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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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## New School Year Begins!

Written by Mike, Stories from Campus Staff

"We Love College Students" is one of the five core values of the CCO. It is also one of the reasons the end of August, with the return of college students to campus, is an exciting time in our ministry! Plans are set in motion for the school year and preparations are made for the first hour, day and week students return to campus. But even with all our planning, God still surprises us and gives us moments that only He is able to orchestrate for His glory. Here are two stories and two pictures that give a snapshot of God's work on campus:

"I have been dying to break into the Kent volleyball team, but haven't had much of a response from the coach. While praying for God to open opportunities, I ended up spotting some tall girls randomly on campus and asked if they were athletes. They were the freshmen volleyball girls! The next day at our first fellowship gathering we had another volleyball girl show up (not one of the ones I met earlier) and she actually played volleyball with a girl I played with at my alma mater! Crazy awesome!"

- Jenna Matson, CCO Staff

Kent State University

"On Tuesday night we launched our first weekly worship gathering ever at University of Akron. It went really well! We hoped for 15 students, expected 18, prayed for 20 and God gave us 27! I had students coming to me afterwards THRILLED with our stripped down, simplified, authentic atmosphere excited to come again next week with a friend at their side. One particular student leader, Annie, who is facilitating a small group through the church for the first time, brought like 5 people with her. Awesome to see God work!"

- Mike Puckett, CCO Associate Staff

University of Akron

Pictured Below: First year Ohio Wesleyan students participate in *Fresh X: Habitat*; a pre-orientation program facilitated by CCO Campus Staff, Tyler Charles, in partnership with Delaware Vineyard Church. (This is the CCO's newest Ohio church partnership as of August 1st 2012!)



Pictured Above: OSU Student leaders of Zach's House gather to plan the ministry for the first ever Fall semester at OSU! Zach's House is a discipleship house ministry at the Ohio State University and facilitated by CCO Staff, Josh Rodriguez, in partnership with Indianola Church of Christ.

## Capital Students Return!

Written By Mike & Beth

After our summer study on "Love Does" ended, time with students hit a bit of a lull. Thankfully, by the middle of August they began to trickle back into town. First, RAs & Athletes making an early return to prepare for the coming school year. Second, the incoming freshman class about a week later for orientation. Finally, the remainder of the student body at Capital on Sunday, August 26th (a great wedding anniversary gift!), just prior to the start of classes. We were thankful that students made it a point to stop over to our house and say "Hi" before the start of classes. Plans for the new school year immediately began to take shape as we decided how to (whimsically) spread the word about Renew on campus!

We enjoyed getting CCO new staff, Lindi, up to speed with the ministry on campus and with her partnership, Discovery Church. While Lindi will be taking the lead with the ministry at Capital, Mike and I will continue to: host social gatherings, help with discipleship of student leaders and excite students around Jubilee. We hope to continue to be a regular presence in the life of the Renew student ministry. We are thankful and know that God will continue to move in new and exciting ways this year in the lives of students!

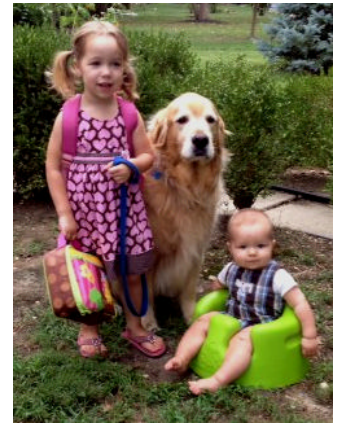


Students raise excitement for Renew on campus with over 250 balloons and Peter (held by a student on right side of picture).

## Family v. Cancer

Written by Mike & Beth

Over the past month of August we learned that two of our extended family members were diagnosed with cancer. Mike's brother-in-law, Greg, was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia and Beth's uncle, Dave, was diagnosed with stage four stomach cancer. We covet your prayers for our family and pray that God will bring complete healing to both of their bodies so that they may enjoy a long life with family. Both men are strong Christians and we know our and their hope rest firmly in Christ. Will you please keep both of these men, their immediate families and our extended family in your prayers. Even in the midst of trial and hardship, we remember: God is good (All the Time).



"Lucy has started Preschool! Our lil' girl is growing up..."

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

## God's Providence

Written By Mike & Beth

Every year we are humbled by the support God provides through you for our ministry with the CCO. Even as many of you have gone through many financial trials and tribulations of your own over these past few years, you have continued to show incredible support for the mission and call God has placed on our lives and family. We are overwhelmingly grateful.

**Thank You.** God has supplied for our every need and has blessed our lives beyond measure through the countless ways you have offered prayer, words of encouragement, resources and financial support for our work in collegiate ministry. **Thank You.** This upcoming fiscal year, we will have the same financial monthly and annual goal amounts. Thank you for your generosity towards God's work of transformation in our lives and the lives of college students. **Thank You.**

August	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,848 (77%)	\$5,000
Year End	\$56,593 (94%)	\$60,000

**2012-13 Support Goal Amount: \$60,000**

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