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to transform the world

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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



Fresh X & Partnership Development

Written by Mike

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This August, I was the CCO on-site facilitator for the Habitat portion of Ohio Wesleyan University's Freshman Experience ("OWU Fresh X"). Fresh X is an optional three day experience for first year students. It occurs just prior to the Fall orientation for all first year students at OWU. Fresh X is designed to give students the opportunity to build a community of friends and begin thinking about identity questions prior to being thrown into the mix of the larger student body. I, along with two student leaders, facilitated the Habitat Fresh X for eight freshmen students. We partnered with Delaware County Habitat to assist in a new house build (just a block from the university) and clean up the warehouse of the Habitat ReStore. The Vineyard Church of Delaware offered their hospitality as a place for our group to stay after serving together on the worksites. At the church we enjoyed meals, community building activities and guided discussions. The discussions were framed around the question "Who am I?", developing a community of friends and

personal expectations for the college years. Over the three days, the students worked hard with Habitat and were open and honest in our discussions. Our time together exceeded all expectations.

In the midst of these conversations with students, I was also able to develop new relationships with the executive director of Habitat and the pastor of Vineyard of Delaware. Being the CCO facilitator of Fresh X Habitat gave me a unique opportunity to share with both the Habitat Office and Delaware Vineyard about the CCO's model of ministry. Upon learning of CCO's twenty-three year partnership with the university, Habitat was intrigued with the CCO model... and upon meeting the students of Fresh X the executive director expressed a great excitement for future conversations about partnership. The coordinator of Fresh X, William Hayes (our CCO staff person in partnership with OWU's Chaplain's Office), attends church at Delaware Vineyard which is how they came to host Fresh X. The church was intrigued with the CCO's partnership model of ministry.... And much like Habitat, after meeting the students of Fresh X, the senior pastor was excited to explore the possibility of partnering with the CCO in the future. I thank God for continuing to pave the way for partnership opportunities. God is good (All the Time)!



OWU Fresh X Habitat 2011

Top: All of us at the work site
(I am second from the left, in orange).

Right: Students after our evening lesson
(the students left a spot for me in the circle).



Capital Students are Back!

Written By Beth

Another school year has begun at Capital University! The school year kicked off with new student orientation and a welcoming ceremony for the new Freshman class. Each year the staff, faculty and upper classmen (along with the parents of Freshmen) cheer on the new Freshman class as they make their way through the campus arch and to a convocation service. Two of our student leaders, Dalton and Logan, are Resident Assistants this year and they invited to be a part of the fun. Along the route in which the Freshman walked, Lucy was excited to give the noise clappers a try and did her part in welcoming the class of 2015.

Mike and I stayed in regular contact with some students throughout the summer months and God has blessed us with a great core group of students for this upcoming school year! After



Lucy makes some noise!

the whirlwind of freshmen orientation, student move-in on campus and all the upper classmen moving back into the campus area; we were able to gather together our core group of student leaders to reflect back on our summer and set forth a plan for the Fall. Our Capital

student ministry, Renew, will be meeting on Monday evenings at 8:08p. This Fall, we will be diving into conversation about Christ's lordship over every area of our lives while also unpacking how to develop a holistic Christian worldview.

Please keep the students of Renew in your prayers as we look forward to how the Gospel will transform the lives of Capital students!



Freshmen class is led on campus by the Capital Crusader



"Nothin' but Lovin"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Still Making Calls & Raising Support

Written By Mike & Beth

Yes we are still making support calls. The summer has come and gone and we have a few more calls to make to members of our support team and to new supporters. We are thankful for you and your role in supporting our ministry through reading our newsletter, prayers and financial giving... you play a vital role in our ministry to college students.

Thank You! We cannot stress our appreciation enough and we are often compelled into ministry with a spirit of gratitude for your friendship, encouragement and love. **Thank You!**

As you can see by the chart, our giving was down a little bit this past year from previous years. Please pray for us as we embark on another year of ministry together (with you). We pray that we may be obedient to the work God has set before us and we trust in His ability to provide for all our needs.

Thank You

Year	Amount Raised
2008	\$54,810
2009	\$55,882
2010	\$58,206
2011	\$53,119

August	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,793(80%)	\$4,750
Year End	\$53,119(89%)	\$60,000

NEW 2011-12 Support Goal Amount: \$60,000
Financial Breakdown: 85% Salary, 15% Ministry Expenses

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