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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



December Newsletter at a Glance

- Third year at OSU begins to bear fruit for Beth's ministry
- Strategically developing a discipleship network
- Santa Shop continues under Grace Central
- OSU Students continue to enjoy serving the city as Santa Shop volunteers
- December Regional Staff Seminar allows for CCO to focus on leadership
- Area Christmas gathering offers an opportunity to build community
- Praise for safety for over twenty hours of Christmas traveling!
- Prayers for the Winter Quarter at OSU

What we are Reading

BETH

ReMix:Solo Devotional

MIKE

Bible: Galatians

TOGETHER

Harry Potter Book 5

Fruits of Discipleship

Written By Beth

It has been encouraging to see the ministry with women begin to grow at Ohio State. I have heard other campus ministers say that "in your third year of ministry you see the ministry starting to grow" and that has been true for me. I have had girls come and ask to meet with me for discipleship and girls step up to take leadership with Bible studies, planning events and reaching out to their friends. God has been showing me that it has to be Him who grows the ministry and that I am only a vessel in the larger picture of His kingdom's work.

I have been brainstorming how I can help this ministry develop into a network of small groups and discipleship relationships on Ohio State's

campus. I have found twelve girls to meet with weekly for discipleship. One of the ways I am

going to help the ministry grow is by training the girls I meet with in disciplining at least one other girl on campus. I am targeting the girls that I have gotten to know really well, who I feel have the maturity and have been growing in their faith to go through specific training on equipping them to be disciple-makers. One such student is Keri, who even has the raw gifts for campus ministry

and has started to fill out the CCO application! It is exciting to watch this ministry really begin to bear fruit! God is Good (All the time).



Keri & Beth - Christmas Tree Lot

Grace Central & Santa Shop

Written By Mike

It is hard to believe that this marked my seventh year directing Santa Shop! Since our becoming members of Grace Central Church, many of the service ministries of West Second Church are now part Grace Central's missions and outreach to the city. Santa Shop is an opportunity for over 100 inner city kids to come to the church, pick out and wrap gifts for family members in their immediate family. It is often one of my



Volunteers enjoy helping kids wrap!

favorite service projects as it really allows for OSU students and congregant members of local churches to serve the city of Columbus. Beth also had her entire women's Bible study group come and help, and it was fun to watch the girls interact with the kids! Everyone seemed to catch the "Christmas Spirit" of giving. Hope you also enjoyed a very Merry Christmas of giving!

December Regional Staff Seminar

Written By Beth

One of my roles within the larger CCO ministry is to be the administrative assistant for our CCO regional staff seminar in Ohio. This past regional staff seminar allowed for us to gather just the staff in Ohio to learn more on the topic of student leadership and discipleship development. My job included things like: working with the facilities staff to make sure we had the correct amount of space, orchestrating room assignments, working closely with the CCO main office, printing and copying handouts, working through the schedule and who will be doing what, and making sure we had activities for staff during free time at the seminar. It is always incredible to watch how God brings everything together, even when it seems like details might be missed and not everything is quite figured out the moments before arrival.

This staff seminar we enjoyed hearing from Ward Ballard, a Director within Navigators, and ex-

ploring ways in which to keep leadership and discipleship training simple... In our staff seminars, we are continuing to build and encourage our new

CCO strategic initiative for each staff person to develop twelve students and giving those students the ability to influence the lives of seventy other people on their particular campus.

This staff seminar also offered us a more intimate setting for staff in Ohio to really learn from one another and hear stories of what is happening on other campuses with regards to leadership development of students. Since every CCO ministry is different, this staff seminar gave us the chance to talk as a region about ministry strategies outside own personal "forest" or box of campus ministry.



December Ohio Regional Staff Seminar



"Yet another great Christmas bone to devour in an hour!"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Area Christmas Gathering!

Written By Mike

It was a joy to be able to host this year's Christmas party for the central and southern Ohio area of the CCO in the living room of our new home! As this area of the CCO grows, we will have to become more creative as even now we are starting to run out of space! This gathering and party is always a great time of celebration and community building for staff in our area! It offered staff to meet spouses and children of fellow staff workers and really begin to share in fellowship with each other on a more personal level rather than just on a ministerial level.

We enjoyed our traditional white elephant gift exchange, an assortment of homemade desserts and appetizers and a meal out together as a large group! Many of the gifts provided a great deal of laughter and even insight into the CCO culture. An example would be how many books were given out as gifts and that we had a door prize of

three Hearts & Minds Bookstore gift certificates! We are definitely a campus ministry organization that likes to read! This year we went out to eat at Rubino's Pizzeria, a small family run Pizza and Pasta restaurant only two blocks from our house. Over the meal, staff had the opportunity to truly grow in their friendships with one another and not talk too much "shop" about ministry. I did however take advantage of the opportunity to finish up a few paperwork items such as collecting evaluations and holiday planners... all part of being a CCO Area Director. I am thankful for each staff person in our area!



Central Ohio Staff picture with White Elephant gifts :)

Blessings & Prayer Requests

Written by Mike and Beth



The weather has now started to change and begin to feel like winter out here in Columbus. Even with the cold weather and some cold sniffles, we are reminded of God's warming love.

- For the blessing of a warm house on cold evenings when many people do not even have a warm blanket
- For the blessing of the past year and how God has taken care of us through the good and hard times
- For the blessing of God's love and the love of family and friends - and for growing deeper in love with each other
- For the blessing of safe travels through the Christmas season as we drove over twenty hours to visit family and friends
- For the blessing that the end of the Fall Quarter went well and for the students who are excited to see the CCO ministry grow and flourish on the campus of Ohio State
- Pray for us as the beginning of the Winter Quarter starts for Ohio State; that the students will continue to grow in faith

- Pray that many of the girls Beth is working with will step up and start the discipleship training in hopes for the ministry to grow exponentially
- Pray as we are preparing for Jubilee Conference in February and that we will get students excited and signed up for the conference over the next few weeks
- Pray for Mike as he is working on developing positions for the upcoming 2009-10 school year and for God to raise up strong CCO staff candidates for the positions
- Pray for Mike and his travels around Central & Southern Ohio during the wintry weather months
- PRAISE for your incredible financial support of the ministry in 2008, especially this past December! Thank You!

We pray that God will continue to bless your life this new year! Please feel free to send us an email or give us a call to let us know how we can best be praying for you in 2009! Thanks!

Ending "2008" with a Bang!

Written by Mike

We are so very thankful for your support of the ministry and for all your thoughts, prayers and encouraging words! We finished the 2008 year strong; raising the second highest amount of money ever in one month (first highest was last December) and the highest amount for this 2008-09 fiscal year! **THANK YOU!**

We are so incredibly overwhelmed by your generosity during this Christmas season, especially with the present economic times! It is a great blessing to have each of you be a part of the ministry, a part of our lives and more than those two things - a community that continues to understand God's providential love! We cannot say it enough... **Thank You!** We are now less the 10% from our overall support goal and we are confident that God will continue to raise up laborers to help us reach our financial goal. We enjoy every opportunity God gives us through your giving to serve in college ministry. Thank you for allowing us to share in this ministry with you and watch how Jesus continues to transform the lives of OSU students as well as transform churches, organizations, college campuses and the world!

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

December	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$5,773 (110%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$19,274 (92%)	\$21,000

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

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