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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



Experience India

Testimony of Colleen (Capital University Student Leader)

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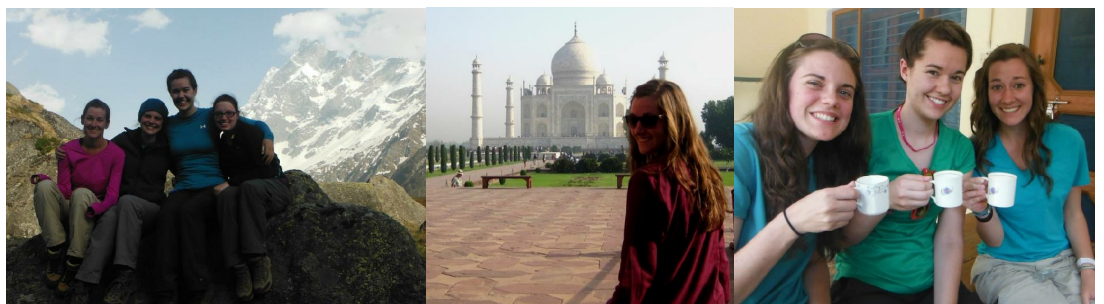
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Colleen, one of our student leaders and a founding member of Renew, joined other students and CCO staff on the CCO's first trip to India. Thank You for helping us transform Colleen's life with the love of Jesus, and giving her this amazing experience. Here is a portion of her testimony:

"It is difficult to fit everything I learned and took in into a few words... During the course of the trip, my own strengths and weaknesses were exposed to me. This largely happened because of the community around me investing time and care into me. A space was created by the Lord in which I was completely free to explore the fascinating world around me which led me to explore all areas of myself, as well. I was introduced to the idea of Shalom, or wholeness, in the sense that I understand I have the responsibility to share my gift (which aren't actually about me!) with others, as well as cultivate my areas of weakness to the best of my ability as the Lord continues to expose them to me. India showed me what spiritual warfare looks like in the lives of people who are fearfully under grips of the gods they believe in, and how prayer can move the course of events to take hold of peoples' lives who would otherwise never hear the name of 'Jesus.' I learned that the degree of need in this world is vast, but God's heart to call on the lost is bigger. This came into play when I saw that once one person has an open heart to the Lord, it is inevitably contagious. Often times, progress is met with dark resistance in the form of persecution and even attempts to kill, but I heard time and time again through stories of different Indian people that God's favor on those He loves has the power to protect from any evil. Everyone has a calling on their life which God is working to faithfully fulfill. *Experience India* was an opportunity for me to give and invest in other people, but what is ironic to me is I feel that I am the one whose cup is now overflowing. I was served, cared for, and loved in ways which completely overwhelm me, even by people who seemed to have nothing to give. The nerves I felt before and throughout the trip strongly affirm to me the idea that God can use discomfort in powerful ways. I think He honors those who give up comfort to look for Him. This is perhaps one of God's most moving lessons to me: When you give things up to serve the Lord, you are really opening up your arms to receive more gifts from Him than you can hold. His gifts are so great that they continue to challenge me to let go of whatever I'm holding to receive more."



To read Colleen's complete testimony about CCO's *Experience India* visit:
www.TheMattesHome.com/ccoministry

Support Raising "Blueprints"

Written By Mike

Every May we offer support-raising training ("Blueprints") for CCO Staff New Hires and for staff wanting a refresher on best practices, behaviors and resources. I helped with training, but also participated to reinvigorate my own efforts (as you can see by our support numbers, we need to add a few more folks to our support team). People often cringe and are taken aback when they think of personal support-raising. I however have come to appreciate the opportunity to raise support and build a team of supporters and truly view our support-raising as an extension of our ministry (and not just something we must do for a paycheck). You are a vital participant in our ministry because: 1) You offer us great encouragement as we feel your prayers for us and they help us through the seasons in ministry when the tangible expressions of the mission seem less evident. 2) You offer accountability as we know that through your generosity, we are being charged with transforming the lives of college students in Ohio with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 3) And you remind us that all we have is not our own, but a gift from God! We do not earn the right to boast in anything but Christ, in whom we place our lives and hope. Thank You for participating in this ministry with us! God is good (All the time).



Mike (in purple) & Ryan Miller (CCO Indiana Director) teaching at CCO New Staff Support-Raising Training

Update on Our Brother-in-Law: Greg Hargis



Thank you all for your continued prayers for my sister, Jessica, and her husband, Greg. Greg's transplant happened in late May and we give God all the praise that he is back home as his body continues to recover! We will know at the end of June if the transplant was "successful" and he will be closely monitored over the next few months. Please pray for continued strength and healing! Pray that any remaining leukemia will be destroyed by the new blood being produced.

Photo by Sharp Images Photography | Read Jessica's Blog: hargisjourney.wordpress.com



"Summer Pool Party!"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Opportunity to Raise Support

Written By Mike & Beth

This summer we will be focused on inviting others to join our financial support team and in the transformational work being done in the lives of college students! We are pray for more people to join with us and help us close the financial gap between our actual support and the goal amount over this final quarter of our fiscal year. God has provided for us in remarkable ways this year and we remain thankful! Thank you for celebrating with us in the good work Christ is doing in the lives of students!

"[We] thank [our] God in all [our] remembrance of you, always in every prayer of [ours] for you all making [our] prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." - Philippians 1:3-5

May	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,178 (64%)	\$5,000
Year-to-Date	\$37,534 (83%)	\$45,000

2012-13 Support Goal Amount: \$60,000
Financial Breakdown: 80% Salary, 20% Ministry Expenses

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