

# Walking Together

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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*



## Chicago to Columbus

Written By Mike & Beth

November Newsletter  
at a Glance

- Chicago fun with foil & corn maze!
- Thanksgiving Feast with Family
- Christmas Gift Idea: Jubilee Scholarship!
- Fall Advance, an opportunity to grow in community
- Insight into a CCO staff ministry on a “Christian Campus”
- Support pushes on during economic ups and downs

At the start of November, we enjoyed an incredible time in Chicago visiting with Jessica & Greg (Mike’s sister and brother-in-law). We had the opportunity to not only grow closer to one another, but truly celebrate life in two very unique ways: 1) by wrapping ourselves in tin foil to get a free burrito dinner at Chipotle and 2) getting lost and finding our way through the world’s largest corn maze (over eleven miles)!

Then at the end of November, over the Thanksgiving holiday, we enjoyed the opportunity of hosting our first Thanksgiving family feast with Beth’s side of the family. It was fun to give them all an opportunity to experience pieces of our life and our house in Columbus! These time with family turned out to be great opportunities to truly “celebrate life” together (which just so happens to be the fifth core value of the CCO).



(Left) Beth & I wrapped in foil to get free Chipotle burritos in Chicago  
(Top) Our Thanksgiving Feast with Beth’s family & best friend, Emma

## Christmas Present for Students!

Written By Beth

The Christmas jingles are now on all of the radio stations and many of the commercials on TV are about Christmas gift ideas! Our Newsletter commercial jingle would go something like this:

Would like to purchase a Christmas gift for an Ohio State student for them to be able to attend the CCO’s annual Jubilee conference (Feb. 13-15)? The cost is \$259 for students. The Jubilee conference helps students to think about how Christ wants to transform “every square inch” of the world and their life.

If you are interested in helping to support a college student in part or in full, you can write a check to the “CCO” and put in the memo line “Jubilee—OSU”. Please send the check to us (768 Grandon Avenue, Bexley, OH 43209) and we will make sure the check is sent into the CCO. Thank you for your help in getting students to attend this year’s Jubilee conference!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

What we are Reading

**BETH**

Road Journal

**MIKE**

Culture Making

**TOGETHER**

Harry Potter Book 5

## Fall Advance ~ Jacob's Porch

Written By Beth

One of the goals with the CCO ministry on Ohio State's campus is to work closely with other campus ministry groups on campus. My co-worker, Dan and I have been working with a Lutheran campus ministry called Jacob's Porch. Working with Jacob's Porch allows us an avenue to get our students to be part of a larger group and, in turn, Dan and I get to help the staff of Jacob's Porch in holistic discipleship training.

Jacob's Porch does an annual Fall Advance to help start building community among the students who attend their service. One of the main reasons I went on the retreat was to build relationships with female students of Jacob's Porch. During the retreat there was time created to meet with another person you did not know for a half an hour. I really enjoyed this intentional time to be able to have one-on-one conversations and start to get to know these students.

There were four different large group teaching times where the theme was "Reverse". The students learned about how they can integrate the Biblical story into their lives and how they must be careful not to lose Christ as the center of their lives while finding "their place" in society.

After the main sessions we had "family time" where the students were divided into eight different small groups to talk more in depth in what they were learning. I led a small group with Keri, a student I have been discipling this quarter, with the involvement of eight other girls. This time allowed for these girls to share their testimonies; seeing where and when God has worked in their lives. By the end of the retreat I was able to see many of the girls start opening up and share their lives with others.



Beth (back, middle) with her small group of girls at Jacob's Porch Fall Advance



*"I enjoy getting buried in the Fall leaves..."*

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

## Bringing Back Chapel

Written By Mike

One thing I am often asked is, "So why does the CCO work on and partner with 'Christian College' campuses?" I think that this is a valid question and I think partnerships, like the one we have at Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU), helps to explain the importance of our role on Christian college campuses.

At OWU, I have the privilege of supervising two full time staff and one associate staff. All three of these staff work in partnership with the chaplains office of Ohio Wesleyan University in different capacities. It is because of this partnership that we get to speak into the way university programs are started and developed! At OWU, some of the Christian traditions and heritage of the student life portion of the campus have been lost. One piece of student life that had been lost and recently revived, with the help of CCO staff, is the chapel service offered to the greater

student body. With the blessing, desire and help of the director of the Chaplains Office, the CCO staff helped to recreate the old chapel gatherings and put the chapel space in the student union back into regular use! Since the chapel service is not mandatory, but optional, the CCO staff have helped in the design of chapel services which would help draw students back into the Christian practices the campus once had as mandatory for all students. The once a week chapel service has spurred a renewed fervor for students, faculty and staff to take time out of their week to quiet the business of their lives and spend quality time with God and in fellowship with other Christians on campus.

OWU Chapel Service



## Thankfulness that is Overflowing

Written by Mike and Beth

Around the Thanksgiving holiday we are reminded of how God has blessed us in small and large ways, in ways we can see and in many more that we often do not see. We can all fall into the business of life and forget to thank God for what he has given us. We want to take this time on reflecting how Christ has blessed us throughout the past few months:

- Thank God for being able to spend time with family
- Thank God for providing a house that we can use for ministry and have students call a “home away from home”
- Thank God for the love and comfort the Holy Spirit during the hard and confusing times of life
- Thank God for YOU; as supporters who have continued to support and pray for our ministry over the past few months as well as offer many words of encouragement
- Thank God for seeing growth among students as they truly begin to develop their relationship with Jesus

- Thank God for students stepping up and taking leadership among their peers.
- Thank God for pastors and faculty that catch the vision of the CCO and help us build partnerships
- Thank God for incredible CCO staff in Central & Southern Ohio building God’s kingdom and inviting students into a saving relationship with Jesus
- Thank God for providing a church family which we can be active members in, using our gifts and talents
- Thank God for helping us to grow in love with each other as we are going into our third year of marriage

This year has had its share of “thorns and thistles” but God’s faithfulness and goodness has astounded us and draws us deeper into his saving grace and healing love. We are thankful that He chooses to use us each and every day to continue to be laborers on His college campus vineyards! God is Good (All the Time)!

## God’s Providence

Written by Mike

In November we watched as our economy slid steadily into an official recession. We know that many of you find yourselves watching your budget a little more closely these days, and we cannot express enough our gratitude that we continue to be on your hearts and minds as you continue to give generously to the ministry. **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

This month we were extremely appreciative for a large one time gift and the joining of a new ministry partner to our ministry! It is always a joy to watch God provide even in the times of uncertainty... it allows us to understand more clearly the importance of putting our trust in God for all things, even our paychecks!

We are very thankful for all of your support! Thank You! If you know of others that may be interested in joining our support team, please feel free to pass along this newsletter and if you would like - we can send you another copy! Our newsletter is also available on our personal website (address listed on the back of our newsletter). We need your help both in giving to the ministry and getting the word out about the ministry! Thank You again for your vital role in the CCO ministry to college students!

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

November	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$4,479 (85%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$13,501 (86%)	\$15,750

**Year (September 2008 - August 2009) goal is \$63,000**

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