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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*

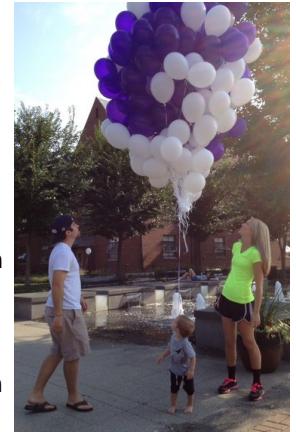


## First Week & Lots of Balloons!

Written by Beth

We are excited that another school year has begun and Capital students are back in town! When students stopped by our house after settling in for another school year, Lucy ran around our house with excitement saying, "My students are back!" Soon after their return, Lucy joined Mike and about a dozen students in a college apartment to fill up helium balloons. This was our first event of the school year for our CCO Capital student ministry, Renew. During the gathering, Mike discovered that the buzz for this year's balloon give-away began during Freshman orientation as our returning Resident Advisors and Athletes shared stories of the fun we had last year. Along with the balloon buzz, our student leaders were already building excitement for Discovery Church (our partnering church for CCO campus staff, Lindi Wells Martsolf), Renew's on campus Bible studies and even for Jubilee 2014! We could not have anticipated this level of excitement before we even stepped on to campus! We thank God for preparing the way for us. **God is good (all the time).**

It was time to put the excitement into action! On the morning of Wednesday, August 28th, the students got up "early" (8a) and headed onto campus with the balloons – 600 balloons (twice as many as last year)! Peter and I joined the students on campus to help hand out balloons and flyers while Lucy was at Pre-School (and Mike was out-of-town). The balloon give-away once again created a significant buzz on campus. The following Thursday, at Capital's activities fair, our booth was covered with balloons and students passed out information to classmates, with a particular focus on reaching out to Freshmen. That Thursday evening was the first gathering of Renew campus Bible studies with thirty students attending (about a dozen Freshman)! Mike led the evening with community building initiatives, and facilitated a conversation on Romans 12:1-2 (this is the cornerstone verse of Renew). The seniors and student leaders also were given space to share their excitement for how God will move in our midst. They also shared the transformative impact Renew, CCO and Discovery Church have all had on their lives and walk with Christ during their college years. The stories led to a time of prayer where students renewed their commitment to Christ and gave their studies and this time in college over to Him. **Thank you** for your prayers for our CCO ministries throughout Ohio and Capital University!



So we had to at least try to lift Peter...



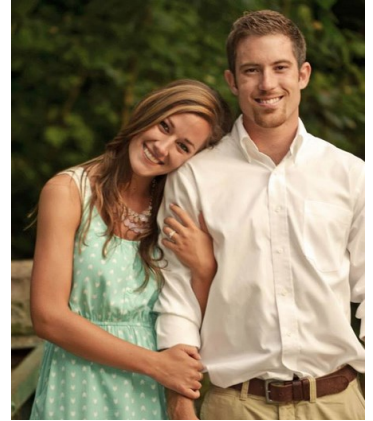
Balloon Give-Away @ Capital University



## Student Engagement!

Written By Mike

In August, two of our CCO student leaders got engaged to one another! Logan and Colleen have been two of our student leaders at Capital University at the founding of Renew three years ago during the Spring semester of their Freshman year. At that time, Logan and Colleen were friends as their freshman year was coming to a close. While they were preparing to part ways for the summer (Logan for southern Ohio, Colleen for Colorado), it became time to make a decision on whether to remain friends or enter into a dating relationship. I sat down with Logan in the Spring of 2011 and after walking through the natural progression of their friendship and learning of his deep affections for Colleen, I encouraged him in his decision to pursue a dating relationship. At the time Logan felt a bit torn, not wanting to begin their dating relationship as a long distance relationship. This is where I got to share Beth and my story (our dating relationship and engagement was long distance)! We prayed and soon after that conversation the Logan and Colleen began their dating relationship.



Logan & Colleen will be tying the knot in the summer of 2014

Over these past three years, Beth and I have watched Logan and Colleen build their new relationship upon Christ's love and grace. They have grown to love one another and model a healthy dating relationship for their fellow students. This past Spring of 2013, Logan again met with me – and this time he shared his excitement to propose and spend the rest of his life with Colleen. We prayed together and said our good-byes for the summer months. In July, Colleen and Logan got engaged!

Logan and Colleen returned this Fall as a joy-filled engaged couple! Beth and I are extremely blessed to be a part of their life story and college experience... and we look forward to walking along side them throughout their engagement this year.

*As a fun side note: We are also excited that Colleen and Logan have decided to ask Lucy to be the flower girl in their wedding!*



"Excited for the start of another school year!"

- Lewis, Our Golden Retriever

## Mind the Gap, Stay Encouraged

Written By Mike & Beth

This fiscal year we saw a bit larger of a gap between actual giving and our goal amount than that of previous years. While an \$11,000 gap seems quite large, God has provided for all our needs and we are thankful for every dollar He did provide this year! We remain encouraged and hopeful for how God will use us to serve in His good work both at Capital University and throughout Ohio.

There is much to look forward to in this new school year! We look forward to serving the students at Capital University. We look forward to equipping CCO staff serving in partnership with churches and colleges on twenty-four campuses all over the state of Ohio. We look forward to building partnerships with new churches to reach students on even more college campuses in Ohio (we have a hundred more to go)! We look forward to inviting more people to join our own support team to transform college students to transform the world. We thank God for you and your willingness to come along side our family and the CCO in this great mission. **Thank You.**

August	Amount (%)	Goal
Monthly Support	\$3,603 (72%)	\$5,000
2012-13 Year-End	\$48,821 (81%)	\$60,000

**New 2013-14 Support Goal Amount: \$60,000**

Support Breakdown: 80% Toward Salary, 20% Ministry Expenses

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