



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

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Sustaining Leadership

Written By Mike

Our CCO April Staff Seminar was a two day gathering on the topic of sustaining leadership for the long haul. Campus ministry, much like church ministry, can often have a high “burn out” rate and this Staff Seminar set out to address this topic. We shoe to set our time up more as a retreat in April since it is so near the end of the school year — when most of our staff are feeling fairly “empty” in every sense.

During our Staff Seminar we addressed five “gauges” to watch while in ministry, all of which are important in any vocation:

- Spiritual Gauge: We must “stay lit” for Christ, as this impacts everything else!
- Physical Gauge: Mom’s simple Rules; exercise regularly, eat right and get enough sleep
- Relational Gauge: Understanding appropriate attention at appropriate times; and monitor isolation
- Emotional Gauge: Finding the “Sweet spot” with challenge and gifting to avoid apathy, boredom and stress
- Financial Gauge: There are both foolish

and faithful ways to spend and save money; always be ready to give it up.

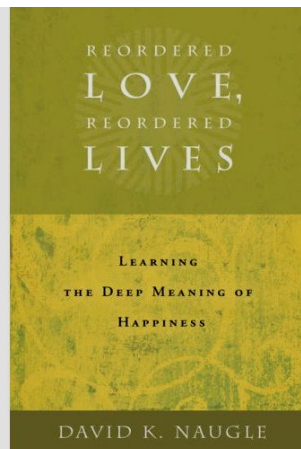
We were given a good amount of time in smaller group settings and we talked at length about these gauges and came up with “action items” for each gauge. One example of putting things into practice is the “48 Hour Rule”, which is simply this: As you read Scripture, when you come across something Jesus tells you to do, you have 48 hours to do it.

Beth and I also made sure to touch base on these gauges after each session while also making the most of an opportunity to have quality family time (which is often not the norm for staff events). This gave us the opportunity to set up some specific action steps for our family and ministry.

God is good. (All the time.)



Summer Reading
Will you join us?



This summer Beth and I will be reading “Reordered Love, Reordered Lives” by David Naugle. We invite you to join us in reading this book this summer. I will post regular thoughts and some of our personal discussion points on my blog. We invite you to comment on the blog entries or just send us an email of the things you are taking away from the book if you choose to join us in reading it this summer. We look forward to hearing from you!

Our Website: <http://www.TheMattesHome.com>

Direct Blog Link: <http://MDMattes.blogspot.com>

LDW

Written By Beth & Adapted LDW Summary from CCO Website

I am excited that one of the women I have been meeting with for three years at Ohio State, Katie, has decided to go on the CCO's Leadership & Discipleship in the Wilderness (LDW) Canada which is a kayaking trip in the waters of Ontario's Georgian Bay. Participants learn about community, leadership and outdoor skills as they island hop along the ruggedly beautiful chain of 30,000 islands. The trip will consist of a small group of students and CCO staff.

While learning how to faithfully live and lead

in a wilderness setting, Katie will also be challenged to grow in the areas of identity, community and spirituality. She will be given a course journal that will include various outdoor resources as well as readings about such things as Christ-like leadership, worship, redemption, servanthood, and the practice of spiritual disciplines. Katie will participate in personal Bible reading and reflection through journaling. Finally, she will discuss "the life of your community" and set goals for growth together.



Picture from a past LDW Canada. More Pictures at: www.ccojubilee.org/summer

A New Season Planted & Sustained

Written By Mike

This April we planted fruits and vegetables both in our community garden plot and in our backyard. This is the first year we are attempting fruits, and so with the addition of growing new things we feel like we are re-learning gardening all over again. Gardening is often a great analogy for life and ministry. This year Beth and I re-learned how to go about life and ministry with the addition of Lucy into our lives. It has been a profoundly amazing journey each day and we made many new adjustments to the way we do even the simplest of tasks in campus ministry. Lucy has also opened up many new opportunities to live "life on life" with both CCO staff and students, which has broadened the spectrum of our habits, disciplines and interactions with others in ministry. In many respects Lucy has come to mark a new season in our lives, and our new and ever developing parent skills have helped us learn more fully what sustainable life & campus ministry can look like... the biggest thing is planning with the willingness to take joy in the unknown, and wait eagerly upon Jesus to give guidance! As the school year at OSU comes to a close and most Ohio Schools transition into summer programs, Beth and I look forward to seeking God to refresh us and allow us to dream new dreams over the summer for the coming school year. Please pray that we:

- May end the school year well both with Ohio CCO Staff and Ohio State Students
- Continue to dream the dreams of the King as we live each season of parenthood and look forward to strategically planning out our summer
- Will take time to reflect and enjoy the fruits of Christ's love in our lives



"Chillin' with Lucy on a beautiful Spring day..."

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

April	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$5,320 (101%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$41,650 (99%)	\$42,000

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

Financial Breakdown: 85% Salary, 15% Ministry Expenses

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