



# Mill Stream Buzz...

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## Fall Newzzz



*Mill Stream Buzz is a camp ministry newsletter for Campers, Parents, Staff and Supporters of Mill Stream from the desks of Larry (LarryBoy) & Cindy (Aunt Sid) Chupa*

### Greetingzzz from Mill Stream!

As we sit here with the Fall rain descending upon us, we always find it quite amazing how quickly summer passes...the sounds of the summer with campers jumping in the pool, children playing on the sports pad, horses running in the corral, kids catching the "big one" at the fishing hole...but in the quietness of the day many wonderful memories of this past summer jump out at us.

Such as; the bright smiles that a camper gives when they catch their best friend with their elbows on the table...better yet when they catch their counsellor, the look of victory when a camper has mastered their skill of steering a horse the first time out, the exuberance of surviving the first few rounds of Princess-Knight-Rider, and the joy expressed during song time at evening campfire.

What is even more amazing is how God is blessing the camp ministry with many new decisions from children and teens to follow Christ and many more who have re-committed themselves to allow God to have full control of every part of their lives.

We urge you to take a few minutes and read through this newsletter completely to see and understand how blessed each one of us is to be connected with each other through our Saviour and Mill Stream.

*LarryBoy & Aunt Sid*

### Interesting Summer Statzzz

#### Mill Stream Bible Camps

- 1 full week of staff training
- 3 weeks of Trekkin' Camp for ages 7 to 13 years
- 1 week of Trailblazin' Camp for ages 12 to 15 years
- Total campers—234
- Total known decisions—49
- Total staff members—55
- Number of days of rain—1 (yea!)

#### Other Camps

- 1 week of Handi\*Camp for physically challenged children, a BCM ministry
- 2 weeks of Camp Kara—1 week of children's camp and 1 week of teen camp operated by the Trent Valley Baptist Association
- 1 week of family camp operated for the Alliance Church by Immanuel Alliance Church from Peterborough

#### Other Activity

- Completion and approval of our new water plant
- Installation of 2 new parking lots, upgrade of existing parking lot and completion of the new septic bed
- Installation of a beach volleyball court

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# Camperzzz Corner



## Hey Campers!

We hope you had as great a time as we did. We sure enjoyed having each of you here this past summer. We had so much fun with special days such as; Canada Day with Ed the Indian and fireworks, around the world with guest speakers sharing places such as France and Peru, Safari week with "The Friz", the carnival with the "Zoo to You" lady and her cool animals and bugs, and Doc Rock's intriguing continuing campfire story just to name a few.

The special meals were fun as well like dress your counsellor—boy, some of them looked pretty bad! How about the auction, what a surprise for some of you.



For a couple of weeks we even had a special guest auctioneer including Hector the Jalapeno (LarryBoy's very distant cousin) who, in a recent card we received, mentioned he hoped to come back to Canada and Mill Stream again next year. How about the Amazing Race during



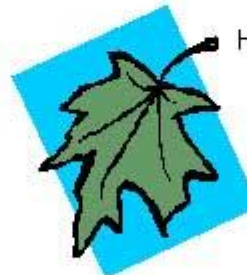
Trailblazin' week? A bit more duct tape may have helped, but I doubt it.

We will be posting many pictures on our web site shortly for you to scan through and enjoy remembering all the activities whether it was canoeing down the river with Rugggr, doing swimming lessons with Skunk, shooting arrows with Lando, riding horses with Shorty or being crafty with Martha.

Do you remember the bible verses we talked about in the Bible classes? Do you remember our theme verse?

**I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection.**

**Philippians 3:10**



Have you been able to use this in your daily life? Remember, Jesus Christ truly loves you and wants you to come to him with any problems. He wants to be your friend and saviour.

Write us and let us know how you are doing!

**Campers: Here is your chance to get published in this newsletter!**

Write a short story of your experiences at camp and, if published, you can receive a FREE Mill Stream embroidered hat.

Just send your letter via email or postal mail to the camp.

We hope to hear from you soon!

# Staff Scoopzzz



## Ok guys, here's the scoop!

Here is a page that you can use as a forum to let others know what you are doing, how camp has changed your life and what God is doing with you, through you, to you, for you...you get the point.

This is also an opportunity to share with campers, parents and supporters of Mill Stream of your praises and prayer requests.

So here's the scoop "As We Know It"!

T-Dee is preparing to leave for her 3-year adventure to South Africa. There will be a get-together at the camp on Thanksgiving weekend for summer student staff



members to join in with T-Dee's family to celebrate her departure (that didn't sound right, did it?). We are sure goin' to miss her but she has assured us that she will be back. Contact the camp office or T-Dee herself for details of this event.



Here's another scoop:

There will be a summer student staff re-union again this winter. This year's re-union will be held on

December 30th-31st. Watch for more details coming directly to you, commercial free, sometime in oh...early November.

And yet another one:

We are looking at offering a Leadership-In-Training week or weekend next June for those that are interested in studying Servant Leadership Characteristics and learning how to apply them. This training course will be presented by our own Doc Rock who is receiving his PhD in October.

Doc Rock is also heading out to Alberta to be presenting a paper on Violence in the Family at an international forum that is being sponsored by the World Health Organization with thousands of representatives from most countries around the world.

Pray for Doc Rock that God will use him effectively as he is the only speaker representing the evangelical Biblical Christian views on violence and shame in The Family.



*Ok staff, now it is your turn!*

*Let us know what is happening in your life that may be of interest to all of us.*

*A short story from the past summer, a humorous episode, a helpful devotional or scripture...teens, grads and adults...we need your input!*

*Email or write us now.*





## Sponsorship Partners

It was very exciting to see how God provided so many camper sponsorships this summer.

One long-time sponsor is the Committee Netherlands Bazaar who sponsored over 20 children this year. A new partner in sponsoring children is The Christ Centre in Oshawa who raised funding from the local downtown businesses to send 15 needy children to camp this year.

Several churches and individuals also sponsored many children this summer providing them an opportunity to enjoy God's creation, hear God's message and create enjoyable memories.

To all who sponsored children this summer, we say "Thank you, may God richly bless you" for the opportunity you provided for these children.

## Major Projects

The major projects that were completed this summer were very costly. Both projects were necessary in order for us to continue, expand and develop the current facilities.



### Water System:

Upgrading of the existing wells, replacement of the clarifier tank, construction of a new pump house and installation of a filtration system had to be completed as a result of the new Ontario clean water regulations. This project has cost us approx. **\$53,000** of which almost \$12,000 has been donated to date.

**Parking Lots:** The upgrade of the existing parking lot was necessary to handle the increase in parking requirements for off-summer bookings. The new parking lots were needed for the increase in the size of the retreat bookings we have from September to June. The top soil that was stripped off was needed to complete the new septic bed that was built in 2003. It has cost us **\$24,000** to finish this project.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help us pay off these necessary projects. We need your help!

## Attention All Pastors, Christian Ed Leaders and Teachers!

We have an exciting opportunity for you, your leadership team and the Bible teachers within your church.

Mill Stream will be hosting BCM International (our parent mission) Teacher Training Workshops at our facilities on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 am to 3:15 pm.**

These workshops will train leaders, staff and volunteers in time-tested techniques that will make teaching children rewarding and joyful. Each of these sessions are very practical, hands-on workshops. Please let your church leaders, teachers, congregation and anyone you know that would be interested and encouraged by these workshops, about this great upcoming event.

The cost for the entire day, which includes lunch, 4 workshop classes and notes, is only \$15 per person.

Do not hesitate to contact us by toll free phone, fax or email for registration brochures to be sent to you or if you have any questions.



## New Building Debt

Thank you to our donors who have unselfishly given to see the new facility built and opened last year. Thank you to those who attended the Oshawa Area Spring Banquet and donated \$20,000 towards the debt reduction of the Chapelorium/Kitchen/Dining Room complex. These monies were used to reduce our mortgage to \$60,000, however our mortgage had to be increased once again to help, in part, pay for the completion of the required major projects this summer.

We know that God is using this facility mightily and has wonderful plans for it's use for His glory. We are praying that through God's people this **\$80,000** mortgage, along with the debt incurred from the other projects, can be reduced quickly in order for us to continue developing this incredible ministry that God has allowed us to be a part of. Please partner with us to help fill this need.

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