



transforming college students
to transform the world



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"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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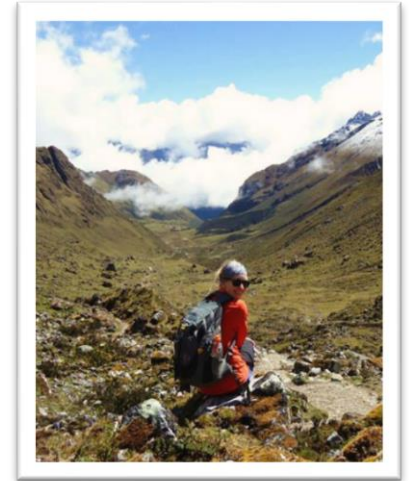


"Always enjoy a trip to the
park with these three kids."

- Lewis,
Our Golden Retriever

Student Transformation on Experience Peru Testimony of Natalie, Capital University Senior

"Jumping into the unknown and saying 'Yes' to this new adventure was scary but I learned that I am not alone. There are always people who can relate to what you are experiencing. The feeling of knowing that is so incredibly comforting and refreshing. We never have to go through things alone, we always have God and he places people in our lives to remind us that. I had to be willing to give myself over to every moment that presented itself to me, take myself out of my American bubble I am sheltered in, and believe God, the people, and places I found myself. I also learned there is a difference between being a tourist and a traveler. A tourist only skims the surface of the adventure, trying to see all they can in an allotted amount of time. A traveler has the desire to be immersed in the culture and learn from the native people. After we left Peru and arrived in the United States, I cherished all the happy experiences of playing with children, trying Peruvian food, and trekking for five days on the Salkantay Trail. I am thankful for the challenging experiences of panicking on the side of a cliff, getting sick with the rest of our group, drinking bleached water, not showering for five days, and the exciting experiences of zip lining, singing worship songs at the end of the day, and bartering at markets I don't think anyone in our group felt like a tourist at the end of this experience, even after being called "gringos" or "gringas"; we embraced it! We were excited to learn about Peru and get involved. We worked together on everything, talked through our personal issues together, formed awesome friendships, and encouraged each other to constantly rely on the Lord."



Natalie has been involved with our ministry at Capital University since its beginnings and she has in many ways become a member of our family. We are excited for the ways God will continue to use her to transform lives in Ohio and around the world!

Faithfulness is Pursued Together

Celebrating Our Impact Together & Introducing Ohio's New Campus Staff

How do you pursue faithfulness with others? For us, faithfulness pursued together takes many expressions - and one is with you! You are part of a great cloud of witnesses that allow us to serve directly with students at Capital University, and our CCO staff & partners all over Ohio. This past school year, you helped us impact the lives of **4,328 college students in Ohio!** Thank You!

Faithfulness is also pursued together with our Ohio campus staff team. And so, it is with great pleasure that I introduced our two newest Ohio campus staff, both starting *new* CCO ministries!

Mike Bacon (left) is starting a *new* ministry to international students at the University of Akron. Mike Previterra (right) is starting a *new* ministry to students at Xavier University in partnership with New City PCA. We ask that you join us in praying for these two men as they begin a new and good work with the CCO at these two universities! Thank You for your prayers for these staff and the students they will reach!

