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July Newsletter
at a Glance

- Birthing classes offer a reminder of the miracle of birth
- Three new student leaders at OSU to help lead women's ministry
- Five new CCO staff in Ohio! Read more about them on the next page.
- Another full summer and flurry of activity has kept us on the go this month
- June & July offer a bit of financial slump to our support raising efforts
- THANK YOU for all of your prayers and all the ways you offer support

What we are Reading

BETH

Baby Bargains

MIKE

The Expectant Father

TOGETHER

Harry Potter Book 6

The CCO Ministry of Mike & Beth Mattes in Metro Columbus

Walking Together

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



Birth Class & Pregnancy Update

Written By Beth & Mike

This past month we took a "Labor and Delivery" class at the hospital where we will be delivering our baby. It was an informative class where we learned about every step of the birthing process in great detail. The class was both exciting and slightly overwhelming at the same time. Through the sessions we learned just how incredibly miraculous the entire birthing process is... we will have continue to remind ourselves of the joy of this miracle when Beth is going through contractions during delivery!

We are certainly thankful for hospital practices



which will allow for us to go through the stages of pregnancy together. During the class we learned how to care for one another during the different stages of delivery and small insights into what to expect at each stage along with helpful techniques for dealing with the considerable pain of child birth. We hope that we are able to recall the techniques when it comes time!

We are now in the last half of the third trimester and all is progressing very well. Thank you so much for your prayers for us and our baby! God is good (all the time).

New Student Leaders

Written By Beth

Over the past three years I have been working on developing women student leaders at Ohio State. Each year there is often turn-over among the student leaders. This year I have three ladies whom I have been meeting with for discipleship and I feel have leadership potential for our ministry on campus. I have been preparing each of the ladies to disciple other students by going through "Discipleship Essentials" by Greg Ogden. They will be using the same book with the students they disciple this upcoming school year. Also, I have been praying and meeting with these young women and asking that one would step up and take leadership in facilitating the woman's small group Bible study. I was overjoyed when two students, Tiffany and Laura, both approached me about leading the Bible study. At first, they were both a little



Tiffany & Laura meet weekly to prepare Bible study

intimidated about preparing the Bible study but we have been working on learning how to prepare an inductive Bible study this summer. We have been planning a series of studies on the parables so that they are confident in their ability to facilitate discussion with other students this upcoming Fall quarter at Ohio State. Along with Tiffany and Laura a third student, Rachel, will also disciple other students this upcoming Fall quarter! Please pray for all three as they are excited to see how God will use them in the lives of their peers at Ohio State. Thank You.

Commissioning of New Staff

The summer portion of New Staff Training (NST) ended with a commissioning service of the twenty seven new campus staff. Of these twenty seven new staff, five of them will be joining my staff team in Ohio! I am very excited for each of these new staff and what God will accomplish through them. They have been preparing diligently this summer, during their time at NST, for their personal call to serve with the CCO. Please join me in lifting these five new staff, along with all the other CCO new staff, up in prayer as they begin on campus this 2009-10 School Year. Here are our new staff for Ohio:



Chris Bean joins the CCO at the University of Cincinnati in partnership with Southwestern Ohio Church of the Nazarene. As an alumnus of Mount

Vernon Nazarene University and Ashland Theological Seminary, Chris says, "College and university students are some of the most energetic, passionate and interesting people on the planet. I want to come alongside these students." Chris and his wife, Debbie, are raising two daughters, Jessica and Jaqueylyn, and a boxer-beagle named Zoe.



Avery Damage will return to his alma mater to serve students there. Since graduating from Kent State University in 2005, Avery has served as the Campus Ministry Director at Kent Presbyterian Church and is on

course to earn a Master of Divinity degree from Ashland Theological Seminary next year. "The CCO is committed to transforming the lives of all college students in an attempt to win them to the Kingdom of God," Avery says. "This is the type of commitment that Christ has called us to." Avery and his wife, Dr. Semone Y. Damage, are raising three children, Avery, Jr., Ambyr and Arielle.



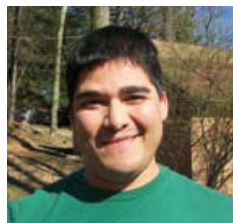
William Hayes, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, will serve students at Ohio Wesleyan

University as an Assistant Chaplain. Among other tasks, William will organize mission trips and wilderness adventures. "My passion in ministry and my vocational goal, put simply, is to communicate and teach God's truth as it contrasts with the world's truth," William says. He and his wife, Jill, are raising two children, Will and Olivia.



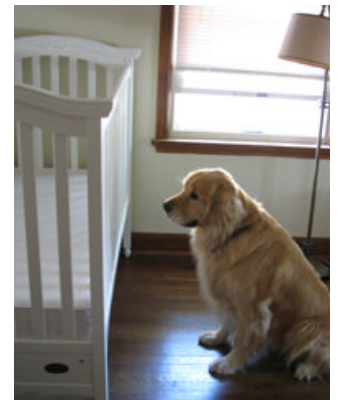
Cincinnati Christian University alumnus **Anthony Jones** will use his degree in Biblical Studies to minister to students the University of Cincinnati. Anthony will continue his

work with the University Christian Church, now as an associate staff member. "I want to work for the CCO because I am passionate about getting anyone and everyone to see who Jesus is and commit their lives to Him," Anthony says. He and his wife, Chelsea, have been married for two years.



Josh Rodriguez will begin ministering to students at his alma mater, The Ohio State University, as a leader of the Student Christian Fellowship chapter and serve students

through Indianola Church of Christ. Having received his Master of Divinity degree from Ashland Seminary, Josh says, "My desire to work with college students has been influenced by my experience and growth during school." Josh and his wife, Kelly, are ready for new opportunities in campus ministry at Ohio State.



"Now this is an interesting crate... how do I get in?"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Summer is Almost Over?!

Written by Mike and Beth

July has gone by so quickly for us and we cannot believe that there is less than two months before our baby is born! We have been working on getting the house ready and we are excited for the birth of our baby! Also, Beth has been working diligently at developing a few female student leaders and Bible studies for the upcoming school year. Finally, Mike has been working with new staff and getting familiar with a larger geographic region under his supervision. It has been a wonderfully full summer!

We are thankful to God for...

- Good health for Beth and the baby even during the hot days of the summer and the insightfulness of birthing classes.
- OSU students who are willing to step up and take leadership next year on campus and great Bible study preparations.
- A wonderful Olver family vacation, even in the Texas heat. And the ability to spend great quality time as a family.
- The success of New Staff Training and how it helped to equip and develop five new staff for Ohio.

We ask for your continued prayers for...

- Beth and baby as well as a safe and trouble free birth. We would also ask for continued prayers for Beth in the final weeks of pregnancy, that she may rest well.
- New and existing OSU students who will be getting involved in the CCO ministry this upcoming school year. Also pray for the student leaders of the ministry as they begin to prepare for returning to campus and classes.
- The five new staff as they discern the Holy Spirit's direction on campus and continue vision casting their first year strategies and goals for students' lives to be transformed
- Our ability to finish the summer well in all areas of campus ministry, especially in the area of financial support development and ongoing communication with you!

We know that this summer has probably been a bit of a roller coaster for you as well, and we appreciate you remembering us in your prayers! You are in our prayers, God Bless.

Summer Financial Slump

Written by Mike

We are extremely thankful for your willingness to share in God's blessings. We know that we have been called to campus ministry with the CCO by God, and our calling is confirmed by your continued generosity. We need to continue building our financial support team as consistent low months (under 90%) means inconsistent paychecks. We appreciate all your help and prayers for the growth of our financial support team over this year and have added a few new supporters because of your efforts. **Thank You!** We have also been able to pray regularly for those of you who have had to leave our financial support team due to life changes; we appreciate your continued prayers for the ministry. **Thank You!** For those of you who have recently joined our support team during this economic down turn, we are inspired and overjoyed with you being part of our support team. **Thank You!**

The "slump" in financial support raising often happens in the months of June (June: \$4,065) and July. Though this year may be related to economics, it is more likely due to other factors.

We are so very thankful for God's continued providence through all of you over the past economic year and we know that He is faithful even in seasons of plenty and in want... Praise be to God.

If you are interested in financially supporting our work in ministry with the CCO and at Ohio State. Here is how:

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 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	\$4,190 (80%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$52,027 (91%)	\$57,750

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

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