



transforming college students
to transform the world

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The CCO Ministry of Mike & Beth Mattes in Metro Columbus & Ohio

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



Summer Institute & Commissioning

Written by CCO Communications & Mike

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Toward the end of July, CCO staff gathered at Robert Morris University in western Pennsylvania (just north of Pittsburgh) for a week of celebrating the past year of ministry, as well as refueling and refocusing in preparation for the upcoming school year. For me, two highlights of Summer Institute are our honoring service and commissioning service. At the start, time was set aside to honor our colleagues for excellence in their work during the previous year and for faithfulness in ministry over the long haul. Ohio campus minister, Ted Schumacher, who ministers primarily to student athletes at Kent State University, just completed his 30th year on CCO staff. At the close, we held a commissioning service for our new staff members. (This marked the end of their summer-long training program and prepare to start their campus work this Fall). In Ohio, we commissioned three new staff: Landon Adams, Tyler Charles and Matt Stratton. Over the past few months I have introduced you to these gentlemen and their respective church partnerships. Please continue to keep each to them in your prayers as we wait upon the Lord for His glory to be seen in the lives of college students in Ohio!

Summer Institute serves as the catalyst for the coming school year. Through large

group presentations, small group labs and informal conversations over meals, we were all encouraged to consider the theme of transformation, as it applies to ourselves, to the students with whom we work, and to the institutions we serve. I helped with labs focused on: CCO's summer transformational opportunities and another on how we can keep in better touch with CCO student alum.

We take seriously our mission of transforming college students to transform the world, and it is always good to be reminded that the transformation needs to start with Christ working through, in and with us. Therefore each presentation and small group lab came with an exhortation for the continued work of Christ in our own lives and our respective ministries on all the campuses we serve in the mid-Atlantic region.

Staff were both refreshed and challenged as they took the wisdom gleaned from Summer Institute and look forward to finding ways to apply it to their work on campus and in their partnerships. Please pray for all our ministries, especially those in Ohio, that this 2011-12 school year may be our most fruitful year yet! We pray that students will live out the Gospel in every area of their lives and Christ's redemptive grace may continue to touch every facet of our being and our world!



(Left) CCO Ohio New Staff: Matt, Landon & Tyler. (Right) Dr. Terry Thomas speaks to CCO staff about how the development of "meaning-making" during the college years.

We are Expecting!

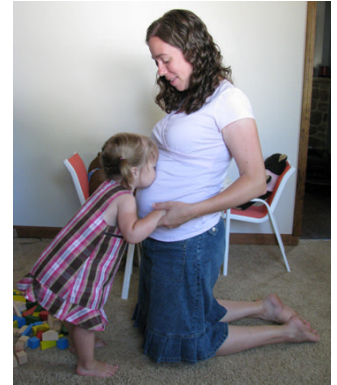
Written By Beth

God is good (All the Time)! We are overjoyed to be able to share with all of you that God has, in His abundant mercy & grace, decided to give us another baby. I am in my second trimester of pregnancy and we are looking forward to celebrating our new child's birth in January. We are excited! Lucy seems to also be getting excited to be an older sister and Mommy's helper. Lucy will often point to my belly and exclaim to friends (and strangers) "baby belly". She is

also preparing for our baby through caring for her baby doll (feeding, putting to bed, changing its diaper). We thank you all for your prayers as we await the arrival of our next child. It is worth repeating...

God is Good (All the Time)!

[And no, we have decided that we will not be finding out the gender. :) There are only a few good surprises left in this world... and this is certainly one of them.]



Lucy enjoys kissing mommy's "baby belly".

Due Date: January 15th

Prayer Requests for Coming Year

Written By Mike & Beth

The summer break is quickly coming to a close and students are beginning to prepare for their return to campuses. We are looking forward to their return and another incredible year in ministry. We would ask that you remember the following things in your prayers as another school year gets under way:

- Pray for the safe return of Capital University students and for a great start for our new ministry on campus. Pray specifically for our handful of sophomore student leaders.
- Pray for our CCO new staff members as they begin ministry with the CCO! Pray for God's hand of protection and providence upon them as they continue to build a prayer and financial support team.
- Prayers for Mike's work in having initial partnership conversations with new churches and colleges as he works to further the CCO's reach in transforming the lives of college students throughout Ohio.



"Lucy cares for me as I heal & have to wear this ridiculous plastic cone..."

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Looking Forward

Written By Mike & Beth

There is much to look forward to this coming school year! The development of three new CCO ministries in Ohio, our developing ministry at Capital University, continued discipleship of students at the Ohio State University, new church and college partnership opportunities, and last—but certainly not least—the addition of another child into our family! We are in awe of what God is doing and continues to do in our family and ministry with the CCO.

We **THANK YOU** for your part in both our story and the grand story of Christ's redemption and restoration of all things. You are often on our minds and in our prayers; and we give God great thanks for your involvement in our ministry and lives. *Thank you for your support. Take Good Care & God Bless.*

July	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$4,683 (98%)	\$4,750
Year -to-Date	\$49,326 (89%)	\$55,250

2010-11 Support Goal Amount: \$60,000

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