

The Beckoning's debut Christian rock album, "Hidden Hope," is the culmination of a 19-year-old Yankton woman's lifelong love for music and the beginning of her career as a musician.

Beka Stibral recently released "Hidden Hope," a collection of six original songs, and is working hard to promote the album and start a tour to build her fan base and share her message.

Beka is on a mission to share God's love and His message to as many people as possible.

As she states on her website under the heading "Why do I sing?":

"To put it simply, everyone needs God. I want to help direct as many people to Christ as I can, and encourage those who already know Him and Kristi Stibral, grew up in a musical household.

"My mom taught us all piano," Beka said. "She wanted us to at least learn the basics, and if we decided to stick with it, that was good; if not that was fine, too."

Beka loved the piano and actually started playing the guitar only to give it up to focus on piano.

"I have enjoyed music my whole life," she said. "We did concerts at different churches and youth groups as a family. We needed to do a song on a particular topic for a show, and we couldn't find a song about it. No one had written a song on that topic. So I picked up the guitar and tried to write one. I found out that writing music with the guitar was much easier than with the piano. I had never written a song before, but I did, and we used it. I've been writing songs on guitar ever since. Songwriting has really become my life. It's very cool how it all worked out."

Although Beka has been performing as a solo act under the name "The Beckoning" for a few years, she still has the support of her family.