my students and I get to know each other, we develop closer relationships. I find it easier to help them musically when I know their personalities. With a lighter schedule (due to not having High School Orchestra every day), my energy and creativity have been flourishing. The students are enjoying their lessons more, as am I!

After a particularly inspiring lesson, A.C. said, "I wish I had two lessons a week!" As H.L. left her lesson, she said, "I want to have lessons every day with you, Miss Musick!"

Prayer Corner

Please pray for....

- Financial support for next year
- Study Hall devotions
- Consistent attendance in the 3 orchestras

Praises:

- I have joy in teaching each day and....
- Energy each day to do all the work I'm here to do
- My German is improving!
- Pep Band is creating a fun atmosphere at home basketball games

What's Up Ahead

- Feb. 18 – Home Basketball; playing tuba in Pep Band
- Feb. 25 – Nursing Home visit
- March 4-6 – High School Retreat
- March 13 – Music Recital
- March 20 – Orchestras play at a church service in France
- March 24-27 – ACSI Honor Choir and Strings festival in Madrid
- March 28-31 – BFA Music Festival