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to transform the world

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The CCO Ministry of Mike & Beth Mattes

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



In Our Home, With Our Family

Testimony of Tyler (Capital University Student Leader)

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One of our greatest joys is to be able to open our home for college students to experience life as part of our family. This summer we have opened our home for students to stay with us for an over night visit to several weeks at a time. Tyler is a Capital student who has stayed with us in the past for different lengths of time. This summer we had the opportunity to open up our home to him for two months! Here is a portion of his testimony of experiencing life-on-life as part of our family this summer:

“Over the past two years of my college experience at Capital University, the Mattes house has truly been my home away from home. Staying with the Mattes family is not as one would imagine, it is not like staying just anywhere as a guest. It is so much more than that; it challenged my worldview assumptions of what the definition of ‘family’ is, along with what it means to be part of a family. In the two months I stayed with the Mattes family this summer, Mike and I would often get into these intense discussions (you know, the ‘philosophy of life’ kind) - usually ending with Mike giving me a question to ponder for the next day or so. I believe his thinking with these discussions was to break down the walls in my head that I had built growing up or possibly it was just to mess with me (both are highly realistic). One of these questions was fairly simple or so I thought - ‘What is a family?’ Growing up, it was not uncommon to help family and friends in need. But having your home open to a college student is something different; the way the Mattes family accepted me as part of their own family was a true example of God’s love in my life. I fell in love with Lucy and Peter in this time as well... Coming home from work to these children running to me and wanting to play is a feeling that, no matter what, would make me smile.

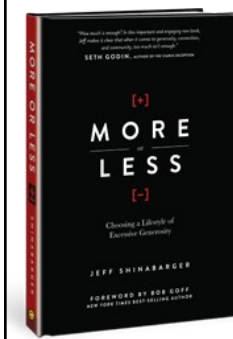
As I write in their guest book every time I visit with them, I am thankful to be seen not just as a guest but as another member of their family.”



Tyler has become like a “big brother” to Lucy & Peter

Summer Reading With Students

This summer we are reading the book “More or Less” by Jeff Shinabarger with students from Capital University. Jeff spoke at Jubilee 2013 and the students got excited about his stories of a lifestyle flowing from excessive generosity. While most of the students have returned home for the summer; reading this book together has helped to keep fresh the ideas and stories they learned from us throughout this past school year. We pray that this summer read will continue to help them grow in grace.



What Happens If A Church...

Written By Mike

What happens if church decides to take a huge leap of faith to transform the lives of college students? This summer I have been working with several churches here in Ohio to imagine the possibilities of taking such a leap. It is not an easy decision and one that often requires countless conversations with church leaders, with calls for prayer and discernment on the part of the congregations. Understanding vision, context and costs involved are the starting place to help churches see that they can make an impact in the lives of college students.

A small church in Columbus is considering this huge leap of faith! Two Ohio CCO staff joined me in offering words of encouragement as they discern partnering with CCO. We were asked by this church: Why does the CCO partner with churches? Why would students want to be a part of our church community? My answer was simple: I believe that a local church is uniquely equipped to encourage college students to wrestle more deeply in their understanding of Christ's Lordship over every area of life through worshipping with, serving alongside and enjoying the hospitality offered by a diverse congregation of Christ-followers. Please join me in praying that this church (and others) will partner with the CCO to transform the lives of college students.



CCO Staff answer questions and share with a local church close to OSU what ministry looks like in their respective church partnerships.

Update on Our Brother-in-Law: Greg Hargis



REMISSION! We are overjoyed to be able to share with you the incredible and miraculous news that Greg is considered to be in remission! While his road to full recovery remains long, this is a HUGE answer to prayers. The next big hurdle is to make it to the 100 day mark (after transplant, currently at about day 40) with the new blood fully accepting Greg's body and fighting off the leukemic blast cells that remain in his system. Thank you for your continued prayers and joining us in giving God praise!

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"Excited to garden with Lucy & Peter in my backyard this summer."

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Our Heavenly Father's Generosity

Written By Mike & Beth

God is good (All the time). We have been reminded of this in some very incredible ways in the month of June both on a personal level and in our call to college ministry with the CCO. God's Spirit goes before us and continues to make a way — including financially. While our financial support has hit a new low for this fiscal year, we are thankful to not be lacking or in want. God continues to provide abundantly both for our family's needs and for our ministry. In fact, this year we enjoyed being able to purchase books for more students (more than previous years) to excite them to read authors that will challenge them to live out their faith in every area of life... and to be generous with all that they have been given! **Thank you** for walking together with us to transform lives. God Bless.

June	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$2,613 (52%)	\$5,000
Year-to-Date	\$40,147 (80%)	\$50,000

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

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