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STUDENTS TO
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August Newsletter
at a Glance

- Summer ends, reflection on home and community
- Ohio State ministry, student leadership & Ephesians study
- Students: Brenna & Phil, stories of transformation begin
- Exciting new opportunities in the Fall, Praises & Prayer
- Understanding our support budget for a new year of ministry

What we are Reading

BETH

Life of the Beloved

MIKE

The Gospel in a
Pluralistic Society

TOGETHER

Harry Potter Book 5

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



Summer Comes to a Close

Written By Mike & Beth

In some ways the summer has flown by and at other times it has felt like it has taken a slower pace fit for much needed vacations. This summer has allowed us the opportunity to enjoy quality time with one another, trips to visit with family and friends, and the opportunity to build upon our community of friends here in the city of Columbus.

The summer has also allowed us the opportunity to begin (as well as prioritize) house projects! For our Anniversary (August 26th) we tackled a house project of painting our bedroom! This is the first room in our house that we have painted and needless to say it was a fun day. We have enjoyed making our house feel more homey with doing small touches.

We have also enjoyed the opportunity to get to open our house and lives to a few students as well as CCO staff in the area. Beth enjoyed hosting a small group study at our house and Mike

has enjoyed the opportunity to visit with staff in the midst of their summer activities. And it was also a great joy to open our house to graduate student, Lauren, has moved into an apartment now that summer is over. God has blessed our lives richly, and it is a great joy to open our home and lives to offer Christ's hospitality.



Our spare room, empty.

Plans for the Fall

Written By Beth

With the summer coming to a close, I have started to plan and look forward to the Fall quarter at Ohio State. I have been meeting with my OSU co-workers and talking how we can work together better as a team. We have started working on goals for the school year and looking ahead to planning fundraising events for spring break and the Jubilee conference.

As I look forward to the Fall, I have started to pray, dream and think through how ministry should be shaped this year. One of my goals is to have girls I met with last year for one-on-one discipleship step up and take leadership roles in the ministry (or at least seriously consider leadership). This would take a lot of the girls out of their comfort zones but also use the Spiritual gifts we talked through during the summer.

On specific example is Heather, a student with the gift of teaching. I have been helping her learn how to put together an inductive Bible Study series on the book of Ephesians. Through our meetings she has grown her own understanding of the text and feels ready to co-lead a weekly Bible study with me on Ephesians for students at Ohio State this Fall. It has been really exciting to see how Heather has grown both in her faith and confidence in our time of preparation together and learning how to ask good inductive questions to allow the Biblical text to speak into our lives!

I am excited to reconnect with many students who have been away as well as meet new students who come to OSU this year! It will be exciting to see how God continues to use me as His servant on the campus of Ohio State.

Students Transition & Transform

Written By Mike & Beth

The CCO's core purpose is "transforming college students to transform the world" - I believe we make small strides to this end during their college years, and it is often only beginning to accomplish the beautiful and transformative work God calls them to in this world. It is a joy to watch these students continue to become houses of transformation built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. We would like to highlight two students in the midst of the transforming both their own lives and the world around them!

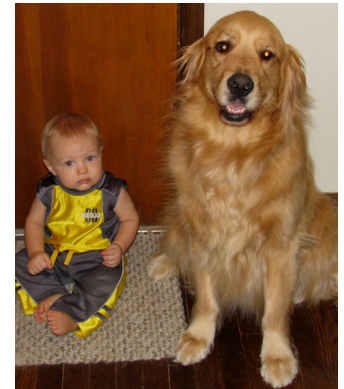
Beth has been meeting with Brenna for the last two years and through their time together Beth has seen Brenna develop in her love relationship with God as well as in the first few months as a wife. Since Brenna has been married for about two months and is still living in Columbus, Beth still meets with Brenna to talk about how married life is going. Brenna's husband, Kyle, is in the Marines and has been away for more than a month, which would be tough on any newly married couple. Over this time Beth has watched Brenna become a model of Christian love in marriage to her family members who have struggled to see Christian love in action.

Phil, a student that Mike has gotten to know over the years, will be finishing up his last year at Ohio State as a married man. Phil and Mike met regularly and when Mike became an Area Director; Phil started meeting regularly with CCO Staff worker, Dan Turis. Phil will surely live out the Gospel in radical ways. (Mike refers to Phil as "the married version of Shane Claiborne".) It is a joy to see how time spent with the CCO ministry has allowed Phil to mature and challenge others in the Christian faith especially around dealing with issues of poverty and simple lifestyle! Phil and Stephanie (married this August) will both challenge others to think through the misplaced importance our culture puts on materialism.

There are many other students who we could (and probably will) write about in future newsletters as our paths cross with them in their post college years! We look forward to sharing these stories of transformation, knowing that God is continuing to do amazing work in the lives after college to "transform the world".



Phil with us on his wedding day



"A picture with my human cousin - Gavin, we are cute!"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Prayer Requests

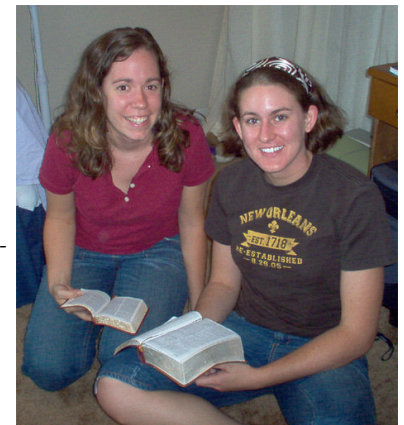
Written By Mike & Beth

Over this past month we have been learning what it means to trust God even when it is difficult to understand His plan. We also praise God for helping us through the hard times as we hope in Him alone and cling to his Love and peace... Please remember in your prayers:

- Praise for the girls who have been coming to Beth's woman's Bible Study
- Praise for the wonderful development Beth has seen in students over the summer
- Pray for the upcoming Fall quarter; as Beth builds new relationships with students as well as continues with the relationships of students she met with last year

- Pray for new position developments on the campus of Cedarville University and the Dayton, OH area
- Pray for all CCO staff as another school year begins and ministry picks up for the Fall of 2008!
- Pray for Mike as he prepares to talk at the first "Jump Off", a monthly gathering of all African-American Christians at the Ohio State University

Thank you so very much for your prayers! Let us know how we might be able to pray for you this Fall season... We are very thankful for you and for your prayers!



Beth & Heather prepping for their Fall OSU Bible study on Ephesians

Understanding Support Goals

Written by Mike

Thank You for your support over the past year! We are so appreciative of your financial support, and it is clear that God has great things in store for the ministry in the coming year through your generous and gracious financial support. The chart and figures to the right show the incredible amount of support you have given to our ministry with the CCO this past fiscal year.

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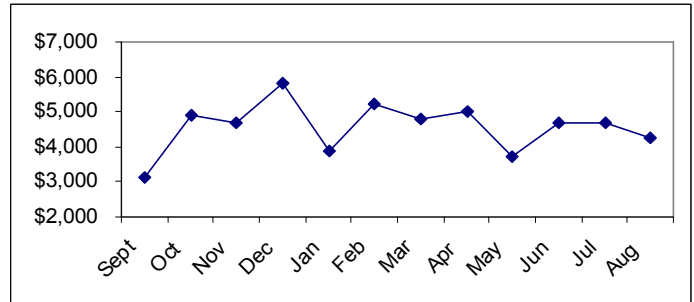
We have another incredible year of full time ministry with the CCO ahead of us. Therefore it is once again that time of year to address our finances and begin to set forth support raising goals for a new school and fiscal year. You will notice almost immediately that the support goal amounts for the new year are the same as last year's goal. What has changed is how much money is allocated to the categories of: Benefits & FICA, Training, Personal Ministry Expenses and Salary. Our Personal Ministry Expenses category varies from month to month; but for the purposes of budgeting we set it at \$425 per month. (This covers: resources for the ministry, travel costs, meeting with students, conferences & retreats, administration costs such as printing this newsletter!)

Through your gracious sharing of God's financial blessings upon your life, we averaged 87% of our goal amounts last fiscal year! We are confident that we will be able to raise an additional 13% this year to cover all our necessary expenses and still receive full paychecks! This will be accomplished by God's provision, your continued involvement in the ministry and our faithful obedience to the work of support-raising. Our prayer is that, in the next three months, we will be able to see at least a 5% increase in our average monthly support - please join us in praying to this end!

With this new fiscal year before us and the same goal of raising \$63,000 to cover a portion of our benefits, FICA, training costs, ministry expenses and both our paychecks - we would ask that you: 1) Continue to support our ministry through prayer and your continued financial giving. **Thank You!** 2) Pray for others to have a heart for college ministry and be willing to help support our efforts with the CCO. 3) Pray for us in regards to our obedience and efforts to visit with churches, family, friends and others who may be willing to become a part of our support team. The theme is simple, prayer and obedience. You all play such a vital part in the ministry to college students at Ohio State University and those students on campuses with CCO staff throughout Central & Southern Ohio! We cannot share with you enough our profound gratitude in any other way than say:

Thank You! God is Good (All The Time)!

Financial Efforts for 2007-08 Fiscal Year



August	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$4,263 (81%)	\$5,250
Sept '07 - Aug '08 Year	\$54,810 (87%)	\$63,000

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

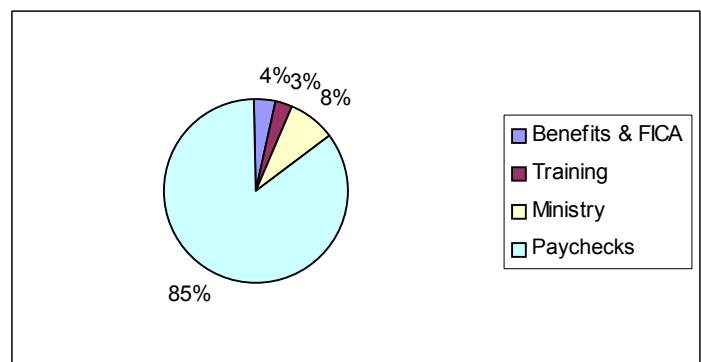
Write a Check:

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

Monthly Goal (Beginning September '08) \$5,250

Fiscal Year Goal (September '08 - August '09) \$63,000

2008-09 Fiscal Year: Financial Support Break Down



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-Philippians 2:1, 2-