



All Things New
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Musick Notes

Dear family and friends,

The summer is almost over, and my third year at BFA is about to begin. There are several new things happening this year! Remember to check out my blog to catch all of my in-between stories that don't fit into this newsletter!

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Summer Adventures

This summer I stayed in Germany. It was valuable as it allowed me to rest and to connect with my German community through conversations with neighbors, playing in the orchestra for an opera performance, and building relationships with neighbors at a block party.

Along with participating in the German community, I helped with work weeks at the school. Read my blog to find out about shoveling rocks!

I also went to a conducting workshop in England to improve my orchestra directing skills. It was a good refresher course. While there I also had some great conversations about faith.

Best of all, my family was able to see my life here. Instead of going home to my family, my family came to me!



^ Brothers
Parents >



Support for This Year

When I made my initial commitment for 2 years, my monthly support was also for just 2 years. Most of you are continuing to faithfully support me through this third year, and for that I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I know times are hard financially, but I trust that God will provide for you as He is providing for me through you.

There is a bit of additional monthly support I still need. Would you consider starting to support me monthly or increasing your amount?

Currently Reading:

- *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller
- *Uniform Justice* by Donna Leon
- *Im Westen Nichts Neues* by Erich Maria Remarque
- *The Language Files*
- The Bible

Currently Playing:

Violin Works:

- *Violin Concerto* by J. Brahms
- *G Major Sonata* by L. van Beethoven
- *A minor Partita* by J.S. Bach

Orchestral Works:

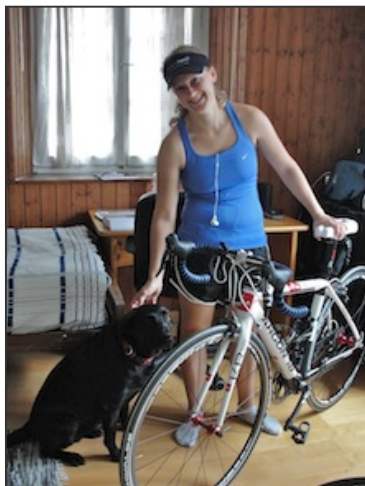
- *Eroica Symphony* by L. van Beethoven

New Teaching Assignments

This year, another BFA music teacher will be in the US on home assignment, so I'm helping cover a few of her classes.

During the High School day, I will now be teaching Guitar class in addition to High School Orchestra and a few private lessons on violin, viola, and cello.

After school, I will continue to direct the Intermediate Orchestra, but on top of that will be the Pit Orchestra for this year's major drama event, *Seussical the Musical!* Additionally, I will be covering Beginning Band instead of Beginning Orchestra this year. Thankfully, Marit Swanson, a recent grad of Wheaton College, will be joining me here at BFA to teach the Beginning Orchestra!



^ *Shadow, Emily, and her bike*

New Roommates

This week I got two new roommates: one human and one canine.

Emily (the human) is new to BFA. She's taking on the role of school nurse!

She is a triathlete, so we'll be doing a bit of running together. It's great to have a running buddy roommate!

The canine roommate is Shadow, the DeNeui family's sweet black lab. Emily and I will be watching her until December.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for....

- Support for this year
- That Marit would make it on time to teach beginning orchestra
- For my schedule as I learn to teach all these new things

Praises:

- Rest over the summer
- The blessing of my family's visit over the summer
- The opportunity for professional development through the conducting course in England

What's Up Ahead

- Aug. 15-19 All-Staff Conference
- Aug. 23 Opening Ceremony
- Aug. 24 First Day of Classes
- Sept. 5 Beginning Orchestra & Band begin
- Sept. 6 Private lessons, Intermediate Orchestra & Band begin
- Sept. 9-12 Budenfest/Rossmärt (Kandern's annual festival)
- Sept. 12-16 Spiritual Emphasis Week at BFA