



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



Introducing CCO Ohio New Staff

Written by Mike

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I am excited to introduce to you our CCO Ohio New Staff class of 2013! Please join me in praying for each of these individuals as they help us transform the lives of college students throughout Ohio!

Jake Blasdel will develop a new CCO ministry in partnership with First Presbyterian Church of Ashland! Through wilderness ministry and experiential education, Jake will focus his efforts on reaching students at **Ashland University** and the college-age young adults of Ashland, OH.



Diana Timmons started earlier this year as the CCO Ohio Development Coordinator. She will be responsible for cultivating relationships with financial donors and offering encouragement to our Ohio Advisory Council. Diana will also serve our CCO Ohio staff team and help me raise the necessary funds to expand our ministry in Ohio.

Rachel Hunka recently joined our CCO team at **Malone University** as Associate Staff. She will be working both within the Spiritual Life Department of Malone University and providing oversight and leadership for the college ministry through LoveCanton Church.



Frank Kurtz recently joined our CCO-FCA team **Kent State University** as Associate Staff. He will be focusing his ministry efforts on continuing to build relationships with the students of the varsity sports teams. Frank also disciples students on Kent's varsity soccer team.

Ryan Palmer will also be joining our CCO team at **Malone University** as Associate Staff. Ryan will be working as a Resident Director at Malone University and equipping students leaders in the dorms.



Jason Stone joined our CCO team at **The Ohio State University** as Associate Staff. He will serve along side CCO Staff, Josh Rodriguez, at Indianola Church of Christ and serve as the Director for their Men's Discipleship House, Zach's House.

God is Good (All the Time)! We are thankful for God's providing these fellow laborers for the college fields in Ohio - which are ripe for the Gospel. We are also thankful for the great call to serve in partnership with churches, colleges and organizations to help young men and women live out their Christian faith in every area of life.

Engaging & Transforming Culture

Written By Mike

Every summer, CCO staff gather for a week long training called CCO Summer Institute. This year Dr William Edgar, professor at Westminster Theological Seminary, joined us to talk on cultural engagement. Dr Edgar defined cultural engagement as: *"A Divine call to the human race directing it to enjoy and develop the world which has generously been given to God's image bearers. Culture includes the symbols, the tools, the conventions, the social ties, and all else contributing to this call... Because of the fall, culture can and has become sinister. Christ's redeeming grace turns culture around, ennobles it, and allows it to extend the realm of God's shalom, His goodness, His justice His love."* Dr Edgar encouraged staff in offering constructive criticism of how the we, as Christians, engage culture.



Dr William Edgar, speaking at CCO Summer Institute

College students are at an intriguing crossroads in life. They are inundated by the dominant culture - while also given the opportunity during their time in the university to question and challenge the norms of culture for themselves. CCO staff, in partnership with local churches, challenge college students to understand the Gospel's impact on the whole of culture and life. Dr Timothy Keller, Senior Pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, recently exhorted local churches to see college campuses as an important mission field if the church is to be an agent of cultural transformation. In the words of Dr Keller: *"This is an unprecedented time in human history. There have always been relativists. There have always been doubters of God. There have always been atheists. What's new is the breadth of conviction that there is no such thing as truth. There have never been whole societies built on that idea. Never."* This bleak picture makes the CCO's mission all the more pressing! In partnership with local churches, our goal is to equip and transform a generation of college students. We challenge and encourage college students to: Love Jesus Intimately, View the World Biblically, Live Obediently, Join Christ's Restoration of Creation and Invite Others to Live Likewise. Cultural Transformation is no small task, and I ask that you join me in praying for our CCO ministries and partnerships as they join Christ's work in transforming the lives of college students the mid-Atlantic region... And especially here in Ohio.



"Enjoying some delicious ripe veggies from our very own backyard."

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

Answering the Call

Written By Mike & Beth

Beth and I greatly appreciate the generous outpour of financial support this past month, especially after the lower reports of the past few months. This month we saw a few new regular gifts, some increased donations and a handful of new one-time financial gifts! All of you - those of you praying for our ministry and those of you able to give financially - are an incredible encouragement and blessing. Thank you! Thank You for answering the call and praying for others to join us. We continue to seek out people to join us in our ministry, and are all the more eager to see what God will do this upcoming year in the lives of college students in Ohio. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our ministry, please consider passing this newsletter along. Thank You!

July	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$5,071 (101%)	\$5,000
Year-to-Date	\$45,218 (82%)	\$55,000

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