



The CCO Ministry of Mike & Beth Mattes in Metro Columbus

# Walking Together



transforming college 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*

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## Invitation & Transformation

Written By Mike

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During the Fall semester, Ohio CCO staff personally invite students to participate in "transformational opportunities" offered by the CCO. Transformation is a big buzz word within Christian ministries. When we, as the CCO, expect "transformation" in a student we mean: Loves Jesus Intimately, Views the World Biblically, Lives Obediently, Joins Christ in His Restoration of Creation and Invites Others to Live Likewise. These five marks of transformation frame our time in discipleship with college students and the direction of our ministries on campus.

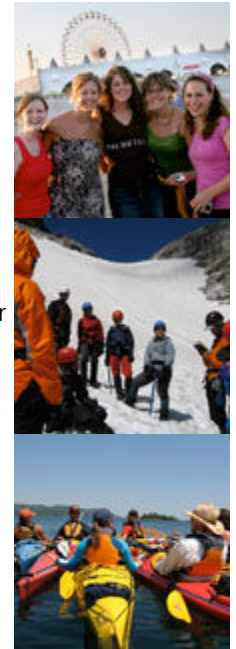
CCO staff invite students to attend our annual Jubilee conference and/or participate in one of our summer opportunities — Ocean City Beach Project (OCBP) and Leadership and Discipleship in the Wilderness (LDW). Jubilee, OCBP and LDW are significant catalysts for our CCO campus ministries, helping students wrestle more deeply with the truths of the Gospel in every area of life.

Since this is the time of year when college seniors are thinking more seriously about what life will look like after their college years, we invite some student leaders who

are drawn toward a call to campus ministry to talk about what it would look like to work for the CCO.

In November I helped organize two "Invitational Gatherings." Students heard from CCO campus ministers about working for the CCO and what they would experience by participating in different summer projects offered in the CCO.

In a few conversations, I shared more specifically about the CCO's work in Ohio and the development of new partnerships to reach more students in our area with the Good News of the Gospel. I look forward to seeing many more students from Ohio participate in the transformational opportunities offered by the CCO. I also look forward to more CCO applicants from Ohio who will come alongside us to further "transform college students to transform the world."



Malone University Invitational  
Hosted by Jeff & Linda Leon,  
CCO Staff at Malone University

## International Thanksgiving

Written By Beth

This Thanksgiving was different than any other in many ways. First, Lucy's feedings changed all dynamics of scheduling Thanksgiving dinner. Second, my parents now live in Columbus, so travelling to see them for Thanksgiving has gone from being a six hour trip to a six minute trip (very nice)! Finally, my parents hosted two OSU international undergraduate students through an international student ministry called International Friendships Incorporated (IFI). All three things filled this thanksgiving with great memories. The two young women were from China and both are in their second year at Ohio State studying business. We spent much of our Thanksgiving feast conversation learning about their Chinese tradi-

tions while sharing some of our family and cultural traditions that surround the thanksgiving holiday. Fortunately both of them could speak English well since we do not know a single word of Chinese! It was a great experience for all of us and we were blessed to share our lives together. Mike and I used our gifts of ministry, and my parents were able to use their gift of hospitality to draw both students into conversations of culture, faith and giving thanks.



Our family with Chinese students hosted by Beth's parents for Thanksgiving.

God is good (All the time).

## Another Invitation

Written By Mike

It is hard to believe Christmas is just a few short weeks away! Thanksgiving offered a great opportunity to reflect on God's goodness, and this season of Advent offers us the great privilege to find our hope in Christ's birth and His coming again. We are tremendously thankful for the ways God has lovingly carried us through this past year and for the birth of Lucy Grace. We are overjoyed for the calling He has placed on our lives and the incredible stories of transformation in students' lives. The Holy Spirit continues to draw us, our ministry and the lives of college students into closer relationship with Him. We are humbled by God's grace and providence offered through the prayers and financial support of family, friends and churches.

We are thankful for the generosity of the body of Christ in partnering with us in transforming college students to transform the world. We praise God for every dollar given. We understand that this past year has been financially challenging for many. We know that God is good and faithful; and He will meet all our (and all your) needs. We pray for that assurance daily. Would you consider making a special financial gift this Christmas to help us continue in our call to transform the lives of college students? Your financial gifts help us serve with the CCO at Ohio State and on campuses throughout the state of Ohio, as we seek the transformation of students' lives and this world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



"Car rides with a car seat change things up a bit..."

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

November	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,860 (74%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$14,195 (90%)	\$15,750

**2009-10 Support Goal Amount: \$63,000**

Financial Breakdown: 85% Salary, 15% Ministry Expenses

The CCO partners with colleges, churches and organizations to develop men and women who live out their Christian faith in every area of life.

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