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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*



## Room & Board... Life-on-Life.

Written by Mike

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We are thankful that God has allowed us to live in a community with a university. We are also thankful that God has given us a home that we are able to open up to students to stay with us as the need arises. This past December, we had the great joy of having Tyler stay with us for two weeks. Tyler is a Freshman student at Capital University studying political Science. Due to his job as a Page at the Ohio statehouse, he needed to stay in town after the Fall semester officially ended and before heading home for the Christmas break. Tyler was nervous about staying with us, the idea seemed a bit foreign to him and he even asked us, "Why are you willing to do this?" We shared with him our understanding of Christian hospitality and that we desire to be intentional about sharing our lives and home with others. We transformed my office space in our basement into a bedroom (which works fine for a Freshman bachelor pad) and we gave him a key to our house. At first, he was timid about how to live under our roof, but Lucy helped break the ice and every morning and evening the two of them would play

and read books. Tyler joined us for dinners most evenings and we engaged in conversation about his job, classes, faith, family and his relationship with his girlfriend. Tyler also helped out with different house projects and even babysat Lucy one night so Beth & I could have a night out.



Tyler & Lucy

Tyler has been a part of our Capital University ministry, Renew, since he arrived on campus. He is passionate about politics, relationships and his faith walk with Christ. Through living life-on-life together, our conversations and actions (including our parenting of Lucy) spoke the Gospel in subtle ways.

In the two weeks that Tyler was with us, we could see the Spirit working immensely in his life. By the end of his time with us, Tyler was like a member of our family. After the Christmas break, Tyler returned to have dinner with us and he shared his deep desire to "go deeper" this new year in his relationship with Christ and others in our Capital community. We pray that God will answer Tyler's request, and that our home and hospitality may continue to be a catalyst for his growth in Christ.

### Jubilee Scholarship Fund

Jubilee is just over a month away and we continue to have more students wanting to attend this amazing conference. We would still like to raise another \$1,000 to help give a few more students the opportunity to attend Jubilee this year. If you would like to make a financial gift to help scholarship a student, please contact us! We are also looking for donations to help towards covering the cost of gas and food for Jubilee. Thank You.



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## Renew Christmas Party

Written By Beth

At the end of the Fall semester, we enjoyed hosting the first ever Renew Christmas Party! We held the gathering at our house the Friday prior to finals week and we were not sure how many students would actually show up. To our surprise, we had twelve students able to come to the party, two of whom were new to our group! We enjoyed living into the fifth core value of the CCO, "We Celebrate Life" and ended our first full semester of ministry with Capital students on a very high note... We enjoyed playing games, a White elephant gift exchange, good food and getting a few more students signed up for Jubilee! The students also made guesses on when our baby would be born and if we were having a boy or girl. (You can see their predictions on Facebook.) We ended the evening with prayer for finals, Christmas breaks and for God to continue to move mightily in our ministry in the new year. We would ask for specific prayers for the following in 2012:



First Capital Student Ministry Christmas Party

- Pray for all the students involved in Renew, that God will continue to protect them and allow them to continue to walk boldly in their relationship with Jesus
- Pray that we may have a handful of students step up to help lead our weekly gatherings as our own schedule changes upon the arrival of baby #2
- Pray for the students we will have come to Jubilee, that the Jubilee Conference may be a catalyst for Christ's transformative work in each student's life
- Pray for Mike's efforts to develop a partnership for us to get a part time or full time CCO staff person to work with our ministry at Capital
- Pray for me as I adjust to life with two children and continue to disciple students



"Looking forward to another playmate..."

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

## End-of-Year (2011) Giving

Written By Mike

**Thank you** for your continued support of our ministry, from reading this newsletter and just being aware of the good work God is doing in our midst, to praying for the ministry, to giving of your time & resources. We are thankful that we are not in this alone, but have you walking together with us to transform the lives of college students throughout Ohio, and specifically at Capital University. Your support and prayers are what allow us to enjoy opening up our home to students and develop CCO partnerships with churches, colleges & organizations in Ohio. **Thank You.**

*Thanks to several end-of-year gifts in December, we once again exceeded our financial support goal!*

We are profoundly thankful for God's outpouring of blessing over the Christmas season and end of the 2011 year. In 2012, we look forward to sharing many more stories with you of Christ's transformational work in our family and the lives of college students. God is Good (All the Time.)

December	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$5,183 (103%)	\$5,000
Year-to-Date	\$20,803 (104%)	\$20,000

**NEW 2011-12 Support Goal Amount: \$60,000**  
Financial Breakdown: 80% Salary, 20% 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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