



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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to transform the world

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Blue Prints

Written By Mike

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Blue Prints is a two day support raising "boot camp" for CCO new staff and veteran staff that are in need of a little extra help. During our time together we learned about the Biblical basis for support raising along with some "best practices" for building a support team as a part of our CCO ministry. New staff walked away with understanding that support raising is not just something we do as CCO staff, but our support teams are an integral part of our faithful ministry to serve college students. Support raising can bring out a lot of self doubt in new staff. Without the affirmation, accountability and practice offered by the CCO training; staff will often not be able to stay with the CCO due to their inability to live into the behaviors of support development and their ability to reach college students.

My role over the two days was encouraging staff through giving conversational model on how to bring up the topic of support and invite people to consider joining their support team and network. Role playing is one of my least favorite activities but it happens to also be extremely valuable in helping staff, especially new staff, work through their hesitations and conversations surrounding an already tough topic in our ministry. I have found that interacting with

the new staff in this context allowed us to see the genuine nature of the CCO's care for the individuals and churches that partner with us in college ministry.

Our two days together re-encouraged me that the CCO training on support raising is more about caring for supporters as *part of* the CCO's ministry and less about "selling" someone to write a check for our ministry to college students. It is evident that each of our new staff at Blue Prints truly received a "call" from God for campus ministry and I hope that you, as part of our support team, will lift up our new staff in prayer...

Especially over these first months of raising and developing a support team. It is my prayer that, like you, the people that support these new staff will be just as driven as the CCO to see the lives of college student's transformed by the Gospel and these students will go on to transform this world for God's kingdom and glory.

I say this often, but we cannot be in this ministry without your support. Beth and I appreciate the many ways you join us in our calling and we continue to praise God for His providence. Thank you for the blessing you are to us and God's work to transform college students' lives!



(Left) Mike and another Area Director walk through a support raising conversation for CCO staff.
(Right) Helping new staff prepare for support raising conversations with friends & family.

Student Wedding

Written By Beth

Heather Hampton was one of my key student leaders during her time at Ohio State. Heather is one of those students that God allowed me to work with and see continual transformation for God's glory. It was a joy to meet with her weekly, a greater joy to watch her graduate and follow her calling as a Dental Hygienist and an even greater joy to celebrate with her on her wedding day! Lucy, Mike and I made the trip to Heather & Ryan's wedding which was down in Cincinnati. The whole wedding ceremony was a call to Christ and a

proclamation of the Gospel. I hope and know Christ's love will carry Ryan & Heather through to even greater depths of grace as the two of them begin their life together. At the wedding I also reconnected with a few other OSU alum that were a part of the small group which I facilitated with Heather over the past years. (They got to meet Lucy for the first time!) I know these young women will continue to transform lives with the love and grace that Christ poured out on their lives during our time together at Ohio State. God is good. (All the time.)



Keri & Heather (OSU Alumni 2010) with Lucy & Beth

Summer Time!

Written By Mike

Summer is upon us and it offers a time of reflection on the goodness and grace which God has poured out on us over this past school year in ministry with the CCO. It is also a great opportunity to look forward with eager anticipation for what God will do in the coming year! Finally, summer is a great opportunity for us to connect with many of you in person and share about the transformative work we see God doing in the lives of college students. Our May support numbers gives a clear indication of our gap between actual & goal amounts without large one time financial gifts. The lessons we were reminded of at "Blue Prints" are lessons we intend to put into practice. We cannot emphasize enough the depth of gratitude for you and the ways you are a blessing both to our personal lives and ministry with the CCO. We feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to serve in college ministry with the CCO as we continue to watch Christ's profound grace transform every square inch of college students' lives to God's glory! Thank You for continuing to partner with us.



"Now what is Lucy doing in my oversized water bowl?"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

SPECIAL NOTE: New call within the CCO for Mike - Partnership Coordinator:

The CCO has decided to break up the responsibilities of the Area Director position. We believe this decision will allow the CCO to serve with greater faithfulness our partnerships, campus staff and God's transformative work in the lives of college students. With this organizational change, Mike is moving into the new role of "Partnership Coordinator" for the state of Ohio. This new position will allow Mike to focus on development of partnerships for campus ministry and serving our current partners in Ohio. Our mission is to grow and extend the reach of the CCO and our partners to transform the lives of college students in Christ. More information to come in future newsletters! It is important to note that this we are still required to raise the same amount of financial support and so we thank you for your continued and ongoing support.

May	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,570 (68%)	\$5,250
Year-to-Date Support	\$45,220 (96%)	\$47,250

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

Financial Breakdown: 85% Salary, 15% Ministry Expenses

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