



Into Marvelous Light
September-October 2011

Musick Notes

Dear family and friends,

first quarter has ended, the school year is well underway, and the leaves are signaling the slow changing of seasons. God is working in the lives and hearts of both staff and students in a similarly slow changing process, a growth into maturity. It's a beautiful process, and I invite you to catch a glimpse of some of the growth at BFA.

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WORLDVENTURE

Senior Class Trip

As a senior class sponsor, I was a chaperone on the week-long senior trip to Rome. The venture gave students a chance to deepen relationships, visit places of historical and spiritual significance, and grow as a group of leaders.


Seniors truly are role models within the school. Their attitudes influence the overall atmosphere of the student body. This year, I saw a great deal of encouragement, maturity and growth from the seniors during the Rome trip; they are now leading the school well!

On the trip, I had several good conversations with students. These times allowed me to both encourage students and to simply witness a change that God has already brought in their lives. Growth, change, maturity – inexplicable, yet it somehow happened to these teenagers!




^^ (Top) I had many great discussions with this student

^ My group of seniors in front of the hotel



Currently Reading:

- *A Soprano on Her Head* by Eloise Ristad
- *Im Westen Nichts Neues* by Erich Maria Remarque
- *The Language Files*
- The Bible



Currently Playing:

Violin Works:

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

Orchestral Works:

- *Eroica Symphony* by L. van Beethoven

Strings

The program has grown so much that one teacher is not enough! *Marit Swanson* (a recent Wheaton grad) joined me here as another strings teacher. I'm thankful she's here and thriving!

Guitar class is going well; the kids are learning quickly and so am I! Along with learning to play the instrument, we are discussing what it means to lead worship from an honest heart.

We have a bass!! High School Orchestra has grown into a solid group this semester! We have 7 students: 5 violinists and 2 cellists, although one of the cellists picked up bass to fill out the sound in select pieces. The group feels bigger than 7 students!

German Community

My relationships with German neighbors are developing as my language abilities increase. At *church* I am involved in the worship team. Last Thursday I had the privilege of participating in a meeting in which we discussed direction and vision for the musical side of worship in a church service. We view worship as a lifestyle, not just something we do on Sunday mornings.

One of my friends from Kandern's *community band* visited church with me a week ago. We had a great discussion over lunch. I'm praying that God will move in her life.

I have not been attending the *German orchestra* so far due to pit orchestra rehearsals and simply enjoying my time at home with Emily and her small group of Junior girls. Sometimes I find that in order to cultivate deeper relationships, some activities have to give way. For this season, be it short or long, I'm spending Wednesday nights at home, encouraging and watching the spiritual growth of these wonderful young ladies!

Prayer Corner

Please pray for....

- Support for this year (and next?)
- Pit orchestra and the musical – lots of details, coordination, and rehearsals the next few weeks
- Salvation of some German friends

Praises:

- Marit arrived in time for school to start!
- Developing relationships with German friends
- Growth of orchestra program

What's Up Ahead

- Oct. 29 – My 25th birthday!
- Nov. 10, 11, 12 – Seussical the Musical performances
- Dec. 3 – Stadtmusik Kandern (community band) concert
- Dec. 11 – BFA Christmas Concert
- Dec. 15 – I fly home for Christmas!