

# Walking Together

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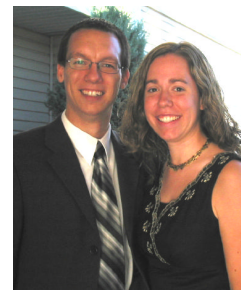
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TRANSFORMING COLLEGE  
STUDENTS TO  
TRANSFORM THE WORLD

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*

*Philippians 2:1-2*



## Hospitality

Written By Beth

April Newsletter  
at a Glance

- Hospitality - sharing meals with friends
- Girls Night - building community among students
- A Wedding - one of the joys of campus ministry
- Three Years - Honoring Brandie & Larry
- Prayers - from Spring Quarter to allergies
- Support - Thank You Circleville friends

“Love must be sincere.... Practice Hospitality.” (Romans 12:9a, 13b) Between these two short sentences, Paul develops a radical picture of Christian hospitality and in chapter twelve of Romans, Paul starts getting specific about what it means to be a Christian. We both enjoy every opportunity we get to practice hospitality.

Over the past three months we have had several friends both from around town and out-of-town come for meals. We have also enjoyed having many people spend the night (fifteen overnight guests!) and the opportunity to share our lives here in Columbus with friends and family.

On Thursday nights we have started to host a small group Bible study (of Grace Central Presbyterian) while our friends that normally host settle into life with their new baby girl. Each week we will have a different dinner theme and we enjoy opening up our kitchen and allowing people to cook and create our meals. After eating Mike leads the Bible study in our living room filled with as many as fourteen friends. After the study we spend time in accountability and prayer with one another. It is all good.

We are so very thankful for a home that allows us to welcome others into our lives!

## Girls Night

Written By Beth

One of my goals with ministry on campus is to have students see not only the importance of community, but take the time to build community among their peers. In trying to reach this goal, I have been talking with many of the girls I disciple about the importance and value what the Bible says about community.

I have been talking with the girls about doing a “girls night” and they all got excited to come over to our new house and spend an evening together. I had about six girls come over to the house and we all cooked and ate a spaghetti dinner together. It was fun to watch the girls each take part in making the meal together. Many of them live in the dorm so they are unable to have “home cooked meals”, so this was a real treat. After cleaning up from the meal we played Apples to Apples which helped us to get to know each other better - as well as laugh together. As it got dark we went outside to our backyard and



Girls enjoying making s'mores by the fire.

made smore's in our fire pit. This was the first time we were able to use our fire pit! Finally, we ended the night by watching a “girlie movie”.

It was exciting to see these students interacting with each other and building deeper friendships within the group. Many of these girls I disciple each week and they had all gone on the Spring Break trip to New Orleans so through these shared experiences they were able to build stronger friendships. I enjoyed opening up our home and using it for a place of ministry with these students and helping them build Christian community with other girls at Ohio State.

## What we are Reading

**BETH**  
Esther

**MIKE**  
Colossians Remixed

**Together**  
Harry Potter Book 4

## Wedding Season Begins

Written By Mike & Beth

Two of the greatest joys of college ministry are: First, watching students truly “grow up” during their college years and begin to make decisions on how they will live, changed by the Gospel, for the rest of their lives. Second, watching them start to take those decisions and live them out in the celebration and proclamation of the Gospel within the covenant of marriage.

Matt was a student leader for three years in Men of Vision (an African American Men’s ministry at Ohio State of which Mike is an Advisor), Matt attended the Ocean City Beach Project in the summer of 2006 and multiple Jubilee conferences with the CCO ministry at Ohio State University. Stefanie attended a college where we do not yet have CCO staff, but all the same, she still attended the Jubilee Conference. Matt

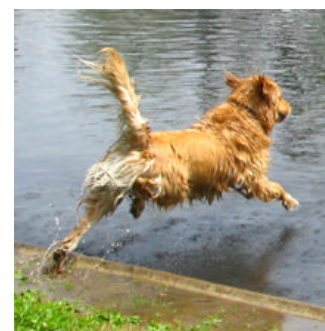
has graduated from Ohio State in 2007 and is now working in management of his family’s construction company.

Having spent a lot of time with Matt, it is clear that he has come away from his days at OSU with a Biblical worldview that will continue to allow him and Stefanie to transform the world around them. Matt has not only been a catalyst for the ministry at Ohio State, but will continue to be a catalyst for the Gospel in construction (all things to God’s glory), the church and now in marriage!

On a double date which we enjoyed with Matt and Stef during their engagement, it was clear that they understand the “Jubilee vision” (Isaiah 58:6-12) and desire to give God all the glory in every area of their lives.



Stefanie & Matthew Gaddis



*“Warmer weather is here - time to get back in the water!”*

*- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever*

## Three Year Commitment

Written By Mike & Beth

At our April Staff Seminar we honored those staff who have fulfilled their initial three year contract with the CCO. In southern Ohio we had two staff that were honored and I thought it appropriate to highlight them in our newsletter since I have spent a good deal of quality time with each of these individuals over my two years in this role as Area Director as their “boss” and friend. Will you please praise God for the faithfulness of these two individuals:

**Brandie** has been working as a campus minister with the CCO at University of Cincinnati through University Christian Church, which is also home to Rohs Street Café. This combination has offered Brandie the unique ability for her to use her gifts and passions surrounding social justice and raise awareness for the significance that both the church and coffee play in the work of social justice campaigns. She has opened up the world to students through involving them in an after school tutoring program called “Whiz Kids”, engaging students one-on-one in the setting of the church’s Wednesday

Night fellowship and also putting on programs such as “Fair Play” at Rohs Street Café bringing in bands and speakers to raise awareness of Fair Trade issues and what Christian college students can do about it. Brandie will be leaving CCO staff to complete her master program at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

**Larry** is, in my own terms, the “barista master”, (too bad I don’t drink coffee!) and works as a staff specialist in the Cincinnati area building contacts and context for college ministry in coffee shops throughout the Cincinnati area. Much of my growing network and connections in Cincinnati is because of Larry’s gift of networking. Larry will continue to serve on staff in the Cincinnati continuing to help in the development of ministry within the context of “Third Place” and as a staff specialist he will continue to be a valuable resource to those on our staff that are working in cooperative partnerships in coffee shop based ministries.



Larry & Brandie have both worked on CCO staff in Cincinnati for the past three years.

## April Showers Bring May Flowers

Written by Mike and Beth



It has now (finally) started to feel like spring. We have been taking in and enjoying the beautiful colors on the trees, flowers and bushes during walks in the extended hours of daylight hours!

- Praise for the warmer Spring weather, sunnier days and the surprise of flowers around our house!
- Praise for the relationships we are building with our neighbors. (One of whom came to our young adult small group Bible study!)
- Praise that we are able to open our home and use it for ministry to both college students and our community.
- Praise for the Girls Night with students and the ability to start building a sense of community both on and off campus.
- Pray for Mike's allergies; that they will subside and for Beth as she learns how to help Mike through them.
- Pray for Beth as she continues to do ministry with girls on OSU campus as the quarter is only half way done.

- Pray for Mike as he continues to work on creating new positions for next year with the CCO.
- Praise and Prayer for two CCO "New Hires" for the area thus far and for their ministries with the students.
- Pray for our support raising efforts as we continue to strive to reach our financial goal.
- Pray for the upcoming Spring Retreat with students!

We would ask for prayers also for the McNeil family, friends of ours that recently received devastating news that both of their little kids have a disease called "Sanfilippo's Syndrome". This syndrome is fatal and presently there is no cure. For more information visit Mike's blog: <http://mdmattes.blogspot.com>.

**Thank You** for your prayers, and please let us know how we can be praying for you. Beth and I are continuing to work on our own prayer life together and it is a blessing to be able to share in prayer with all of you. God is Good (All the Time).

## New Ministry Partners!

Written by Mike

We are very thankful that this April has showered us both with some large financial gifts as well as a few new one time supporters of our ministry with you and the CCO to college students.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

Thanks to friends in Circleville, Ohio; Beth and I enjoyed the opportunity to share with the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Circleville about our ministry during: the morning praise service, senior high youth Sunday school and in a minute for missions during the traditional worship service! It was a great visit with many wonderful conversations about the importance of college ministry and the ministry of the CCO. During our visit we enjoyed building upon current friendships and also building new ones! We are thankful for those in Circleville that have decided to become prayer partners and members of our financial support team - **Thank You!**

We continue to be looking for more people to come along side us in our ministry to college students; if you would like us to come and share with your church or small group - or just would like to have us over to visit. Please do not hesitate to give us a call or send us an email. We look forward to visiting with you!

If you are interested in financially supporting our work in ministry with the CCO and at Ohio State. Here is how:

### Give Online:

Visit: <https://secured.ccojubilee.org/gifts/>  
 Select: Mattes, Mike & Beth

### Write a Check:

Payable to: Coalition for Christian Outreach  
 Check Memo: Mattes, Mike & Beth  
 Address: Coalition for Christian Outreach  
 5912 Penn Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15206-3805

April	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$4,986 (95%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$37,415(89%)	\$42,000

**Year (September 2007 - August 2008) goal is \$63,000**

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**Coming Soon!**

**<http://www.TheMattesHome.com>**

Site will be online in July!

The CCO is an organization committed to transforming college students to transform the world. We accomplish this by partnering with churches, colleges and organizations to develop men and women who live out their Christian faith in every area of life.

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