



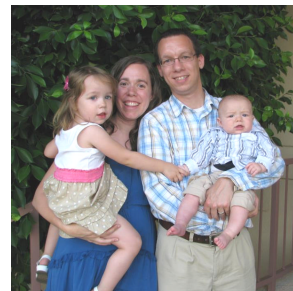
transforming college students
to transform the world

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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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Book of Life

Written by Mike (Excerpt from OWU Student Testimony)

The past few months we have been sharing stories honoring our Ohio staff's work on campus. The greatest honor is when a student comes to know and love Jesus. CCO staff, William Hayes, has had the great joy and privilege to walk along side OWU student, Jackie, as she came to know Christ this year. She was invited to church by CCO students and staff. Here is a portion of Jackie's testimony in her own words:

"I've always struggled with my faith. I went to Catholic school where I was taught about love, acceptance, service, and community. But I always had a lot of difficulty understanding how Jesus came into all it. I asked questions, but I was never given a satisfying answer. In the end, I sort of gave up. I declared myself agnostic.... On the afternoon of March 16, 2012, my boyfriend passed away unexpectedly. Suddenly all the questions I had became screams that I hurled into my pillow at night. Where was God? Why is there suffering? How could this be part of a plan? I started going to a nondenominational church in town with some [CCO] friends from school. I

wasn't sure what I was doing there, but I really enjoyed it. I loved hearing the pastor speak, singing the songs, and the people. But I definitely felt separated. I was still stuck. I still hadn't gotten the answers I was looking for and I was still unsure and confused about a lot of things. So I kept God at a distance.... One Sunday, the pastor started talking about baptism and how it was a proclamation of faith. He talked about Jesus giving up his life for me, and how baptism was an acknowledgement of that and that it washes people clean and renews the soul. I sat there thinking, 'How beautiful. I wish I could do something like that.' Being raised Catholic, nothing had ever been described to me like that. The pastor was inviting people up to a pool they had on stage to be baptized I started to cry. It was like He was talking right to me."

Jackie accepted Christ and was baptized that Sunday. All glory be to God for Jackie's life & testimony! God is good (All the Time).



Ohio @ OCBP

Written by Mike

This year there are seven Ohio students at the Ocean City Beach Project (OCBP), making up almost one third of the student community! OCBP is one of four summer transformational opportunities offered by the CCO. At OCBP, college students work and worship in one community while being challenged to become kingdom leaders. They live together in a large beach house while making an impact on the New Jersey shore. At the end of their time at OCBP, students develop character and skills to become an effective leader. These seven Ohio students will return to school in the Fall ready to transform the world!

To learn more about OCBP 2012, visit: www.ccojubilee.org (Click on OCBP)



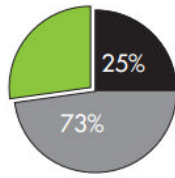
Ohio Students & Staff @ OCBP

Celebrating Life

Written By Beth

The final core value of the CCO is: We Celebrate Life. We have enjoyed celebrating life with Capital students this summer while also reading through Bob Goff's book, "Love Does". One week we took a break from our normal Monday evening book study to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Dalton and Logan. Dalton and Logan are twins and two of our student leaders for our Capital CCO student ministry, Renew. They have been an incredible joy to get to know over past year and a half and it was fun to be able to have them over to celebrate their birthday (on their actual birthday)! Lucy and I made them a large chocolate chip cookie (Lucy especially

enjoyed icing the cookie). After the birthday party Mike and I reflected on how incredible it is that the Capital students decided to hang out with us rather than going out to a bar and getting drunk on their



73% of college students drink occasionally and 25% of students binge drink. *

twenty-first birthday. Both Dalton and Logan can speak to the pressures of college students to go out and get drunk (they are both resident assistants and athletes); and they have chosen to live differently and truly celebrate life. Please join us in giving God praise for their walk with Christ and that we may impact others to celebrate life.



Logan & Dalton with their Big 21st Birthday Chocolate Chip Cookie

* Burrell, Jackie. "Sobering Statistics on College Drinking"

Planting, Watering, Growing, Harvesting

Many have asked how are community garden plot is doing this summer... We have an incredible crop of vegetables growing this year with a new addition to the garden — summer squash. Gardening will always be a great metaphor for ministry. The soil takes a great deal of tilling and preparation even before the seeds go into the ground and there are always a few unexpected rocks. Once the seeds are in, there is a period of waiting and anticipation. Then there is the constant watering, even when it seems like nothing is happening. It is a good lesson in patience. Finally, after much work and sweat, a beautiful crop is ready to be harvested. They are more splendid than we could have imagined and able to provide great fulfillment to make you look forward to the next panting season. Through it all you realize how remarkably little you actually control in gardening and how much reliance one must have in God's providence from start to finish.



Our Summer Squash!



"Sometimes we must stay in due to extreme heat"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

We Thank God for You

Written By Mike

Beth and I are always humbled by your support of our ministry efforts with the CCO. **THANK YOU.** We give God such great thanks for you and His providence through your generosity and prayers. **THANK YOU.** This month we especially give thanks for the one time financial gifts to help us close our financial support gap during these summer months. **THANK YOU.** We regularly share in Paul's prayer recorded in Philippians (1:3-6) when we lift you up in prayer.

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Monthly Support	\$4,443 (89%)	\$5,000
Year-to-Date	\$47,307 (94%)	\$50,000

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