



## COLLEGE MINISTRY 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

God continues to do some awesome things in the area Collegiate Ministry. I am still amazed that God has opened doors for me to serve in this ministry and I am even more amazed by what God has done this year and what He holds for the future of this essential ministry to our church and the Kingdom.

This is my third year as serving as the Kent State University football team's Chaplain. I don't want to hold back. I LOVE IT! It brings great joy and excitement to my ministry. Working with the football players, coaches and staff is something I thank God for daily. This is a tough mission field. The football culture is not always Christ-friendly. I realize that this opportunity could be gone in a moment, so I remain faithful and diligent to the cause of Christ while the opportunity exists. Last year was a fruitful time in the football ministry with two players, Chris Anzevino and Mike Fay, coming to know Christ and being baptized. We have also seen several of the players attend services regularly and the players are starting to ask questions about Broadman. Additionally, Coach Martin came and spoke to the church about how vital having a spiritual leader on the team is to him and the team. I believe it validated the impact of this ministry and Coach wanted my flock and family to know that he appreciates the sacrifice we all make in this ministry effort. All I can say is that God is truly amazing.

God's movement in this area of ministry has now brought our church and association to a God opportunity. As a result of the success God has brought to this ministry we have gotten the attention of the State and NAMB that has produced a collegiate ministry position. Currently NAMB, SCBO, SBA and Broadman have partnered together to create a full time collegiate ministry position that will enable us to have a Collegiate Missionary reaching college students that will be a part of Broadman's pastoral staff. Currently the search team is reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates for this position. Please join us in prayer for this matter to ensure God's Will prevails and that God brings the right person for the job.

There are also a couple of Church Plant opportunities that are in the early stages of development for Kent and Akron. I do not know if any fruit will come of the groundwork that has been laid so far but the possibilities of having a collegiate-reaching church at Kent State and Akron Universities is truly exciting. Most likely Broadman would be the sponsoring church of any of these collegiate church movements. I don't know what the future holds, but I know what God has done over this last year. I can only pray that God will continue to bless this ministry. There are things that have happened that can only be contributed to God Himself. May He receive all the Glory and Honor!

In His Grip,

Chris McCombs