



## **Little Extras at the Workshop 2011**

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You can make beautiful music with just five musicians who hit the right notes most of the time. This is what the instructors at the workshop found out. The first thing we did at the workshop was to get to know each other, musically speaking. We had hardly arrived at Talitha Kumi and gone to our rooms to rest up a bit after our trip when we put together a program from church convention literature that we could use for various occasions – there's enough available for 2 trumpets and 3 trombones, especially if one of the trombones can also take on a trumpet part.

So the five of us took off one morning and headed for Dar Al Kalima School, where we performed at morning devotions. A fresh intrade by T. Fünfgeld and a few gospel pieces got the attention of our young listeners. Maybe this will encourage more students from this school to come to the lessons that our volunteer also gives there.

Afterwards, were given a warm welcome with dancing and clapping in the schoolyard at the Lutheran School in Beit Sahour. At the lunch recess we set up there and played our pieces, surrounded by our young listeners dancing enthusiastically. The trombonists in our group sometimes had to keep the excited listeners away with their instruments. It was gratifying to see later at the workshop how happy the young listeners were because they had seen that morning how much you can do with these instruments.

A visit to the vineyard owned by the Nasser family, which has given a lot of inspiration for peaceful coexistence in Palestine under the project called "Tent of the Nations", has become a part of the schedule for "Brass for Peace" and of course we performed in the vineyard to the visible appreciation of the family and their international supporters.

It is always a special joy for us to have our little star Munir with us. We noticed his outstanding talent very early on and he accompanied us for all pieces and chorales at the church service for the Arab-Lutheran congregation in Bethlehem.

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