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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



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Summer Book Study

Written by Beth

Mike & I enjoy the opportunity to host and facilitate a Capital student summer book study on "Love Does" by Bob Goff. The excitement around the book has been so great, that we have decided to meet weekly (rather than just twice a month as we had originally planned). Currently we have about six students gather at our house on Monday evenings. (There are twelve students reading the book this summer, some of whom are not in Columbus.) We discuss about three chapters each week, share personal stories and relate all of our stories back to Jesus and His interaction with others. Our conversations with student's have been full of laughter and thoughtful questions, and each week we try to think through a specific and simple action step to live in to and out of Christ's amazing love. Mike has also been blogging once a week with questions and conversation points for students that are reading the book but not able to join us on Monday evenings (<http://mdmattes.blogspot.com>).



Our Capital Student Book Study

Our book study has also spurred on some great strategic planning conversations as well! A handful of our student leaders have begun thinking about ways our group can embody Christ's love more thoughtfully and whimsically this upcoming school year.

Here are two specific ways you can pray for our Capital ministry this summer:

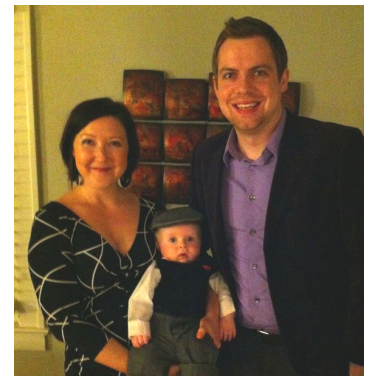
- Pray for our students gathered and scattered this summer, that they may grow in Christ's love.
- Pray that we may be able to become an officially recognized student group at Capital by the upcoming Fall Semester

One Down, One to Go!

Written by Mike

Thank you for your prayers for the two new church partnerships I had mentioned in last month's newsletter! We are seeing God answer our prayers. CCO Candidate, Lindi Wells Martsof, has accept our CCO campus minister position with Discovery Church and will be serving with our college ministry at Capital University. Please pray for Lindi, Nate, and their son, Jude, as they make the move from Kansas City to Columbus and begin new chapter of life and ministry.

We have an on-site interview lined up for a CCO candidate to come and discern our open position with New Pointe Church for later this June. Like we mentioned in our previous newsletter, this is a new partnership that will allow us to continue our ministry legacy at Kent State University, Tuscarawas campus. We ask that God's hand of grace may allow us to have a CCO campus minister in place by this August for the continuation of this college ministry.



Lindi, Nate & Jude Martsof

New Organization of the Year

Written By Mike

Kenyon College is often referred to as the "Ivy League of the Midwest". Two years ago I interviewed and recruited Jenn & Zane Sanders to continue our CCO ministry at Kenyon College. They serve Kenyon in partnership with the McIlvaine Board (a board consisting of Kenyon Christian alum). Over their first year at Kenyon, Jenn & Zane facilitated three different ministries on campus and built trust with the staff and student body at Kenyon. This year they decided to create a radical partnership of Christian ministries on campus under the name "Be:". This new ministry allows the different Christian ministries to be seen as one by the campus community - which has helped to strengthen outreach and impact on campus. This Spring semester, Jenn & Zane, received a high honor from faculty, staff and students of Kenyon College. The CCO ministry "Be:" received the Kenyon College "New Organization of the Year" Award. This award is an acknowledgement by Kenyon College's staff and student body of the transformational work Christ is doing in the lives of students. It is a privilege to

serve with the McIlvaine Board and encourage Jenn and Zane as they transform the lives of college students to transform the world. Please join me in giving God all the praise for His good work at Kenyon.



Ohio CCO Staff, Jenn & Zane Sanders, awarded "New Organization of the Year" at Kenyon

The Kenyon Collegian that wrote an article about the CCO ministry after they received the "New Organization of the Year" award:

Article: Students and CCO Revitalize Kenyon's Christian Community

Excerpt: Each branch of "Be" will be a subcategory concentrating on a different activity or theme — for example, "Be: community" will take day trips and meet weekly, while "Be: justice" will be a liaison for local organizations and participate in social justice week. "What we hoped in creating 'Be' was that it would connect fellow Christians on campus," Zane Sanders said, "but at the same time help us to better interact with the Kenyon community at large."



"Thankful that summer is officially here!"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Summer Support Season

Written By Mike

There are these pictures and signs around Columbus that say "Keep Calm. Carry On." which is fitting for our monthly financials this May. Even though we were well below our financial goal for the month, we are calm and know that God is in full control. We are thankful that He has given our financial support-raising a generous surplus in previous months to carry us through the summer lull in support that often occurs May through August. (We would appreciate your prayers for our support-raising efforts this summer!) We cannot say this often enough: Thank You. God continues to astound us with His overflow of blessings and providence. It is out of a heart of gratitude that we are able to serve with the CCO. Our support team is essential to our ministry. Far beyond just financial support, we are blessed to be covered in prayer and appreciate all the words of encouragement.

God is Good. (All the Time.)

Special Note: Our last newsletter's financial numbers were incorrect. We have posted an updated April newsletter on our website: www.TheMattesHome.com/newsletter

May	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,888 (78%)	\$5,000
Year-to-Date	\$42,864 (95%)	\$45,000

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

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