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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



Ministry & Economy

Written By Mike

January Newsletter at a Glance

- Two Truths about Campus Ministry
- “Discipleship Essentials” becomes a key resource for our disciple-making
- Four Student Testimonials from Beth’s OSU women’s ministry
- **THANK YOU** for your part in helping us to transform the lives of OSU College students!
- Much to be thankful for and pray over in 2009
- PRAY for JUBILEE, it is coming fast: Feb 13-15th
- Financial Support off to a low start for 2009
- **THANK YOU** for your continued financial and prayer support!

What we are Reading

BETH

Discipleship Essentials

MIKE

Bible: 1 & 2 Peter

TOGETHER

Harry Potter Book 5

One of the student leaders of Men of Vision that I continue to meet regularly with is taking an economics course this quarter. After working through goals for the quarter he has decided that each time he writes his weekly economics essay, he will reflect on the Biblical concept of Jubilee and what the Bible has to say about economics. He has been emailing these essays to me to look over prior to turning them into his professor and I must say I am learning a lot about economics that you don’t get from the news and media! I am learning that the economic situation is far more complex than just the stock market’s rise and fall. I am learning that there is more at stake than people having to foreclose on their houses. I am discovering that people place too much emphasis on “bail out” legislation. In the writings of an OSU college student I am seeing the need to recognize two truths about campus ministry.

First, our work in campus ministry together with you is not dependant upon the economy. Our calling to this work of seeing Christ transform the lives of college students remains steadfast in faith midst the complexities of the present economic condition. Our confidence in Christ’s provision lets us rest assure that He will make means for the Christian community to rise to the call and offer opportunities to support each other. Our resilient hope in Christ allows us to express His Lordship over everything, even when we are at a loss for what comes next. Second, your generosity in giving to campus ministry is not dependant upon the economy. Christ has shown incredible grace by allowing us to be stewards of His blessings! We are very thankful for you and your sharing beyond just the dollar to help the next generation be vessels of transformation! God is good (All the time)!

Discipleship

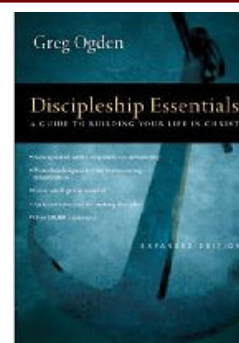
Written By Mike & Beth

We have both started to use “Discipleship Essentials” by Greg Ogden with our student leaders on campus. The book is geared for small groups of three or four to come together, go through topical studies and learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ. It is our hope that as we go through the book, each student will eventually meet regularly with three to four other students and begin to disciple their fellow students!

Beth has started this book with four students this quarter. She has been meeting with two girls at a time and going through a chapter a week. The girls have shared their interest in discipleship and how Christ has called them to do that, but they

are scared that they do not know enough about the Bible. It is Beth’s hope that this resource will help build their confidence, help in creating accountability around growing as disciples and allow them to become disciple-makers!

Mike has started going through this book with the leaders of Men of Vision (MOV). It has become the desire of the MOV students to focus on depth over breadth and so the leaders have started to meet bi-weekly with Mike to discuss “Discipleship Essentials” and grow in Christ.



Student Testimonials

Written By Beth & Students

Now that this is my third year of ministry at OSU, I have noticed the discipleship ministry begin to blossom with the girls. It has been exciting to see how these students want to be stretched in their faith. Many of these girls have started to step out and take leadership among their peers. Here are some quotes from four students on what they say the CCO discipleship ministry has meant to them:



Keri | Senior | Italian

“I have been so blessed this school year since meeting Beth and getting involved with campus ministry at Ohio State. Committing my life to Christ was not a decision I took lightly, and doing discipleship with Beth has stretched me and made me grow in my faith in so many ways that I feel I owe so much to her. God showed me His love through Beth and I would not have become the woman I am today without her guidance. The skills and leadership experience I gained by getting involved in the CCO will prove invaluable as I myself pursue campus ministry after graduation. I am forever thankful to God for Beth and her CCO ministry work.”



Heather | Senior | Dental Hygienist

“My experience with the CCO has enriched my life and greatly contributed to both my growth spiritually and as a person. This year leading a women’s Bible study has stretched me in a good way. Having the support of Beth in our one-on-one meetings has taken away some of the apprehensions that come along with being stretched. The skills and experiences I have gained as a part of the CCO will carry on with me long after I graduate.”



Caye | Senior | Biology

“Beth has provided me with a safe non-threatening environment in which I have been able to grow spiritually. The one-on-one time with her has given me a chance to learn more about Scripture and the Lord’s influence in my life in an applicable way. Her influence and willingness to listen has had a great impact on my life.”



Laura | Junior | Nursing

“Being a disciple for our Lord, Jesus Christ, is a life-long process. For my past three years at Ohio State I have been involved with the CCO discipleship ministry here on campus and its an organization I’m proud to be a part of. The CCO discipleship ministry is teaching me how to become a stronger disciple of Christ, so that next year I will be able to disciple others. My hope is that one day I will be able to minister to others, as the CCO ministry has ministered to me.”



“Chillin’ in the snow... both figuratively & literally”

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Thank You for your participation in helping to transform the lives of Keri, Heather, Caye & Laura! Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Jesus Christ at Ohio State and prepare to go forth to transform the world!

Lots of Prayers & Praises for 2009

Written by Mike and Beth

It is a huge blessing to be able to come to the Lord in prayer. We have many things to keep in prayer and things to be overwhelmingly thankful for this month, here are a few:

- He has provided us with the financial support from supporters like you! Pray that God may continue to raise up financial supporters to join our support team!
- He has provided us with safety as we have both been traveling a lot this past month on snowy and icy roads!
- Praise that Beth had a good start to her Winter Quarter with students. Students are getting excited for discipleship through the study guide, "Discipleship Essentials".
- Praise that we have been able to raise scholarship funds to help OSU students attend the 2009 Jubilee Conference!
- Pray for the Jubilee Conference that the students who attend will be stretch in their faith and will live their life transformed because of what they learn about Jesus & the Gospel.

- Praise for the positions Mike has been able to create for the 2009-10 school year! Pray that each position may find the right CCO staff candidate.
- Pray for the positions Mike is still working on creating for new CCO ministries in Central & Southwest Ohio.
- Praise for the safe delivery of our new nephew, Silas Carter Hargis, Jessica (Mike's sister) & Greg's first baby!
- Prayer for our country and friends as this hard economic season has many finding themselves out of jobs and in positions of budgeting stress and anxiety.

Please let us know how we can be praying for you! You are all on our hearts and we know that there is much to pray about as well as many praises already for this 2009 year! We look forward to staying in touch with you and, God willing, we hope to have the opportunity to visit with each of you this year! We know that God answers prayers and delights in every moment we come to him in conversation with Him! Amen.

Low Start to 2009 Year

Written by Mike

Though financial support for 2009 is off to a bit of a discouraging start, we are still grateful for the incredible amount of financial support we are given each month! It is an amazing blessing to consider that God raises up friends, family and churches to continue to support and be a part of our ministry with the CCO...

THANK YOU!

We continue to watch God provide for our daily needs and we know that He will continue to do so in our lives—and in your life. We know that the economic condition of our country is of great concern to many of you and we appreciate your continuing to give sacrificially to the work God has called us to here in Ohio and at the Ohio State University. **Thank You** for your generosity in sharing with us! May God continue to bless you & keep you!

We remain hopeful that God will continue to raise up people that desire to be a part of this ministry and our lives through financial donations. We would ask that you consider others you might be able to invite to come along side us in this ministry. We really appreciate every dollar that comes from each of you! You truly are part of our ministry; working along side us through your gifts to transform the lives of college students! **Thank 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

January	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,536 (67%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$22,810 (87%)	\$26,250

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

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