

# Walking Together



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*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*

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STUDENTS TO  
TRANSFORM THE WORLD

July Newsletter  
at a Glance

- Summer Travels take us all over!
- CCO name getting recognized in OSU Medical magazine
- OSU Woman's Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts
- NST Commissioning, welcome New Staff Jonathan & Wendy Weyer
- Taking time for Prayer
- Support Raising, making the 90% mark...

## What we are Reading

**BETH**

Celebration of Discipline

**MIKE**

The Gospel in a  
Pluralist Society

**TOGETHER**

Harry Potter Book 5

## Time & Travels

Written By Mike & Beth

I know it is a bit of a cliché thought now-a-days to talk of time passing so quickly but it is hard to believe how fast this summer is passing by us! C.S.Lewis once remarked that our complaining of time passing so fast is a clear sign that we are eternal beings... after hearing that, it made us appreciate things, such as time passing, which we often find necessary to express as a complaint.

Beth and I are attempting to make the most of this summer, both with our time in a new neighborhood and with our time on the road. We have had the joy of traveling to



Beth (right) during our visit with her friends to IWU

Indianapolis, Marion, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Grove City, Hilton Head and in a few short weeks—Dallas, TX (our longest road trip)! We have also enjoyed getting to know our neighbors and building on friendships in Columbus. Though we recognize that we have not (unfortunately) made it back to either of our hometowns this summer! Which means we have missed out on seeing many of you over these summer months. And for that, we are deeply sorry! We truly hope that the Lord will allow us to come visit with you soon!

## CCO & OSU Medical

Written By Beth

It is always a thrill to see the CCO get recognition in campus publications! This month our house guest, Lauren, shared with us an article for which she was interviewed in the Ohio State University magazine, "Allied Med TODAY", regarding her time with the CCO as an undergraduate at Ohio State. The article talks about the three consecutive Spring Break trips she went on to New Orleans with the CCO student group in conjunction with Central College Presbyterian Church.

The article was only a small portion of a page, but the fact that it mentioned the "Coalition for Christian Outreach" is something worth celebrating. It allows the CCO fellowship at Ohio State to gain a broader recognition than campus Christian publications and it allows us to see quite clearly that even this large public univer-

sity is excited about the transformative work happening in the lives of it's students. Lauren shared with both of us the significance the CCO ministry has played in her life, and that she hoped this article would encourage us to continue our work in developing the ministry at Ohio State. It is always a great joy to receive appreciation from students and alumni of the ministry.



For full size copy of the write-up, visit:  
[www.TheMattesHome.com/OSUMinistry](http://www.TheMattesHome.com/OSUMinistry)

## OSU Women's Summer Study

Written By Beth

This summer I have been leading a woman's Bible study with the OSU girls who are still in town. We have been meeting on Monday evenings at our house to cook dinner together and then have a study. I have really enjoyed being able to open our home to students and for them to make themselves feel at home in our house.

As part of the evening we prepare a meal together with each person bringing something to contribute to the dinner. It has been fun seeing the girls start to open up to each other through conversation over cooking a meal. Each week we have a different theme for the meal and it can range from; breakfast, salad, Italian, grilling, and many others. After we enjoy a meal together we start our summer Bible Study on spiritual gifts. Many of these girls had never taken a Spiritual gifts test nor have they really studied the spiritual gifts. I had each of the girls take a test in order to discover their top three spiritual

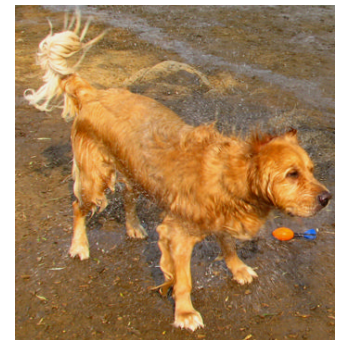
gifts. Then I have created a Bible Study for their top three. Thus far we have talked about: wisdom, exhortation, leadership, service, and hospitality.

One of the evenings over dinner we were talking about the OSU Fall quarter with having Bible study each week and how they would like to continue having dinner with the Bible study. I was excited to hear their excitement of having dinner together, seeing how it has helped to build community among the girls. Since many of the girls will be living in apartments they will each take a week to host the dinner and Bible study. This ownership of the small group allows me to feel that the small group ministry is starting to blossom and mature!

God is Good. (All the Time.)



Beth (center) with her summer OSU Women's Bible study



*"Nothing like a good shake after a dip in the water..."*

*- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever*

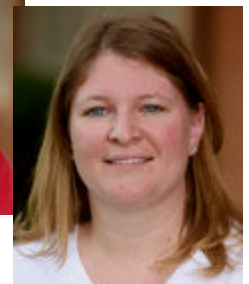
## New Staff: Jonathan & Wendy Weyer

Written By Mike

This year we commissioned twenty-seven New Staff to the CCO. Two of whom have already started serving at the Ohio State University! Jonathan and Wendy Weyer became friends of Beth and I through our worshipping with them at Grace Central PCA in Columbus. It was through multiple conversations with Jonathan that it became clear that God had given him a renewed passion for college ministry... I say "renewed" because before going to seminary and becoming ordained pastor with the PCA, Jonathan had applied for CCO staff and even started the process of discerning what campus God might have been calling him to serve. At that time he found God leading him into seminary, then into marriage and into fatherhood of two beautiful boys. And now God has laid upon him a passion to minister to students at the Ohio State University. Jonathan's ministry will focus

both on skeptics and those students who want to understand and grapple with a holistic Biblical worldview through a ministry to students which he is calling a "Worldview Café". This ministry will compliment the work of both Beth and Dan at Ohio State and continue to allow the CCO to reach more students on campus.

Wendy joins the CCO as Associate Staff and will be helping Jonathan with the administrative arm of his ministry as well as helping Beth with discipleship and Bible Studies with the female students of the CCO ministry. We are still seeking a partnership for Jonathan, but until then he is on staff as "full support"; please pray for his support raising efforts - Thanks!



To read the Weyer CCO Press Release, visit: [www.TheMattesHome.com/OSUMinistry](http://www.TheMattesHome.com/OSUMinistry)

Jonathan & Wendy Weyer  
New Staff, Ohio State University

## Prayer & Praises

Written by Mike and Beth

We are thankful for God bringing us safely through a busy month of travels and we pray that He continues to keep us safe in our travels throughout the month of August and the first half of September. Please also keep in your prayers:

- The growth and maturity of the girl's involve in Beth's Monday night Bible study
- Mike's continual networking, even over the summer months, for position development within the CCO
- Our housemate Lauren, as she continues to heal from her recent removal of her appendix
- Our continued efforts to get to know our neighbors. And praise that another couple from our church recently moved into our neighborhood!
- Praise for our new air purifying system that has allowed Mike to be "allergy free" for most of the summer!
- Praise for the twenty-seven new CCO Staff

- Praise for the CCO name to start getting their name out on OSU campus community for our ministry
- Praise for Beth's student, Heather, who is learning how to prepare and lead Bible studies for the Fall quarter
- Prayers for our safe travels to Dallas, Texas in August
- Prayers for us to reach 90% of our fiscal year goal
- Prayers for Fall preparations for the CCO ministries at: Ohio State University, Kenyon College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Ohio Dominican University and the University of Cincinnati

The IWU Prayer chapel was a beautiful stop on our trip to Marion, Indiana. It was a good reminder of the need to hold in high esteem our need to quiet oneself before coming to the Lord in prayer. Thank you for your prayers for the ministry!



## One Month To Go

Written by Mike

**Thank you** so much for your support! We have enjoyed two months in a row now at about 89% of our monthly goal amount, this is exciting since it is quite normal for support to dip during the summer months. **Thank you** for your financial support!

We only have one more month to go in this fiscal year of the ministry and we still have a little ways to go to reach our financial goal for the year. We acknowledge that it is only by God's goodness that we have managed to raise even a dollar for the ministry, and we know that God is able to surpass our goals! We want to be realistic while remaining assured of God's sovereignty over our financial goals; and so with that in mind, we would like to put forward the goal of reaching 90% of our yearly goal of \$63,000. This means we need to raise \$6,200 in the month of August; which is admittedly more than we have ever raised in a single month this year—but entirely possible! Will you consider how you might be able to help us in reaching this goal amount and help us in spreading the word to others who may also be able to help us in reaching 90% of our yearly goal. We **thank you** so very much for your giving and prayers; and allowing us to serve in transforming the lives of college students, through the sharing of Christ's saving grace, to transform the world for His glory.

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

July	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$4,671 (89%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$50,501 (87%)	\$57,750

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

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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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-Philippians 2:1, 2-